

Ballyclare Group RDA

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104521

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-12-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	18 Knowehead Road Templepatrick Ballyclare County Antrim BT39 0bx BT39 0BX
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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 Newtownabbey/Antrim 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: Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£4,536	£5,480	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Sylvia Coulter		
Mrs Avril Nicholl		
Mrs Julia Desmond		
Mrs Maeve Gertrude Rosemund		
Mrs Margo McClure		
Mrs Mary Angela Houston		

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**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 30th June 2025**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104521)

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2025 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Correspondence address: 18 Knowehead Road, Templepatrick, Ballyclare, County Antrim, BT39 0BX.

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104521).

CHARITY TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Miss Sylvia Coulter

Mrs Mary Angela Houston

Mrs Avril Nicholl

Mrs Julia Desmond

Mrs Margo McClure

Mrs Maeve Gertrude Rosemund

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARER

Treasurer:

Mrs Mary Angela Houston

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

James Gillespie (F.C.A.)

Stevenson and Wilson

Chartered Accountants

22-30 Broadway Avenue,

Ballymena.

BT43 7AA.

BANKERS

Ulster Bank

47-49 Wellington Street,

Ballymena,

BT43 6AD.

BALLYCLARE GROUP RDA

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Registration with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland was completed on 10th December 2015.

DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

The Charity exists to provide therapeutic riding and contact with horses to children and young adults with special needs in the Ballyclare area.

ACTIVITIES, OBJECTIVES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The group normally meets on Thursday mornings during term time for a total of 32 weeks during the year. We started back in September 2024 with separate rides. The first group came from Roddensvale school, the second ride was made up of individuals brought by their carers. The last ride came from Jordonstown school. The riders who came from school groups change every 6-8 weeks to give more children the opportunity to experience the benefits and enjoyment of riding. Our group of individuals came every week. Where possible our riders work towards their RDA grade tests. Sixteen of our riders from the Jordonstown group completed their Grade 1 Riding and Horsecare. One of our riders won the UK RDA Rider of the Year, which was a fantastic achievement. Several of our riders took part in the regional championships.

We meet at Laurelview Equestrian centre, where we use the indoor school and ponies, thanks to the generosity of Robert and Linda Davis. Our main cost is our payments to Laurelview and these prices have increased to reflect industry wide prices for arena and pony hire and we now pay approximately £130/week. We also pay fees for membership and insurance to RDA headquarters in England. Our group instructors, organiser and helpers are all volunteers. We currently have three fully qualified instructors, Sylvia, Maeve and Margo.

Our main regular source of income is our education authority grant. We have also had some very generous donations from the Wishart Group. Two of our volunteers very kindly undertook sponsorship fundraising. We ended the year with closing funds at the bank of £10,817.

We make every effort to ensure the rides are conducted safely, using trained volunteers under the supervision of a qualified instructor. All our instructors and volunteers have completed Enhanced Access NI checks. Our group has an up-to-date safeguarding policy. Every session has a qualified first aider in attendance.

We consider that we have regard to the Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and have fulfilled our obligations in this respect.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Public Benefit delivered by Ballyclare Group is reflected in the enjoyment and achievements of our riders. Some of our riders are extremely nervous when they start and it is wonderful to see them gain self-confidence. Physically, the riders benefit from improvements to their core strength, co-ordination, mobility and balance.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

In the year ended 30th June 2025 the charity had total income of £4,536 compared with £6,800 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £3,954 in 2024 to £5,480 in 2025.

At the end of the period the charity had net assets of £12,827, including cash at bank of £10,817.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the charity in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the charity's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 15th January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Signature: 

Name: Mrs Margo McClure

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BALLYCLARE GROUP RDA

I report on the accounts of Ballyclare Group RDA for the year ended 30th June 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

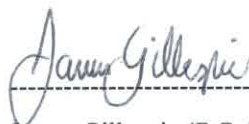
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



James Gillespie (F.C.A.)

Stevenson and Wilson

Chartered Accountants

Date: 15th January 2026

22-30 Broadway Avenue

Ballymena

BT43 7AA

BALLYCLARE GROUP RDA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£
Receipts				
Donations received		3,536	3,536	5,011
Grants received		1,000	1,000	1,789
Total Receipts		4,536	4,536	6,800
Payments				
Charitable activities	2	5,139	5,139	2,849
Other expenditure	3	341	341	1,105
Total Payments		5,480	5,480	3,954
Net receipts / (payments)		(944)	(944)	2,846
Net movement in funds		(944)	(944)	2,846

BALLYCLARE GROUP RDA

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the charity is less than £250,000 the charity's Trustees has elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent or applied at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the charity for use in the future.

2. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Premises hire	4,150	4,150	2,389
Membership and insurance	989	989	460
	<u>5,139</u>	<u>5,139</u>	<u>2,849</u>

3. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Equipment purchased	-	-	1,020
General expenses	341	341	85
	<u>341</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>1,105</u>

4. FUNDS OF THE CHARITY

All funds of the charity are unrestricted.

