

# Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106955

## Details

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Status Overdue

Company number [623373](#)

Registered 2018-03-14

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The objects for which the Company is established are to promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving registered company no 5010395 and a charity registered in England and Wales under Charity Number 244108 ("RDA") by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or to carriage drive to benefit their health and well-being in the Armagh and District 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, Education/training, Sport/recreation, Volunteer development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Learning disabilities, Parents, Physical disabilities, Voluntary and community sector, Volunteers, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-03-31	£9,491	£10,267	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Kevin Mccoy		
Mr Paul Topley		
Mr William Boyd		
Mrs Ann Magowan		
Mrs Debbie Mckenna		
Mrs Janice Hamilton		
Mrs Joanne Morton		
Mrs Lesley Hamilton		
Ms Kylie Tucker		
Ms Stella Farrell		

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# Accounts

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Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2024

Statement of Receipts and Payments

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds	Restrictcd funds	2023-24	2022-23
GRANTS				
MISC GRANTS	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 780
FUNDRAISING			£ -	£ 3,670
MISC INCOME			£ -	
DONATIONS and FEE INCOME	£ 8,094		£ 8,094	£ 6,933
BANK INTEREST	£ 600		£ 600	£ 147
ARENA INCOME	£ 798		£ 798	£ 1,170
			£ -	£ -
	£ 9,491	£ -	£ 9,491	£ 12,700
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Accounts			£ -	£ -
Advertising			£ -	£ -
Bank Fees	£29			£39
Horse expenses	£5,388			£6,487
INSURANCE	£3,085			£2,773
Entertainment/food				
Repairs and Maintenance	£0			£20
phone				
postage and admin				
misc	£300			£270
light and heat	£0			£495
Water	£1,165	£ -		£441
equipment	£100		£ 100	£323
Training	£200		£ 200	£780
			£ -	£ -
	£ 10,267	£ -	£ 10,267	£ 11,629
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-£ 776</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>-£ 776</b>	<b>£ 1,071</b>

Statement of Assets and liabilities - year ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds		Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 1/4/23</b>	£ 46,376	£ -		£ 46,376	£ 45,305
<b>Surplus/deficit this year end</b>	-£ 776	£ -		-£ 776	£ 1,071
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/24	£ 45,600	£ -		£ 45,600	£ 46,376
Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00
<b>uncleared cheques at 31/3/24</b>	£ 640				
as per bank statement	£ 46,240				
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Account	Ulster Bank xxx024			£ 46,838	
	Ulster Bank xxx729	account closed	£ -	£ -	
	Bank of Ireland xxx912	account closed	£ -	£ -	
Bank Foundation Account			£ 179	£ 179	
			£ 179	£ 47,017	

Approved by the trustees on 17th June 2024

  
 Signed on behalf of Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited

Date 17/6/24

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 Signed on behalf of Kevin McCoy Accountant

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# Accounts

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

Statement of Receipts and Payments

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

RECEIPTS	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds		2022-23	2021-22
GRANTS						
MISC GRANTS	£	780	£	-	£ 780	£ 1,400
FUNDRAISING	£	3,670			£ 3,670	£ -
MISC INCOME						£ 100
DONATIONS and FEE INCOME	£	6,933			£ 6,933	£ 9,510
BANK INTEREST	£	147			£ 147	£ 44
ARENA INCOME	£	1,170			£ 1,170	£ 236
					£ -	£ -
	£	12,700	£	-	£ 12,700	£ 11,290
PAYMENTS						
Accounts					£ -	£ -
Advertising					£ -	£ -
Bank Fees		£39				£ 28
Horse expenses		£6,487				£ 7,550
INSURANCE		£2,773				£ 2,591
Entertainment/food						£ -
Repairs and Maintenance		£20				£ 265
phone						£ -
postage and admin						£ -
misc		£270				£ 308
light and heat		£495				£ -
Water		£441	£	-		£ 235
equipment		£323			£ 323	£ -
Training		£780			£ 780	£ -
					£ -	£ -
	£	11,629	£	-	£ 11,629	£ 10,977
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	£	<b>1,071</b>	£	-	£ 1,071	£ 313

