

**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

**INCORPORATING CARRIAGE DRIVING**

**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CARRICK GROUP SCIO**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

## **RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CARRICK GROUP SCIO**

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## RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CARRICK GROUP SCIO

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees' submit their Annual Report and the Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2025.

#### *GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARITY*

The name of the Charity is Riding For The Disabled Carrick Group SCIO. It is a registered Scottish Charity with Charity Number SC028640 and is a Member for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving ("RDA"), a Charity registered in England with Reference Number 244108.

#### *OBJECTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS*

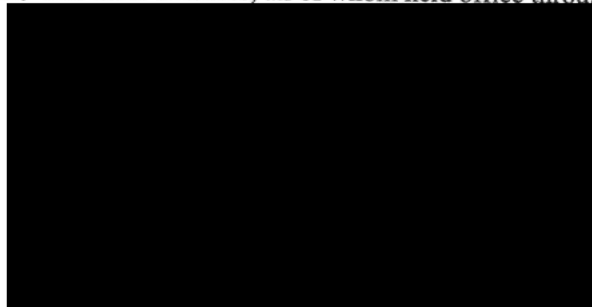
The principal activity of the Charity is to promote the objects of RDA by providing disabled people with the opportunity to ride and/or to carriage drive to benefit their health and well being in the East and South Ayrshire areas.

This object is achieved by regular classes held during normal school terms at Ayr Equitation Centre and by other special events that are held from time to time. A close liaison is maintained with local schools that have responsibility for the education of children with disabilities.

Fund raising and promotion of the Group continues to increase local awareness and support of what we do. In particular, constant contact is maintained throughout the year with the local press and the local authority volunteer services to obtain maximum publicity and awareness of our needs and activities.

#### *TRUSTEES*

Louise Burnell, chairperson, is the contact for the Charity. Her contact is e-mail [chair@rdacarrick.org.uk](mailto:chair@rdacarrick.org.uk). The other Trustees, all of whom held office throughout the year are:-



All Trustees have been made aware of their responsibilities and duties. Guidance for Charity Trustees, issued by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, is readily available.

#### *RISK MANAGEMENT*

The Trustees meet as required and *inter alia* assess the risks facing the Charity. They believe that these risks are properly and adequately minimised by training and by participation in a policy of insurance taken out by RDA, and to which the Charity is a subscriber, and by a policy of insurance relating to the building at Ayr Equitation Centre.

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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

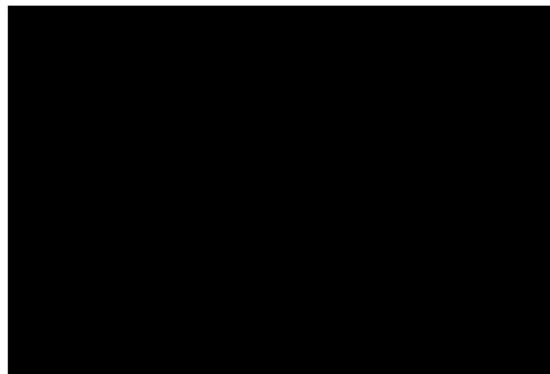
#### *FINANCE*

As disclosed in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 3, there was a surplus of unrestricted funds for the year amounting to £15,006 (2024 Deficit £1,583) and a surplus of restricted funds amounting to £50,321. The Trustees are most grateful for all donations large and

#### *CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT*

I joined the Organisation as the Chairperson in May 24. This year, our groups main efforts were towards fundraising where we management to attract some significant donations, which will be put towards our roof repair project. We continued to serve eight schools in South Ayrshire as well as some private participants, totalling 35 children receiving holistic benefits from our organisation. As ever, our survival is based on the continued support of our volunteers as well as horse and pony availability. We did have to finish early for the summer holiday period due to the unavailability of ponies but this is considered par of the course when reliant on animals! The second half of the year saw a focus on the upcoming HRH The Princess Royal Visit (due Jul 25). Our vision remains to increase our rider participation and volunteer count as well as identifying any potential riders to progress to regional competition.

