

## **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 liverys, 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.

