

Thornton Rose RDA

Scotland · Charity number SC028617

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	1998-10-28
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Thornton Rose RDA Thornton Farm Rosewell Midlothian EH24 9EF
Website	www.thornton-rose-rda.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended', 'the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Thornton Rose provides riding opportunities for people of all ages and disabilities to enjoy a safe, stimulating, therapeutic and recreational sport. We are a member of the Riding for the Disabled Association, where our vision is to improve the lives of people with disabilities through activities connected with horses

Beneficiaries: 'Children or young people', 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems'

Objectives: 4. The organisation's purpose is to promote the objects of the Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving (Company No 5010395) a charity registered under Charity Number SC039473 ("the Company") by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or to carriage drive to benefit their health and wellbeing in the Edinburgh and Borders area.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Midlothian
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-25	£29,220	£30,174	-	0
2024-02-25	£22,069	£23,188	-	0
2023-02-25	£16,291	£17,861	-	0
2022-02-25	£9,513	£11,356	-	0
2021-02-25	£22,783	£10,452	-	0

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Accounts

APPENDIX 1



Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	26	02	2024	To	25	02	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Thornton Rose RDA
Other names charity is known by	Thornton Rose Riding for the Disabled
Registered charity number	SC 028617
Charity's principal address	Thornton Farm
	Rosewell
	Midlothian
	Postcode EH24 9EF

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1		Group Chair	Appointed as Chair 04/10/25	Trustees
2		Volunteer Coordinator and Vice Chair	Appointed as Vice Chair 04/10/25	Trustees
3		Treasurer	Appointed 03/08/25	Trustees
4		Group Secretary		Trustees
5		Trustee and Vice Secretary	Appointed vice secretary 05/10/25	Trustees
6		Participant Coordinator		Members
7		Trustee		Members
8		Trustee		Members
9				
10				
11				
12				

Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	Stepped down 09/09/25
	Stepped down 04/10/25
	Stepped down 20/02/25

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The SCIO was incorporated on 10th July 2013 as a result of a Change to SCIO application by Thornton Rose RDA SC028617, which was an Unincorporated Association registered as a charity since 28th October 1998. The group is run under the auspices of RDA Nationa

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Up to seven Trustees are appointed as per the constitution, by members vote at the Annual General Meeting. An additional four Trustees may be appointed by the Board of Trustees at any point throughout the year. No Trustees receive remuneration for their services and none are employees. All Trustees demit office at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The provision or organisation of recreational facilities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended. The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Thornton Rose RDA is committed to the following through a range of equine activities.
 Improving physical, mental and social skills,
 Providing a safe and caring environment to learn, grow and develop,
 Promoting fun and friendship,
 Offering a rewarding and fulfilling volunteering experience

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Operating Overview and Main Achievements

Thornton Rose RDA has continued to deliver equine-assisted activities and therapeutic riding sessions to individuals with physical, learning, and mental health support needs throughout the year. As the only RDA group in Midlothian, the charity plays a vital role in supporting inclusion, wellbeing, and personal development through structured equine interactions.

Service Delivery and Impact

- Regular sessions were delivered twice weekly, supporting both returning and new participants.
- Activities included mounted and unmounted sessions, tailored to meet individual needs.
- Feedback from participants and families has helped shape ongoing improvements in communication and session planning.
- Weather-related challenges have been managed to ensure continuity and safety, although climate impacts remain a concern.
- Mental health and wellbeing sessions were delivered over the summer, supported by external funding.

Volunteer Involvement

- The charity remains entirely volunteer-run. Volunteers contribute across all areas including session support, horse care, fundraising, and administration.
- Recruitment of new volunteers has continued, with young people and adults involved.
- Training opportunities have been accessed to support development in areas such as safeguarding, equine care, and specialist support roles.
- Volunteer recognition initiatives were introduced to acknowledge ongoing contributions.

Coaching and Training

- All active coaches remain certified and continue to engage in CPD

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Any reserves are made available for operational use where required. As the charity owns horses, expenditure may increase or decrease rapidly at any point depending on horse care expenditure including veterinary, physiotherapy, farrier etc. A horse injury in the line of duty can cost several thousand pounds to make good.

Details of any deficit

Nil

Donated facilities and services (if any)

We have a range of services donated regularly by members and the wider community. These include the provision of web services, therapies, financial advice, building services and advice, training, accountancy and audit etc

Other optional information

N/A

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)		
Date		

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day26	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	26	February	2024		25	February	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	5,093	3,000			8,093	1,682
Fundraising	3,963				3,963	
Grants	1,695				1,695	7,337
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	13,474				13,474	12,534
A1 Sub total	24,225	3,000			27,225	21,553
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	1,995				1,995	516
Proceeds from sale of investments						
A2 Sub total	1,995				1,995	516
Total receipts	26,220	3,000			29,220	22,069
A3 Payments						
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	24,264	4,479			28,743	21,523
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination						
Preparation of annual accounts						
Legal costs						
Other						
A3 Sub total	24,264	4,479			28,743	21,523
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets	1,431				1,431	1,665
Purchase of investments						
A4 Sub total	1,431				1,431	1,665
Total payments	25,695	4,479			30,174	23,188
Net receipts / (payments)	525	(1,479)			(954)	(1,119)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
Surplus / (deficit) for year	525	(1,479)			(954)	(1,119)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	20,196	2,660			22,856	23,975
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	525	(1,479)			(954)	(1,119)
	Residual balances movement from restricted to unrestricted funds	187	(187)			-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	20,908	994			21,902	22,856
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	Horses			4,000	4,000
	Equipment			6,860	6,000
		Total	-	10,860	10,000

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

Signature*

Print Name

Date of approval

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

The funds are to facilitate the ongoing support of Thornton Rose RDA activities

C2 Grants

Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
Total			-

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
████████ mileage expenses		1,926

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
Trustee (████████)	Horse Purchase	2,500	117
Trustee (████████)	Connected family member donation	3,000	994

C6 Other information

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Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Coop Supermarket	2,003				2,003	
Maitland Family		3,000			3,000	
Various	3,090				3,090	1,682
Total	5,093	3,000			8,093	1,682

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Robertson Trust	500		500	2,000
Midlothian Volunteers	1,195		1,195	
Screwfix				1,770
Various				3,567
Total	1,695		1,695	7,337

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Membership / Participant Fee	10,632				10,632	11,889
Horse share contributions	2,461				2,461	396
Savings Interest	174				174	165
RDA Payments	207				207	
Rag Bag Collection						74
Equipment Loan						10
Total	13,474				13,474	12,534

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Livery/worming/feed	10,646				10,646	7,087
Farrier	1,645	2,006			3,651	2,285
Vet	3,908				3,908	2,116
RDA expenses and insurance	1,641				1,641	3,352
Horse physio	770				770	360
Horse loan costs	3,370				3,370	448
Mileage	2,284	806			3,090	2,002
Barn renovation		1,667			1,667	
Fundraising Expenses and hall hire						493
Horse purchase cost						3,000
Training Courses						380
Total	24,264	4,479			28,743	21,523

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Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

8/6/25

09/2025

APPENDIX 3



Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

Report to the trustees/members of

Registered charity number

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Set out on pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Independent examiner's statement

Signed**

Name

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any)

Address

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Charity name

Thornton Rose Riding for Disabled

SC 02817

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

26

02

2024

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

25

02

2025

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

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