

Brentford Riding for the Disabled Group

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104625

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-01-25

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, Mourne and Down District Council 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

Who the charity helps: Learning disabilities, Physical disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,147	£1,186	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Katharine Anne Stewart		
Mrs Nicky Lowry		
Mrs Susan Craig		
Ms Christine Margaret Anderson		
Ms Julia Bloch		
Ms Linda Storey		

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	1,015.00			1,015.00	447.98
St Anne's Black Santa appeal	2,000.00			2,000.00	0.00
Fundraising activities				0.00	
Interest on deposit account	132.00			132.00	27.02
Dividend on investments				0.00	
Members' subscriptions				0.00	
Charitable trading receipts				0.00	
Rents from land & buildings				0.00	
Other charitable receipts				0.00	
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	3,147.00	0.00	0.00	3,147.00	475.00
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan repayments received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A2 Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	3,147.00	0.00	0.00	3,147.00	475.00
A3 Payments					
RDA HQ Fees and Insurance	426.00	0.00	0.00	426.00	426.00
Riding Stable Donations	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	1,000.00
Bank Charges	40.80	0.00	0.00	40.80	32.45
Direct charitable activity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Reins and Shed Signage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.98
Governance costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
First Aid Course	120.00	0.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
Gifts for children	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A3 Sub total	1,186.80	0.00	0.00	1,186.80	1,506.43
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of Shed and Padlock	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Loans made	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A4 Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	1,186.80	0.00	0.00	1,186.80	1,506.43
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,960.20	0.00	0.00	1,960.20	-1,031.43
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,755.87	118.51	0.00	7,874.38	8,905.81
Cash funds this year end	9,716.07	118.51	0.00	9,834.58	7,874.38

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	2,915.19	118.51	0.00	3,033.70	205.50
	Deposit account	6,800.88	0.00	0.00	6,800.88	7,668.88
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total cash funds	9,716.07	118.51	0.00	9,834.58	7,874.38
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total				0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
	Total		0.00	0.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Shed	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	
		Restricted	1,073.49	0.00	500.00
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
		Total		1,073.49	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities		Restricted	0.00	0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
		Total			0.00

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Nicola Lowry
N. A. [Signature]

Print Name

NICOLA LOWRY
KATHARINE STEWART

Date of approval

13.10.25
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Annual report

Trustees Annual Report

Brentford Riding for the Disabled Group 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Charity Number NIC 104625

The Charity exists to provide therapeutic riding and associated activities for children attending special needs schools and has been providing rides to pupils of Fleming Fulton School, Belfast for many years. Rides take place at Lusks Riding School in Carryduff. Improved core strength, exercise tolerance, balance and co-ordination are some of the physical benefits as well as the sense of achievement and enjoyment provided for the riders through contact with a horse, even by children initially nervous or unwilling to take part.

The principal contact for the Charity Commission is Mrs Kathy Stewart of 81 Ballykeel Road, Moneyreagh, Newtownards, BT23 6BW.

In the period under review, rides took place on 18 of a possible 22 weeks, down on the previous year due to additional bank holidays in 2023 and the early 2024 Easter holidays. Rides were cancelled on 4 occasions due to poor weather and transport issues, disappointingly up by one occasion on last year.

Fleming Fulton continues to provide a dedicated physiotherapist contact who identifies a pool of potential riders at the start of each school year and accompanies the children to most of the rides. We were able to accommodate up to four riders at each session and a total of 72 rides were provided to 9 children during the 12 months under review, the decrease on the previous year reflecting fewer weeks. We welcomed two new children in 23-24 and as the remaining 7 children have been with us some years, their riding skills progressed very satisfactorily during the year.

The group continues to be based at Lusks Riding School at Carryduff where we have access to a good pool of suitable riding school ponies, using a total of seven during the year. We have use of a large indoor school and there is also a quiet lane for occasional short hacks in the good weather which both the children and volunteers enjoy.

While all facilities including the ponies are provided free of charge, donations are made each term to help towards riding school overheads including the upkeep of ponies. We would like to formally record our thanks to the proprietor of Lusks Riding School, Denise Neill and her staff for all their assistance to us.

We are fortunate in having a very loyal group of volunteers and during the year under review we were fortunate to welcome 3 new recruits bringing our volunteer numbers to 31 (including our two coaches). Sadly, this number has reduced to 23 since March 2024 as a number of volunteers are no longer able to attend due to health reasons, carer responsibilities, house moves and other commitments. We would like to formally acknowledge the contribution made by all our volunteers, who faithfully turn up week after week and without whom we would be unable to carry out any activity.

The Trustees met regularly throughout the year to enable planning and management of on-going activity and to ensure completion of all necessary reporting and compliance paperwork. Every effort is made by the Trustees to ensure that sessions are conducted safely by using suitably qualified coaches and trained volunteers, and a qualified First Aider is always in attendance. The Group has a safeguarding policy, and all volunteers are required to have an enhanced Access NI check as well as providing references. Thanks are due to all the Trustees for their hard work and completion of training as required.