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Ballyclare Group - Riding for the Disabled

Charity Number:104521

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period from 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

		£	£
Balance carried forward at 1st July 2023			8915.48
Income			
		£	£
Donations			
25/10/2023	RG Wishart Group NI	500.00 ✓	
22/02/2024	RG Wishart Group NI	500.00 ✓	
27/02/2024	Lodgment - Collection boxes	20.00 ✓	
26/03/2024	Lodgment – Collection boxes	34.00 ✓	
02/04/2024	RG Wishart Group NI	600.00 ✓	
13/08/2024	East Antrim Hounds	3357.00 ✓	

			5011.00
Grants			
11/08/2023	EA Belfast Region	1200.00 ✓	
15/03/2024	EA Belfast Region – (Cost of living Expenses)	589.00 ✓	

			1789.00

Total Income			6800.00

Expenditure

		£	£
First Aid Training			
11/08/2023	First Aid course Charge	80.00 ✓	

			80.00
Horse and Arena Hire			
15/11/2023	Laurelview Equestrian Centre	600.00 ✓	
29/02/2024	Laurelview Equestrian Centre	600.00 ✓	
25/06/2024	Laurelview Equestrian Centre	600.00 ✓	

			1800.00
RDA Membership and Insurance			
22/08/2023	RDA – membership and insurance	460.00 ✓	

			460.00
Cost of Living Expenses			
15/12/2023	Laurelview Equestrian Centre	294.50 ✓	
15/03/2024	Laurelview Equestrian Centre	294.50 ✓	

			589.00
Riding Hats			
08/04/2024	Clonkeen Equestrian Supplies	1020.00 ✓	

			1020.00
Expenses			
15/05/2024	Dressage entry fee – Helen	5.00 ✓	

			5.00
Total Expenditure			3954.00
Balance at 30th June 2024			<u>11761.48</u> ✓

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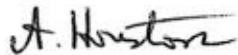
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Other Assets:

Riding hats	1020.00
Games Equipment	50.00
Mounting Block (shared by other groups)	740.00
Tack	200.00

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Angela Houston

Treasurer

Ballyclare Group RDA

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104521

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Trustees Annual Report

Ballyclare Riding for Disabled 1st July 2023 – 30th June 2024

Charity number: NIC 104521

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Contact Group Organiser: Avril Nicholl 32 Beech Green, Doagh Ballyclare BT39 0QB

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Our main source of income is our education authority grant. We have also had some very generous donations from the Wishart Group and East Antrim hounds. We ended the year with a closing balance of £11761.

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We consider that we have regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and have fulfilled our obligations in this respect.

Signed Margo McClure

Date 19th April 2025

Margo McClure

Chairman and Trustee

On behalf of the following trustees

Julia Desmond

Avril Nicholl

Maeve Rosemond

Sylvia Coulter

Angela Houston

Cathy Mullan

Ballyclare Group RDA

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104521

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Ballyclare Riding for the Disabled

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Independent examiner's statement

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Name:

ELIZABETH LITTLE



Relevant professional qualification or body:

PARISH TREASURER.

Address:

11 EXCHANGE AVENUE
DOAGH, BT39 0QU

Date:

7/4/25

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Ballyclare Group - Riding for the Disabled

Charity Number:104521

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the period from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

		£
Balance carried forward at 1 st July 2022		6441.73
<u>Income</u>		
<u>Donations</u>		
06/07/2022	Lodgment – Roddensvale Donation	100.00
06/07/2022	Lodgment – Collection boxes – 4	45.00
05/10/2022	RG Wishart Group NI	500.00
02/11/2022	Lodgment – Collection boxes – 3	34.00
08/12/2022	RG Wishart Group NI	600.00
05/01/2023	RG Wishart Group NI	500.00
31/03/2023	RG Wishart Group NI	500.00
26/05/2023	Jordanstown Schools Coffee Morning	112.00
26/05/2023	Lodgment – Collection boxes – 2	45.00
02/06/2023	East Antrim RDA Group – NFU donation	575.00
26/06/2023	Roddensvale Donation	200.00
26/06/2023	Isobel Calvert Donation	100.00

		3311.00
<u>Grants</u>		
15/07/2022	EA Belfast Region	1000.00

		1000.00

Total Income		4311.00

Expenditure

		£	£
<u>Bank Fees</u>			
09/09/2022	Charges	11.58	
09/12/2022	Charges	9.24	

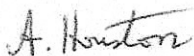
			20.82
<u>Horse and Arena Hire</u>			
23/03/2023	Laurelview Equestrian Centre	1800.00	

			1800.00
<u>Expenses</u>			
25/05/2023	Supervalu – gift	16.43	

			16.43
Total Expenditure			1837.25

Balance at 30th June 2023			<u>8915.48</u>
Represented by			
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			<u>8915.48</u>
<u>Other Assets:</u>			
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Signed Elizabeth Redfern Date 7-3-24.

Elizabeth Redfern

Chairman and Trustee

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Maeve Rosemond

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Name:

E. Lyttle

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Church Treasurer at Kilbride Parish

Address:

11 Exchange Avenue, Doagh BT39 0QU

Date:

20/3/24