

Riding for the Disabled (Newry Group)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104358

Details

Known as RDA (Newry)

Status Received

Registered 2015-12-16

Register [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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Activities

Purposes: The objects of the Group are to promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving (Company No 5010395) a charity registered in England and Wales under Charity Number 244108 ("the Company") by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or to carriage drive to benefit their health and wellbeing in the Newry area.

What the charity does: The advancement of health or the saving of lives, The advancement of amateur sport, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Disability, Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-11-30 | £2,255 | £3,903 | £0 | 0 |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
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| Mrs Anne Grant | | |
| Mrs Deirdre Gallagher | | |
| Mrs Helen Macauley | | |
| Mrs Rose De Courcy-Wheeler | | |

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Accounts

Newry Group RDA Accounts 1/12/23 to 31/11/24

| | Event | Income | Expenditure |
|----------|--|----------|-------------|
| 14/12/23 | Free Spirit 23 Sessions @35 | | £805.00 |
| 22/12/23 | Donation from Newry Chamber of Commerce | £500.00 | |
| 27/3/24 | Free Spirit 22 sessions @35.00 | | £770.00 |
| 10/4/24 | 3 Pairs Jodphur Boots | | £80.97 |
| 4/6/24 | Free Spirit | | £595.00 |
| 19/6/24 | Head Office Membership & Insurance | | £477.00 |
| 20/6/24 | Glen Poker Night + £40 donation | £555.00 | |
| 31/7/24 | Funding From EA 2024-2025 | £1200.00 | |
| 24/9/24 | Supply of new chairs for changing area & removal of old broken equipment | | £595.00 |
| 24/9/24 | Mops/mats/bins/wipes | | £95.00 |
| 26/9/24 | Tri Equestrian Hats | | £326.34 |
| 2/10/24 | Size 4 Boots/Amazon | | £32.39 |
| 3/10/24 | Replacement and additional hat | | £76.49 |
| 13/11/24 | First Aid Course | | £50.00 |

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| | TOTALS | £2255.00 | £3903.19 |
| | OPENING BALANCE £6669.20 | | |
| | CLOSING BALANCE £5021.01 | | |

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| | Event | Income | Expenditure |
|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| 13/12/22 | Poker Night Fund Raiser + Quiz donation £20 | £540.00 | |
| 22/12/22 | Donation from Newry Chamber of Commerce | £1500.00 | |
| 13/12/22 | Free Spirit 12 sessions @£35 | | £420.00 |
| 24/1/23 | Hats & Grooming Kit TRI | | £153.43 |
| 04/4/23 | Free Spirit 11 sessions @ £35 | | £385.00 |
| 15/6/23 | Donations Turley/Honey/Helen | £170.00 | |
| 19/6/23 | Free Spirit 11 sessions @£35 | | £350.00 |
| 20/9/23 | Head Office Membership£200 & Insurance £260.00 | | £460.00 |
| 28/7/23 | Education Authority Grant | £1000.00 | |
| 21/9/23 | Honey & Marmalade sales | £630.00 | |
| 19/9/23 | Amazon Rider Boots/Reins | | £213.00 |
| 19/10/23 | Rices Pub Quiz | £684.00 | |
| | TOTALS | £4524.00 | £1981.43 |
| | OPENING BALANCE £4126.63 | | |
| | CLOSING BALANCE £6669.20 | | |

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Annual report

**Riding for the Disabled Newry Group, AGM Tuesday 27th June 2023
Drumneath Road, Banbridge 12.30pm**

Attendees:

Dee Gallagher, Rose de Courcy-Wheeler, Anne Grant, Alison Suffern, Pauline O'Neill, Lucia Flanagan, Kirsten Dunbar, Isobel McLoughlin, Charmaine Halliday, Helen McAuley Janet Liggett.

Apologies

Lorraine Hutchinson, Majella McParland

Deidre opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and passed on apologies by those who had notified her of their absence.

