

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION DEESIDE GROUP

Registered Charity No. SC028681

**Accounts for the 12 months ending
31 March 2025**

Riding for the Disabled Association Deeside Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

Scottish Charity SCIO No.SC028681

Current Committee Members



Contact Address



Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting held each year. At each AGM one third of the trustees must stand down with those longest in office retiring first. All, however, can stand again for re-election.

Should a vacancy occur during the year a replacement trustee can be appointed by the Committee until the next AGM of the Group.

The Committee is composed of:

A Group Chairman

A Group Secretary

A Group Treasurer

Not more than 8 elected Committee members

Following the OSCR and RDA UK advice on having a set of Voting Members, the Trustees set this up and we currently have 9 Voting Members.

Governing Document

Riding for the Disabled Association (hereafter referred to as RDA) was registered with the Charities Commission in October 1969 (Reg. Charity No. 244108) and became a company limited by guarantee (Company No.5010395) on 8 January 2004. RDA is a federation of 500-member Groups governed by a Membership Agreement with the national body (RDA National), the RDA Membership Manual and a Standard Group Constitution.

The Member Groups are all separately registered charities.

Charitable Purposes

The objects of the Group, as recorded in our constitution, are to provide the opportunity in the Deeside area for disabled people to ride to benefit their health and wellbeing, delivering a real and lasting therapy that not only benefits mobility and co-ordination but encourages confidence and self-worth while having fun.

We managed to hold four sessions during the Summer Term 2024, twelve sessions during the Autumn Term 2024 and three sessions during the Spring Term 2025. This was not as many as we would like to have held but it took us quite a while to source transport for getting the children to the sessions and there were some occasions when the Coach was not available due to holidays/personal development training. We now have reliable transport for all four schools attending.

We received no Income this year from Riders Contribution due to Aberdeenshire Council making cuts and therefore no longer partially funding our riders.

Our main expenditure was £5,331. This was mainly made up of rental of ponies, arena hire and coaching fees along with the rental of a storage container for our equipment. We are now also incurring the cost of transport for the schools which came to £1,254 this year and will increase again next year as we are having to support an additional school with transport.

Our bank balance at the end of the year was £53,617.

This is the first time in several years that we have ended up with a loss. The main contributing factors for this are No Rider Income, Interest rates have gone down significantly and our Costs have gone up significantly.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

The trustees received no remuneration and no expenses during the year.

Reserves

No restricted funds were brought forward and all restricted donations during the year were utilised in full in accordance with instructions.

Reserves are modest and are held against any potential deficit in expenditure and to complete the planned building work.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.


Chairperson

Date: 05/12/25

Riding for the Disabled Association Deeside Group (Scotland)

Scottish Charity Register Number SCIO SC028681

Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 as set out on page 1 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) 2005 Act (the "2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's 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 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 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 accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

The Accounts were examined and found correctly recorded. Expenditure was vouched, but in common with associations of this kind, limited information is available to test the completeness of the income of the association.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

Date: 11/1/25

Relevant Qualification:

PART QUALIFIED
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Receipts and Payments Account
For the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

			2025 £	2024 £	2023 £
		Note			
Riders Contribution				1,750.00	840.00
Donations:	Restricted	1		-	-
	Unrestricted	1	150.00	2,097.07	1,619.05
Fundraising		2		30.00	-
Sale of Pipes					200.00
Sale of Portacabin				-	6,000.00
Coffee Fund Collection				276.33	
Bank Interest			965.39	2,613.02	1,179.86
Balances at 31st March 2024			<u>1,115.39</u>	<u>6,766.42</u>	<u>9,838.91</u>
Payments					
Pony & Arena hire			898.00	915.00	646.00
Instructors fee			1,245.00	1,625.00	1,048.00
Minibus Hire for Aboyne Academy/Banchory Primary Schools			1,253.60	-	-
RDA Affiliation fee			200.00	200.00	230.00
Insurances: Public Liability, Pers. Accident, TII			277.00	260.00	230.00
Building & equipment			214.50	199.93	203.32
Rental of Storage Container (including electricity)			1,935.15	1,999.14	1,656.00
Database Annual Fee			66.00		
Hydraulic lift - maintenance			-	-	-
Equipment			-	-	
Move expenses & Storage of Portacabin					312.00
Sundries		3		126.00	91.00
Coffee Fund				241.50	
Trf Donation from Rotary Alford to RDA Regional					1,500.00
			<u>6,089.25</u>	<u>5,566.57</u>	<u>5,916.32</u>
Surplus/Deficit			<u>-4,973.86</u>	<u>1,199.85</u>	<u>3,922.59</u>
Restricted Surplus/ Deficit					
Unrestricted Surplus/Deficit			-4,973.86	1,199.85	3,922.59

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Statement of Balances at 31st March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £	2023 £
Bank and cash in hand			
Opening balances	58,590.63	57,390.78	53,468.19
Surplus/Deficit for the Year	- 4,973.86	1,199.85	3,922.59
	<u>53,616.77</u>	<u>58,590.63</u>	<u>57,390.78</u>
 Reserves	 53,616.77	 58,590.63	 57,390.78
 Assets:			
Portacabin	-	-	-
Log Cabin and Furnishings	-	-	-
Storage Boxes and Games Equipment	2,264.68	2,264.68	2,264.68
Riding Equipment	3,974.26	3,974.26	3,974.26
Hydraulic Lift	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
 Total Value of Assets	 <u>15,238.94</u>	 <u>15,238.94</u>	 <u>15,238.94</u>
 Restricted Funds	 -	 -	 -
Unrestricted Funds	53,616.77	58,590.63	57,390.78

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Chairperson

Date 05/12/25

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For the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1 DONATIONS:

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £
Alford Rotary Club	-	
Inchmarlo Retirement Home	150.00	
Amazon	-	
	<u>150.00</u>	<u>-</u>

2 FUND RAISING:

Sale of Plants	-
	<u>-</u>

3 SUNDRIES:

<u>-</u>

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Fund Balances at 31st March 2025

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Receipts 2024-2025	1,115.39			1,115.39
Payments 2024-2025	- 6,089.25			- 6,089.25
Transfers between accounts				-
	- 4,973.86	-	-	- 4,973.86
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