

Riding for the Disabled Downpatrick Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104544

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-02-08

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

Contact

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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 Downpatrick 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: Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,512	£4,371	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Keith		
Mr Hugh Ferguson Kelly		
Mrs Barbra Mary Gibson		
Mrs Jill Lindsay		
Mrs Lesley Gillian Thomason		
Mrs Miriam Hamilton		
Sandra Martin		

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Accounts

Riding For The Disabled
Downpatrick Group
Financial Statement For The Year Ended
31st March 2024
Danske Bank Downpatrick
Current Account 80038296

RECEIPTS

Donation Wee Charity Shop	1000.00
Donation Re Jeremy Kilpatrick	300.00
Closed Grant Account	5.43
Donation R C D Ladies	150.00
O'Faodhagain Donation	200.00
Rides, Knockevin School and Miscellaneous Donations	857.00
TOTAL	2512.43

PAYMENTS

Membership & Insurance	713.00
Rider Boots Trophy & Engraving	204.62
Lakeside Inn	310.00
Bank Fees	36.41
General Expenses	79.49
Tullymurry	2370.00
Helpers Gen Ex Gifts Etc	227.71
H&S Training	430.00
TOTAL	4371.23

Riding For The Disabled
Downpatrick Group
Financial Statement For The Year Ended
31st March 2025
Danske Bank Downpatrick

BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Current Ac Balance 01 April 2024	16285.04
Add Receipts	2512.43
TOTAL	18797.47
Less Payments	4371.23
TOTAL	14426.24

Balances As at 31 March 2025

Current Account	14426.24
Business Account	53.01

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

I have compared the receipts and payments with the books and records supplied by the Hon Treasurer and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

Signed Hon Treasurer *M. Mills*

Date 14 May 2025

Signed Auditor

A. Butler

Date 14 May 2025

DOWNPATRICK RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP

LIST OF ASSETS

	TOTAL
1. Purchase of 14 pairs of RIDING BOOTS. on 16/09/2022.	£503.87
2. SOUND SYSTEM on 10/06/2014	£300.00
3. Purchase of 50 new RIDING HATS.	
2 cheques. 10/01/2017 and 31/01/2017	£879.00

Signed:



Date:

~~18~~ 19-11-25.

MR. FERGUS KELLY.

CHAIRMAN

Riding for the Disabled Downpatrick Group

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Accounts

Riding For The Disabled
Downpatrick Group
Financial Statement For The Year Ended
31st March 2024
Danske Bank Downpatrick

BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Current Ac Balance 01 April 2023	13745.23
Add Receipts	4360.72
TOTAL	18105.95
Less Payments	1820.91
TOTAL	16285.04

Balances As at 31 March 2024

Current Account	16285.04
Business Account	52.15
Grant Community Account	25.43

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

I have compared the receipts and payments with the books and records supplied by the Hon Treasurer and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

Signed Hon Treasurer *W. Whitley*

Date *14 May 2024*

Signed Auditor *A. G. Baird*

Date *15 May 2024*

Riding For The Disabled
Downpatrick Group
Financial Statement For The Year Ended
31st March 2024
Danske Bank Downpatrick
Current Account 80038296

RECEIPTS

Donation Fiona Gray Captains Day	1176.00
Donation Karen Mullan Captains Day	1005.00
Dromore G B Donation	250.00
Donation R C D Ladies Presidents Day	533.00
Donations on Behalf of Jonny Smyth	371.50
O'Faodhagain Donation	400.00
Millbrook Charity Donation	185.00
Rides, Knockevin School and Miscellaneous Donations	395.22
Tea & Coffee Collection	45.00
TOTAL	4360.72

PAYMENTS

Membership & Insurance	681.00
Rider Boots	113.47
Lakeside Inn	324.00
Bank Fees	45.12
General Expenses	157.32
Transfer To Grant account	500.00
TOTAL	1820.91

Riding For The Disabled
Downpatrick Group
Financial Statement For The Year Ended
31st March 2024
Danske Bank Downpatrick
Grant Ac & Business Ac

Balances As at 31 March 2023

Business Account Opening	51.39
Interest Received	0.76
<u>Balance as at 31 March 2024</u>	<u>52.15</u>

<u>Grant Account at 31 March 2023</u>	2105.43
Transfer From C/Ac	500.00
Total	2605.43
Less Payment to Tullymurray	2550.00
Less Bank fees	30.00
<u>Balance At 31 March 2024</u>	<u>25.43</u>

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

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Signed Hon Treasurer *W. Wilkins*

Date 14 May 2024

Signed Auditor *J. B. B. B.*

Date 15th May 2024

DOWNPATRICK RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP

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2. SOUND SYSTEM	on 10/06/2014	£300.00
3. Purchase of 50 new RIDING HATS.		
2 cheques.	10/01/2017 and 31/01/2017	£879.00

Signed:



Date:

24-10-24.

MR. FERGUS KELLY.

CHAIRMAN

Riding for the Disabled Downpatrick Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104544

Annual report

Trustees Annual report.

Riding for the Disabled Downpatrick Group.
Charity No. NIC104544

The Charity exists to provide Therapeutic Riding and associated activities for the pupils of Knockevin Special School, Downpatrick and the adults of Mountview Adult Centre, Downpatrick. who all have learning disabilities.

The Principal Address of the Charity and Contact for the Charity Commission is: Mrs Miriam Hamilton, 9. The Nursery, Killyleagh, Co. Down. BT30 9UQ.