Co-Ordinator Report

This was presented by Alison Suffern. We were delighted to have returned to normal this year and St Josephs Newry were available to avail of a full year's riding. They started the year with the older pupils and brought the children in 6 week blocks, usually 6/7 children each session. By the end of the academic year the younger children were brought out, this ensured that they were more settled and able to enjoy the outing.

The children were taught by Lorraine and Rose, and having a 6 week block meant that the children could work to a lesson plan suitable for their capability.

The most efficient 'boot room' team kept to the system of weighing and measuring on arrival and keeping the riders hats and boots in individual bags which speeds up the whole process and makes it easier for the children to follow.

We are indebted to Lorraine for the use of her marvellous ponies, and the appearance of cats, pigs and alpacas add to the children's fun and work wonders for de-sensitising.

In all 32 sessions were attended by the children. Unfortunately this year St Josephs, Bessbrook couldn't attend – the new class there was having trouble settling but next academic year they plan to come back in September.

We were delighted to welcome new volunteer Kirsten to the group and sorry to say good-bye to Will Glendinning and wish him all the best for the future.

Majella had kindly written an article for the magazine on last year's activities and will do a similar article for this year.

May I thank everyone for their help all year, I hope you have a good summer and look forward to seeing you all in the Autumn – start date Tuesday 19th September. Do please pass the word around, we always need some more volunteers.

The year ended with the AGM and end of year lunch kindly hosted by Alison Suffern

The above report was read and accepted as an accurate account of the year's activities.

Proposed: Pauline O'Neill

Seconded : Dee Gallagher

Financial Report

Rose de CW reported on the accounts. The account is in a very healthy state at the moment. We received a generous donation from the Newry Business Charity Group and another from Glen Poker Night. Another kind donation came from a Committee member's friend who also donated some spare tack. To reflect the increased costs we raised the amount given to Lorraine to £35/hour – this obviously is well below the going-rate and we thank Lorraine very much for giving of her time so freely and the use of the facilities.

Our only out-goings were for the use of the ponies and some new hats and grooming kits. Lorraine is also on the lookout for a good second hand saddle for Eliza.

We still owe the HO for membership levy and insurance but the invoice hasn't arrived yet.

Next year the running costs will be higher as there will be a double session each Tuesday.

We have applied for a grant from the Education Authority but there has been no response yet.

The financial statement was proposed by Helen McAuley and seconded by Isobel McLoughlin

Fund-Raising Committee

Anne agreed to continue her role as heading the Sub Committee, together with input from other volunteers.

Rices Pub has been booked again for a Pub Quiz night on Friday 29th September 2023. Unfortunately the Open Garden had to be cancelled due to the ill-health of a family member but Horace de CW has been selling the marmalade and honey he planned to sell at the Open Garden, this looks to have raised in the region of £500.00

This means we can survive with only the Pub Quiz unless a novel idea is suggested by anyone!

Election of Office-Bearers/Committee

Election of Chair Person: Deirdre Gallagher
Proposed by Lucia , seconded by Helen

Election of Treasurer : Rose de Courcy-Wheeler
Proposed by Alison, seconded by Deidre

Election Of Secretary: Deirdre Gallagher
Proposed by Rose , seconded by Kirsten

Election of Group Co-Ordinator: Alison Suffern
Proposed by Helen, seconded by Pauline

Health and Safety Officer/Safe-guarding : Anne Grant and Pauline O'Neill
Proposed by Rose, seconded by Isobel

Election of Committee Members No further changes to the Committee have been made

There having been no further business, the chairperson thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 1.30pm and lunch began.

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Annual return

Edward Gallagher, Senior Cost Consultant,

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25th January 2024

To whom it may concern,

I have looked at the income and expenditure report and receipts and bank statements for RDA Newry Group for the period 1/12/22 to 30/11/23 and I am satisfied that this is a true illustration of activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddis Gallagher".

Edward P Gallagher.