Statement of Assets and liabilities - year ended 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
<b>Cash at bank &amp; in hand 1/4/22</b>	£ 45,305	£ -	£ 45,305	£ 43,699
<b>Surplus/deficit this year end</b>	£ 1,071	£ -	£ 1,071	£ 313
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/23	£ 46,376	£ -	£ 46,376	£ 44,012
Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>uncleared cheques at 31/3/23</b>	£ 640			
as per bank statement	£ 47,016			
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account	Ulster Bank xxx024		£ 46,838	£45,126
	Ulster Bank xxx729	account closed	£ -	£0
	Bank of Ireland xxx912	account closed	£ -	£0
Bank Foundation Account			£ 179	£ 179
			£ 47,017	£ 45,305

Approved by the trustees on 6th December 2023

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Signed on behalf of Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited

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# Annual report

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# ***RIDING for the DISABLED ASSOCIATION (ARMAGH) LIMITED***

## **Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023**

### **Objectives**

At Longstone we aim to enrich the lives of disabled people through horses, in a safe and welcoming environment.

### **Constitutional Matters**

We have undertaken the process of merging Longstone RDA with Moy RDA Group. Moy Group had been inactive since the pandemic in 2021, and had difficulty in finding a suitable venue to continue their operation. Following consideration by the Trustees, it was agreed that it would be of mutual benefit to merge the groups which would allow Moy Group to resume their activities. The new group will have the working title of Longstone Group incorporating Moy RDA.

### **Riding Activities**

Riding sessions were held each week during school term on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Riders came from Christian Brothers PS, Armstrong PS, St Patricks PS and Lisanally Special School. A community ride took place each Wednesday evening for both adults and children.

Many riders took part in end of term exams and proficiency tests and it is always with great delight that they receive their certificates and endeavour awards.

As with all riding sessions, continued emphasis was placed on the need to operate fully in accordance with RDA Health and Safety Rules.

### **Membership and Insurance**

Active membership total is around 70. Our administration system requires all new members to complete a Volunteer Application Form, Green card and apply for an Access NI check. This ensures that operating activities are covered by RDA insurance. As in previous years, the insurance premium makes up for a large proportion of our running costs.

### **Staffing and Volunteers**

Debbie McKenna is yard manager and also cares for ponies throughout the year. On occasion we have to cancel riding sessions due to limited availability of coaches and helpers. A number of new volunteers have joined the ranks recently. We have 5 instructors at present and another 2 volunteers under the title of coach in training.

There is significant demand for additional riding sessions and the group is continually striving to recruit coaches and helpers. New volunteers are always welcome and anyone with an interest should contact the group through the contact details provided on social media.

### **Fundraising**

We have had significant donations from individuals, clubs, organisations and businesses. Many of these donations have been initiated by our members or by friends of committee members. We appreciate the continued support from community, schools and parents.

### **Pony Welfare**

We are working with 4 ponies, cared for by Debbie McKenna and ably assisted by a team of helpers who turn up during school holidays and weekends to feed and check on animals. Due to the fact that

some of our ponies are older, they tend to need more veterinary attention which inevitably leads to higher costs. Other pony expenses include farrier and winter feeding.

**Maintenance**

Maintenance expenditure included painting and repairs to stable doors, power washing and general tidying up. It has to be said that the arena, yard and stable block look immaculate and well maintained due in part to the diligent work of volunteers

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# Annual return

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## **Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited – Charity number 106955**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on page 1 and 2

### **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.

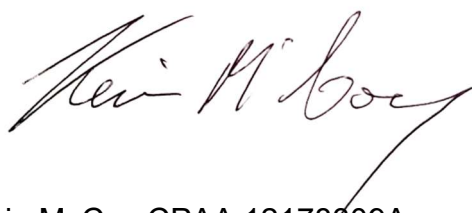
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items of disclosure in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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 65 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 no 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 the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Kevin McCoy CPAA 12178309A

19 Drumcairn Road, Armagh, BT61 8DQ

**Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106955

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# Accounts

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Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited

