

Riding for the Disabled Association Minnowburn

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104629

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-01-14
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 Belfast 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, Mental health, Physical disabilities

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£8,470	£8,424	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Nicholas Morrison		
Mr Patrick Hugh Mccann		
Mrs Alison Magowan		
Mrs Barbara Simpson		
Mrs Frances Mulley		
Mrs Karen Morrison		
Mrs Vivien Brown		
Patricia Ann Armson		

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Accounts

RDA - Minnowburn Branch
Accounts for Year Ending 31/12/2025

GBP

Opening Balance 01/01/2025

£5,249.52

Receipts:

Riders subs	£3,843.00
Donations	£4,510.00
Fund raising	£112.30
Bank interest	£4.97
Total Receipts	£8,470.27

Payments:

Bank fees	£38.91
Insurance	£522.00
Misc	£250.00
Livery	£6,782.00
Vet, Dentist, Farrier	£831.85
Total Payments	£8,424.76

Closing Balance 31/12/2025

Closing Balance

£5,295.03

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Opening Balance 01/01/2023

£3,274.66

Receipts:

Riders subs	£3,330.00
Donations	£6,522.66
Fund raising	£868.77
Bank interest	£4.31
Total Receipts	£10,725.74

Payments:

Bank fees	£37.40
Insurance	£477.00
Misc	£1,115.00
Livery	£6,239.50
Vet, Dentist, Farrier	£882.00
Total Payments	£8,750.90

Closing Balance 31/12/2024

Closing Balance

£5,249.52

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Annual report

Minnowburn RDA

Trustees Annual Report

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Having settled into our new location at Lusk Equestrian Centre, we, at Minnowburn RDA continue to aim to achieve our goal to provide adults with various disabilities with therapeutic riding.

Our riders continue to work towards their therapeutic goals, develop their skills as riders, make new friends and build relationships with the horses at the centre. We are able to ride outdoors when the weather is good and have access to both indoor and outdoor arenas. The riders find their lessons both challenging and enjoyable, and get the opportunity to chat together over a cup of tea or coffee at the end of their lesson. We enjoy having lunch together at Christmas and hold a BBQ and prize giving ceremony in the summer.

Some of our riders entered the RDA Regional Championships in May and were thrilled to come back with rosettes.

We continue to be grateful to the owners of Lusk's Equestrian Centre for their generosity in letting us use their facilities free of charge and to the owner of the riding school together with some liveryes, who loan us horses free of charge. We own one horse called Mario, who, together with the other horses, helps us provide this valuable therapy.

We do our best to ensure that the lessons are well planned and carried out safely and professionally. We also make sure that our coaches and volunteers are kept up to date with training to RDA standards.

We cover our costs by doing some fundraising, by donations and by charging our riders a nominal fee. Our main expenses are the cost of keeping our RDA horse and insurance.

We believe that we have had regard to the Commissions guidance on public benefit and have fulfilled our obligations in this respect.

V Brown

Chairperson

On behalf of the following trustees – Gareth McManus, Annie Armson, Alison Magowan, Maureen Scott, Hugh McCann, Frances Mulley, Nicholas Morrison and Karen Morrison.

Riding for the Disabled Association Minnowburn

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104629

Annual return

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of
Riding for the Disabled, Minnowburn Group, NIC 104629**

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

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and the 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 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 the independent examiner's report

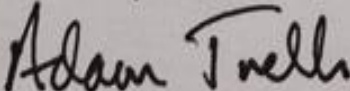
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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 such matters.

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

- 1) That the 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.

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

Signature 

Name Adam Twells

Address 6 Penllwyn Park, Carmarthen SA31 3BU

Date 02/01/2025

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Accounts

RDA - Minnowburn Branch
Accounts for Year Ending 31/12/2023

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Opening Balance 01/01/2023	£2,826.86
Receipts:	
Riders subs	£1,481.00
Donations	£2,832.00
Fund raising	£1,443.00
Bank interest	£2.67
Total Receipts	£5,758.67
Payments:	
Bank fees	£32.35
Insurance	£480.00
Misc	£710.00
Livery	£2,965.50
Vet, dentist, farrier	£1,023.00
Rent	£100.00
Total Payments	£5,310.85
Closing Balance 31/12/2023	£3,274.68

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Minnowburn RDA Group

1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Charity no NC104629

Our goal at Minnowburn RDA is to provide adults with various disabilities, both physical and mental, with therapeutic riding.

This year we have had to change our location as Burn Equestrian Centre closed at the end of August 2023. Fortunately, we were offered a place at Lusk Equestrian Centre in Lisburn and continue our work with our riders to achieve their therapeutic goals, enjoy socialising together, make new friends, develop their skills, and build relationships with the horses that we use. We are still able to ride outdoors, weather permitting and have access to outdoor and indoor arenas. Our riders get great pleasure from their riding lessons and enjoy spending time together whilst enjoying a cup of tea or coffee. We all get together at Christmas for lunch and when our rides finish for the summer holidays when we have a BBQ and prize giving.

Our riders also can enter RDA competitions, and some went to the RDA Regional Championships in May and, a first for us, the RDA National Championships held mid-July in England.

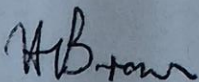
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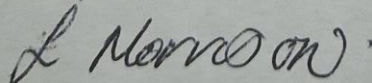
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Signature



Name

Fiona Morrison

Address

4 Roseville Gardens, Lisburn, BT27 4XX

Date

21st March 2024.