

## **Trustees Annual Report**

### **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.

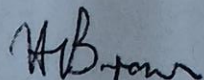
We are very grateful to the owners of Lusk Equestrian Centre and to the owner of the riding school who allow us to use their facilities free of charge. We also are grateful to the riding school and to some liveries who loan us horses free of charge. We also own one horse called Mario who joins the other horses to help us provide this valuable and much appreciated therapy.

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

We do some fundraising and rely on donations to cover our costs. Our riders also pay a nominal fee. Our main expenses are the cost of keeping our RDA horse and insurance.

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

Signed



Chairperson

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