This Report was approved by the Trustees on 17/12/25 and was signed on their behalf by



**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CARRICK GROUP SCIO**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**INCORPORATING A RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	Note	2025	2024
RECEIPTS:			
Riding and Pupil Fees		2,820	1,070
RDA Grant		-	350
AEC Roof Fund (Restricted)		50,321	-
Donations	2	<u>19,295</u>	<u>2,280</u>
		72,436	3,700
EXPENSES:			
Charitable Activities	3	<u>7,109</u>	<u>5,283</u>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		65,327 -	1,583
Accumulated Fund as at 1st April, 2024		<u>29,852</u>	<u>31,435</u>
Accumulated Fund as at 31st March, 2025		<u><u>95,179</u></u>	<u><u>29,852</u></u>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2025**

CASH AT BANK:			
Clydesdale Bank plc - Current Account		95,179	29,852
		<u><u>95,179</u></u>	<u><u>29,852</u></u>

REPRESENTED BY:

UNRESTRICTED FUND:

Accumulated Fund as at 1st April 2024		29,852	31,435
Transfer to Restricted fund	-	10,000	-
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		<u>15,006</u>	<u>- 1,583</u>
Accumulated Fund as at 31st March, 2025		<u><u>34,858</u></u>	<u><u>29,852</u></u>

RESTRICTED FUND:

Accumulated Fund as at 1st April 2024		-	-
Transfer from unrestricted fund		10,000	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		<u>50,321</u>	<u>-</u>
Accumulated Fund as at 31st March, 2025		<u><u>60,321</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>95,179</u></u>	<u><u>29,852</u></u>

The Notes on Pages 4 and 5 form an integral part of these Accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 17/2/25 and was signed on their behalf by



**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CARRICK GROUP SCIO**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

**1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS:**

The Trustees acknowledge that they are responsible for the preparation of these Accounts. The Trustees have no Restricted Funds and operate one Unrestricted Fund. The Charity is not registered for Value Added Tax. Payments, therefore, include irrecoverable Input Vat. The Statement of Financial Activities has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as required by the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

**2 DONATIONS:**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	-	1,000
	15,000	-
	300	-
	-	155
	375	1,000
	20	-
	600	-
	3,000	-
Anonymous	-	125
	<u>19,295</u>	<u>2,280</u>

**3 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENSES:**

RDA Membership Fee	713	681
Hire of Horses - Ayr	2,532	1,610
Insurances	2,284	2,121
Repairs to Buildings and Equipment	330	-
Other Charitable Costs - Accountancy	294	282
Administration and Meetings	317	479
Tea with a pony	-	110
Solutions on Demand	389	-
Vet fees	250	-
	<u>7,109</u>	<u>5,283</u>

**4 PARENT ORGANISATION:**

The Charity is an Affiliated Member of Riding for the Disabled Association incorporating Carriage Driving, a Charity registered in England under Charity Number 244108.

**5 TRUSTEES:**

No Trustee received remuneration in either year nor did any Trustee have any interest in any transaction carried out by the Charity.

**6 PROPERTY:**

The Charity owns a building situated at Ayr Equitation Centre, the cost of which has been written off in past years. The Trustees persist in their attempts to negotiate a lease for this building with the landowner. The property is currently valued for insurance purposes at £1,058,000.

**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CARRICK GROUP SCIO**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**  
**OF RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CARRICK GROUP SCIO**

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER:**

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

The Charity Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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

**BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT:**

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.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT:**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

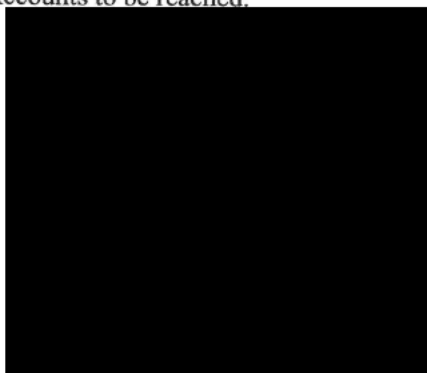
- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

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 understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



17/12/25