In the financial year to March 2024, donations received from Fleming Fulton towards riding school costs were less than payments made to Lusks, again due to timing issues resulting in a deficit of c£1k for the year compared to a small surplus for the year to March 2023. Taking the two years together, the deficit averages at £476 p.a. roughly equivalent to annual insurance costs and bank charges. The donations from Fleming Fulton intended to cover payments made to Lusks, have put the Group's finances on a more secure footing. Current reserves should cover insurance costs and other small items of expenditure for more than 10 years and we therefore look forward to the future with confidence but with the knowledge that should reserves fall to an unsustainable level, further donations and/or fundraising will be required to continue to operate.

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

Signed K. E. Stewart

Mrs Kathy Stewart on behalf of the Trustees of the Group

Brentford Riding for the Disabled Group

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104625

Annual return

Independent Examiner's Report for the Charity Trustee of Brentford Riding for the Disabled Group – Charity Number NIC 104625

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out in the attached.

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 accordance with following the Directions of the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: ANGELA OAKLEY

Relevant professional qualification body:

CTA (Retired)

Address:

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NEWTOWNARDS
CO DOWN

Date:

15/11/24

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations & legacies	1,000.00			1,000.00	725.00
Grant from RDA HQ for Shed				0.00	1,200.00
Fundraising activities				0.00	
Interest on deposit account	0.76			0.76	3.45
Dividend on investments				0.00	
Members' subscriptions				0.00	
Charitable trading receipts				0.00	
Rents from land & buildings				0.00	
Other charitable receipts				0.00	
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	1,000.76	0.00	0.00	1,000.76	1,928.45
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
Proceeds from sale of fixed asset	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Loan repayments received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A2 Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	1,000.76	0.00	0.00	1,000.76	1,928.45
A3 Payments					
RDA HQ Fees and Insurance	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	360.00
Riding Stable Donations	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Bank Charges	21.05	0.00	0.00	21.05	41.89
Direct charitable activity		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Donation for gift	35.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	20.00
Governance costs		0.00	0.00	0.00	
First Aid Course	35.00	0.00	0.00	35.00	87.00
Gifts for children	31.93	0.00	0.00	31.93	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A3 Sub total	922.98	0.00	0.00	922.98	908.89
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Purchase of Shed and Padlock	0.00		0.00	0.00	1,073.49
Loans made	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
A4 Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,073.49
Total payments	922.98	0.00	0.00	922.98	1,982.38
Net of receipts/(payments)	77.78	0.00	0.00	77.78	-53.93
A5 Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,701.52	126.51	0.00	8,828.03	8,881.96
Cash funds this year end	8,779.30	126.51	0.00	8,905.81	8,828.03

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	1,137.44	126.51	0.00	1,263.95	1,186.93
	Deposit account	7,641.86	0.00	0.00	7,641.86	7,641.10
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total cash funds	8,779.30	126.51	0.00	8,905.81	8,828.03
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total				0.00	0.00

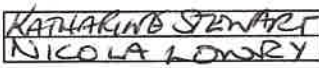
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
	Total		0.00	0.00	0.00

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Shed	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	
		Restricted	1,073.48	500.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
			0.00	0.00	
	Total		1,073.48	500.00	0.00

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities		Restricted	0.00	0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
	Total			0.00	0.00

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Signature


Print Name


Date of approval


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The principal contact for the Charity Commission is Mrs Kathy Stewart of 81 Ballykeel Road, Moneyreagh, Newtownards, BT23 6BW.

The period under review is the first full year of activity after 20 months of closure due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Out of a possible 28 weeks to April-March 2023, rides went ahead on 25 weeks which compared favourably to only 14 weeks in the period April-March 2022. The three weeks cancelled were due to transport issues, lack of physiotherapist cover and icy weather.

Fleming Fulton provides a dedicated physiotherapist contact and at the start of each school year a pool of potential riders is identified. We were able to accommodate up to four riders at each session and a total of 96 rides were provided to 8 children during the 12 months under review. As most of the children were with us for an extended period, pleasing progress was made. Very positive unsolicited feedback was received from the school's physiotherapist reinforcing this view.

The move to Lusks Riding School at Carryduff in 2022 has proved to be very successful with good availability of suitable riding school ponies and the use of a large indoor school. A quiet lane enables rides to also go for occasional short hacks in the good weather which both the children and volunteers enjoy.

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In the financial year to March 2023, donations received from Fleming Fulton towards riding school costs exceeded payments made to Lusks due to timing issues around receipts and

payments. As a result, after insurance and other minor miscellaneous expenditure including training, a small surplus was recorded. The donations from Fleming Fulton have put the Group's finances on a more secure footing and current reserves should therefore cover insurance costs and other small items of expenditure for more than 10 years. We therefore look forward to the future with confidence but with the knowledge that should reserves fall to an unsustainable level, further donations and/or fundraising will be required to continue to operate.

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Name: A. OAKLEY

Relevant professional qualification body:

C10T (Retired)

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Date: 05/10/23