The Group meet on a Wednesday and Thursday mornings for the pupils of Knockevin School and a Friday morning for the adults of Mountview Adult Centre. We have a total number of volunteers in the group of 49. We delivered a total number of 524 activities, during the period 1/04/2023 to 31/03/2024.

We are fortunate to be able to hire excellent facilities and equines suitable for our riders needs from Mrs Marion Turley, Tullymurray Equestrian Centre, 145 Ballydugan Road, Downpatrick. BT31 9HD.

As can be seen in the Treasurer's Report, balances as at 31st March 2024.

Current Account	£16,285:04
Business Account	£52:15
Grant Community Account	£25 43
Total	£16,362:62

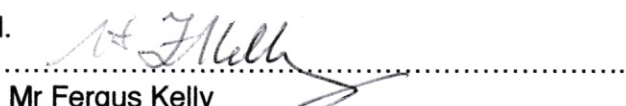
Our main expenditure was Membership and Insurance of RDA National £681:00, Total expenditure is itemised in the Statements.

Principal sources of income during the year came from Donations, totalling £4,360:72. A full break down of Grants and Donations are in the Treasurer's Report. Total balance for the year ending 31st March 2024 is £16,362:62

The Public benefit delivered by Downpatrick RDA Group is in terms of achievements and participation in events by our riders. Less easy to quantify but equally beneficial is the opportunity provided by having close contact with a horse and the sense of achievement and enjoyment which can be observed in many participants who have profound and multiple learning difficulties and children with severe Autism, also those riders who are initially nervous or unwilling to take part. Other physical benefits of improved posture, balance and co-ordination are also apparent.

We make every effort to ensure that the sessions are conducted safely by using suitably qualified Coaches and trained Volunteers. All have to go through an Enhanced Access NI check as well as providing two references. The Group has a Safeguarding Officer and Policy which is reviewed annually. A qualified First Aider is in attendance at all our Rides. We consider that we have had regard to the Commission's guidance on public benefit and have fulfilled our obligations in this respect.

Signed.


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Mr Fergus Kelly
Chairman.

Date: 24-10-24

On behalf of the following Trustees of the Group:

Mr Keith Willis.

Mrs Miriam Hamilton.

Mrs Barbra Gibson.

Mrs. Lesley Gillian Thomason.

Ms Sandra Martin.

Mrs Jill Lindsay.

Attachments:

1. Copy of Accounts and list of Assets.
2. Copy of Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees.

Riding for the Disabled Downpatrick Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104544

Annual return

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

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 00 to 00.

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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
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.

Name: S. J. BAILIE



Relevant professional qualification or body: F. C. A.

Address: 17, Sheering Lane,
Newcastle
Co. Down.

Date: 14th May, 2024

Riding for the Disabled Downpatrick Group

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Accounts

Riding For The Disabled
Downpatrick Group
Financial Statement For The Year Ended
31st March 2023
Danske Bank Downpatrick

BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Current Ac Balance 01 April 2022	11521.28
Add Receipts	4233.20
TOTAL	15754.48
Less Payments	2009.25
TOTAL	13745.23

Balances As at 31 March 2023

Current Account	13745.23
Business Account	51.39
Grant Community Account	2105.43

AUDITORS CERTIFICATE

I have compared the receipts and payments with the books and records supplied by the Hon Treasurer and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

Signed Hon Treasurer *W. White*

Date *11th May 2023*

Signed Auditor *J. J. [Signature]*

Date *15th May 2023*

Riding For The Disabled
Downpatrick Group
Financial Statement For The Year Ended
31st March 2023
Danske Bank Downpatrick
Current Account and Grant Account

RECEIPTS Current Ac

Donation in Memory of Desmond Gray	1450.00
Donation in Memory of Giggy King	1462.20
Mourne Group Donation	500.00
R Savage Donation	100.00
O'Faodhagain Donation	220.00
Friday Ride	217.00
Knockevin School	284.00
TOTAL	4233.20

PAYMENTS Current Ac

Membership & Insurance	675.00
Rider Boots	535.36
Lakeside Inn	300.00
Bank Fees	57.32
Travel & other Expenses	47.92
First Aid Training	393.65
TOTAL	2009.25

GRANT AC Bal £3995.84 At 01 April 2022

Less Fees £30.41 and Cheque to Tullymurry £1860.00

Balance at 31 March 2023 £2105.43

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Current Account	£13,745:23
Business Account	£51:39
Grant Community Account	£2,105 43
Total	£15,902:05

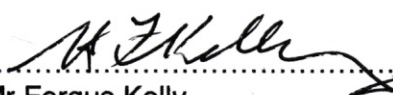
Our main expenditure was £1,860:00 to Tullymurray Equestrian Centre. Other costs include Insurance and Membership of RDA National £675:00, First Aid Training £393:65. Total expenditure is itemised in the Statements.

Principal sources of income during the year came from Donations, totalling £4,233:20
Total Income for the year ending 31st March 2023 is £15,902:05. A full break down of Grants and Donations are in the Treasurer's Report.

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Signed.


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Chairman.

Date: 13-11-2023

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Name:

A. J. Gilhe

Relevant professional qualification or body: *F.C.A.*

Address:

*17, Glenora Park Avenue,
Newcastle
Co. Down.*

Date:

15th May 2023

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