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Accounts

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| | Event | Income | Expenditure |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------|-------------|
| 7/4/2021 | RDA HO for Membership & Insurance | | £381.00 |
| 15/4/2021 | Gift for Area Chairman Retirement | | £20.00 |
| 8/10/2021 | Donation from Findlater | £20.00 | |
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| | TOTALS | £20.00 | £401.00 |
| | OPENING BALANCE £3221.84 | | |
| | CLOSING BALANCE £2840.84 | | |
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Annual report

Riding for Disabled, Newry Group, Annual General Meeting Tuesday

25th May 2021, via Zoom at 11am

Attendees:

- Dee Gallagher, Rose de Courcy-Wheeler, Anne Grant, Alison Suffern, Helen McAuley, Shauna Dooley, Janet Liggett, Isobel McLoughlin

Apologies:

Sharon Grattan

- Fiona Lowry
- Will Glendinning
- Lorraine Hutchinson

Alison opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and passed on apologies by those who had notified her of their absence. It had been decided by the Trustees that a Zoom meeting was essential in order to adhere to current Covid restrictions.

Co-Ordinator Report

Unfortunately, the rides which had ended in March 2020 have remained suspended and we can only hope that we will resume in September 2021.

We did apply for a grant from NI Area of RDA in October 2020 (approved by the Trustees) and were awarded £420 to help sustain and maintain the RDA ponies owned by Free Spirit Equestrian Centre. This was awarded and presented to Lorraine Hutchinson at the beginning of November. This was most gratefully received and helped feed the livestock when no other income was available.

The Newry Group would like to thank Julie Frazer for all her hard work as Chairman of NI RDA and wish the new Chair Celia McMorran every support.

The above report was read and accepted as an accurate account of the year's activities

Proposed: Rose de Courcy-Wheeler

Seconded: Janet Liggett

Financial Report

Rose de CW reported on the accounts. There had been very little activity during the last year – the only expenses were the RDA Head Office Membership and Insurance (reduced slightly this year) and a contribution to the retiring Chairman of the Northern Ireland region. The only income in this year had been a further contribution for marmalade sales.

The financial statement was proposed by Alison Suffern and seconded by Dee Gallagher.

Election of Office Bearers/Committee – all members were returned unopposed

- Election of Chair Person: Deirdre Gallagher
Proposed by Rose de CW, seconded by Helen Macauley
- Election of Treasurer: Rose de Courcy-Wheeler
Proposed by Helen Macauley, seconded by Janet Ligget
- Election of Secretary: Deidre Gallagher
Proposed by Anne Grant, seconded by Alison Suffern
- Election of Group Co-ordinator: Alison Suffern Proposed by Dee Gallagher, seconded by Janet Ligget
- Health & Safety Officer: Anne Grant
Proposed by Isobel McLoughlin, seconded by Rose de CW

Safe-Guarding Officer: Will Glendinning

Proposed by Alison Suffern, seconded by Helen Macauley

Election of Committee Members – the Committee remained unchanged

Fund – Raising Committee

- Anne agreed to continue her role as heading the Sub Committee, together with input from other volunteers.
- Tullyraine Equine Clinic have kindly been raising funds during lockdown

A.O.B.

Before returning to RDA Activities the group needs to fill in the necessary paperwork and a Clean-Up Day combining with retraining of volunteers has been proposed. Rose de CW has agreed to watch the relevant Webinars on the RDA website and co-ordinate our return.

Deirdre Gallagher will ensure that all Access NI is up to date and record any safe-guarding and first aid courses undertaken by volunteers.

Rose and Lorraine were both due for re-assessment as Coaches and will look into completing that online.

Everyone was asked to try to recruit new volunteers and to think of simple fund- raising events.

There been no further business, the chairperson thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 12.10pm.

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29th July 2022.

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I have looked at the income and expenditure report and receipts and bank statements for RDA Newry Group for the period 1/12/20 to 30/11/21 and I am satisfied that this is a true illustration of activities.

Yours faithfully,



Edward P Gallagher.