Charity number **106955**

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2019

Statement of Receipts and Payments

1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	2018-19	2017-18
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
GRANTS				
MISC GRANTS	£ 2,259	£ -	£ 2,259	£ 3,229
FUNDRAISING	£ 44,769		£ 44,769	
MISC INCOME	£ 330		£ 330	-
DONATIONS and FEE INCOME	£ 2,091		£ 2,091	£ 10,691
BANK INTEREST	£ 19		£ 19	£ 8
			£ -	£ -
	£ 49,468	£ -	£ 49,468	£ 13,928
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Accounts	£ -		£ -	£ -
Advertising			£ -	£ -
Bank Fees	£ 54		£ 54	£ 43
Horse expenses	£ 2,399		£ 2,399	£ 2,471
INSURANCE	£ 2,560		£ 2,560	£ 2,465
Entertainment/food			£ -	£ 175
Repairs and Maintenance	£ 3,038		£ 3,038	£ 389
phone	£ 234		£ 234	£ 209
postage and admin	£ 171		£ 171	£ 151
misc			£ -	£ 65
light and heat	£ 575		£ 575	-
Wages/Salaries	£ 3,840		£ 3,840	£ 4,580
Water	£ 428		£ 428	£ 1,246
equipment			£ -	£ -
Training			£ -	£ -
	£ 13,298	£ -	£ 13,298	£ 11,794
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	£ 36,170	£ -	£ 36,170	£ 2,134

Statement of Assets and liabilities - year ended 31st March 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted funds	Total 2018-19	Total 2017-18
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>				
Cash at bank & in hand 1/4/18	£ 9,247	£ -	£ 9,247	£ 7,113
Surplus/deficit this year end	£ 36,170	£ -	£ 36,170	£ 2,134
Cash at bank and in hand 31/3/19	£ 45,417	£ -	£ 45,417	£ 9,247
Liabilities	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>				
Bank Current Account	Ulster Bank xxx024		£ 1,872	£ 9,068
	Ulster Bank xxx729		£ 16,083	
	Bank of Ireland xxx912		£ 27,283	
Bank Foundation Account			£ 179	£ 179
			£ 45,417	£ 9,247

Approved by the trustees on 26th April 2019

Paul Sperry  
Signed on behalf of Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited

Date 26/4/19

J. Todd  
Signed on behalf of Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited

Date 26/4/19

R. G. Vawter  
Signed on behalf of Riding for the Disabled Association (Armagh) Limited

Date 26/4/19

Kevin McCoy  
Signed on behalf of Kevin McCoy Accountant

Date 25/4/19

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# Annual report

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### **Riding Activities**

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Many riders took part in end of term exams and proficiency tests and it is always with great delight that they receive their certificates and endeavour awards.

The group attended Armagh County Show in June and Markethill Community Festival in August. These local events are an opportunity for us to showcase to the community all that we do and this in turn undoubtedly raises public awareness of our work.

As with all riding sessions, continued emphasis was placed on the need to operate fully in accordance with RDA Health and Safety Rules.

### **Membership and Insurance**

Active membership total is around 40. Our administration system requires all new members to complete a Volunteer Application Form, Green card and apply for an Access NI check. This ensures that operating activities are covered by RDA insurance. As in previous years, the insurance premium makes up for a large proportion of our running costs.

### **Staffing and Volunteers**

Debbie McKenna is yard manager and also cares for ponies throughout the year. On occasion we have to cancel riding sessions due to limited availability of coaches and helpers. There is significant demand for additional riding sessions and the group is continually striving to recruit coaches and helpers. This is done primarily through social media and local advertising. Some sessions are however boosted by the attendance of young people on work experience or who might be working towards an award through their school/college. It is the group's aim, where possible, to allow past riders to be a part of the volunteer team.

RDA UK has implemented the new "coaching pathway", a new qualification process whereby everyone is assessed and reviewed against a set criteria. This is a more consistent approach which offers training and various e learning courses, enabling volunteers to know which standards need to be met when delivering sessions. Various training days have been attended by volunteers, including aspects of leading and side walking, first aid training and child protection training. We have 5 instructors at present and another 2 volunteers under the title of coach in training.

### **Fundraising**

Trustees have worked relentlessly to raise funds and have organised various activities including a very successful quiz night held in local rugby club. We have had significant donations from individuals, clubs, organisations and businesses. Many of these donations have been initiated by our members or by friends of committee members. We appreciate the continued support from community, schools and parents. Fundraising is an on-going matter and our trustee committee is tireless in its attempt to come up with novel ideas and activities.

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# Annual return

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**NIC 106955**

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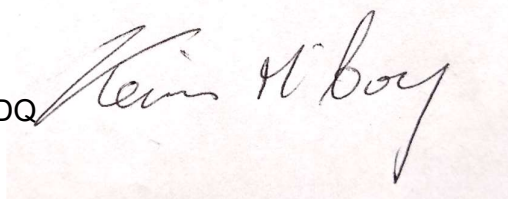
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Kevin McCoy CPAA 12178309A

19 Drumcairn Road, Armagh, BT61 8DQ

26th April 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin McCoy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the right of the printed name and address.