



BLAIRGOWRIE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP (SCIO)

Scottish Charity No – SC028824

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Blairgowrie Riding for the Disabled : Charity No. SC028824

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on the accompanying pages of this report.

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 attention.

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.

Name: ACG Accounting Service

Address: 7 Birch Crescent, Blairgowrie PH10 6TS

Date:



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Blairgowrie Riding for the Disabled Group (SCIO)

Charity no: SC028824

Address: Easter Rattray Farm, Blairgowrie PH10 7HQ

Current Trustees

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	
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Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (a SCIO), incorporated on 26 September 2014 (previously unincorporated association established on 12 November 1998).

The group is a member of the Riding for the Disabled National Association.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed at the annual general meeting. There must be a minimum of four and a maximum of eleven trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The Blairgowrie Riding for the Disabled Group (SCIO) is a voluntary specialist therapeutic service for Blairgowrie and the surrounding catchment area. Its purpose is to enable people with disabilities to ride for the benefit of their health and well-being and to achieve their personal goals.

The Group can be contacted through the Secretary of its Trustees at Silverbirch, Perth Road, Blairgowrie PH10 6QB.

Charitable purpose

The organisation's purpose is to promote the objectives 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 carriage drive to benefit their health and wellbeing in the Perth & Kinross area.

Activities and achievements

The Trustees have met regularly throughout the year at various locations.

We had a full year of lessons with both primary school and private adult and children riders. This has increased our lesson income. All of the riders were extremely enthusiastic and many came along for additional sessions during the school holidays. We are still going strong as a group and that is very much down to the incredible support we receive from the local community, Easter Rattray Farm and our hard-working volunteers, who continue to care for the ponies and help with lessons.

This year we undertook many fundraising events. The Clip Clop Club 100 draw continues to be successful, and income was supplemented by two coffee mornings including raffle/tombola and bake stalls and a raffle at Tesco. We had an incredible response from volunteers, our landlords and the local community who were very supportive of these events. We're lucky to have some very talented home bakers among our volunteers! Additional support has also come from Blairgowrie & Rattray Quiz Night, Erich Scottish Dancing, Angling for Youth and a volunteer's participation in the Forfar Triathlon as well as various individual/group donations.

Our website at www.blairgowrierda.co.uk continues to feature all our latest news, how people can volunteer with us and find out more about riding lessons, as well as how to join our popular Clip Clop Club 100 draw and much, much more. The site also features a fabulous gallery of our ponies and riders and, if you'd like to support us, you'll find all the information you need there – including a new Donate Now section where you can feature on our Donor Wall! We also have a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BlairgowrieRDA where we share lots of photos and updates.

Our volunteers continue to excel themselves and we are extremely grateful for all their ongoing support.

Financial review

Reserves policy

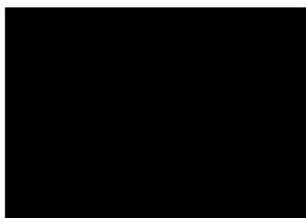
The Trustees' policy is to retain £5,000 in order to meet commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. At 31 March 2025 reserves were £37,048 which are in excess of this figure.

Plans for future period

We are now able to increase our lesson capacity over a longer period of the year and during the school breaks we can continue with our private lessons.

Fundraising will continue with coffee mornings, the Tesco raffle, the Clip Clop Club draw and a Charity Shop in October 2025.

The communities in Blairgowrie and the surrounding towns and villages have been great supporters of the group over the last five decades and we look forward to working with them in the future.



RDA Income and Expenditure Account

	Year end to 31 March 2025			Year end 31 March 2024
	General £	Restricted £	Total £	
Income				
Lessons	6,915	-	6,915	4,626
Donations	9,629	-	9,629	11,921
Restricted Donations	-	-	-	5,470
Sales of Assets	-	-	-	-
100 Club Lottery	2,640	-	2,640	2,620
100 Club Lottery payout	(555)	-	(555)	(980)
ER Sale Cakes/Coffee morning	2,108	-	2,108	2,760
Markets/Charity Shop/ fundraising	859	-	859	1,342
Sale of feed	65	-	65	-
Sundry	-	-	-	-
Petty cash	-	-	-	-
Tea with a Pony	-	-	-	-
Interest Received	381	-	381	399
	22,042	-	22,042	28,158
Expenditure				
Pony Welfare - Food (Hay and supplements)	1,028	-	1,028	1,415
Pony Welfare - Denplan	1,252	-	1,252	3,016
Pony Welfare - Vet and Farrier fees	2,617	-	2,617	1,573
All restricted	-	4,220	4,220	3,655
Rent and Electricity	5,801	-	5,801	5,568
Training and Equipment	1,978	-	1,978	796
Arena Hire/Field Shelter	1,720	-	1,720	1,360
Health & Safety	10	-	10	24
Repairs	19	-	-	-
Travel costs	398	-	398	166
Insurance	241	-	241	426
Licence fees	612	-	612	666
Postage and stationery	-	-	-	-
Purchases of ponies	-	-	-	-
Website	131	-	131	21
Legal	8	-	8	-
Accountant fees	120	-	120	150
Fundraising costs	464	-	464	343
Sundry expenses / mobile	426	-	426	284
Sundry expenses other	-	-	-	-
Bank charges (Sum up/Stripe)	8	-	8	6
	16,833	4,220	21,053	19,469
Income over Expenditure	5,209	(4,220)	989	8,689

Statement of Balances as at 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Debtors and Prepayments				
Lessons	1,515	-	1,515	-
Gift aid	2,477	-	2,477	-
Prepayment	221	-	221	334
	4,212	-	4,212	334
Bank and cash				
Current account	1,556	-	1,556	2,270
Deposit account	19,313	11,759	31,072	33,191
Petty cash	208	-	208	264
	21,077	11,759	32,836	35,725
Creditors	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	25,289	11,759	37,048	36,059

Represented by:	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Opening Reserves 01 April 2024	20,080	15,979	36,059	27,370
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	5,209	(4,220)	989	8,689
Closing Reserves 31 March 2025	25,289	11,759	37,048	36,059

Restricted Funds

	Total £	New Tack	Security/ Building	Tea with a Pony	PKC Transport for Pupils	SSE Grant - transport 23-24	Arena	* Easter Rattray Maintenance Fund
Brought Forward 1 April 2024	15,979	264	837	500	600	5,000	2,943	5,835
	15,979	264	837	500	600	5,000	2,943	5,835
Purchase of Zebedee	3,200							3,200
New saddle Patch	645	264						381
Tpt school children	375				375			
Total Spend	4,220	264	-	-	375	-	-	3,581
Balance 31 March 2025	11,759	-	837	500	225	5,000	2,943	2,254

* Change of fund name as per minutes 14/08/2023

Notes to the accounts - for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the charity.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

The charities insurance policy includes Trustee Indemnity Insurance for all its trustees. No other remuneration was paid to the trustees or any other connected persons during the year (2023: Nil)

4. Donations

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Private Individual	2,500		2,500	2,500
Private Individual	1,000		1,000	1,000
Private Individual	-		-	105
Private Individual	-		-	891
Private Individual Funeral	485		485	
SSE Grant for Transport costs			-	5,000
Private Individual Field shelters			-	470
Howdens	-		-	220
Ecclesiastical - Charities trust	-		-	1,000
Ladies Darts Team			-	189
Vitality Health				245
Blairgowrie and Rattray Quiz night	150		150	-
Ericht Scottish Dancing	500		500	
Volunteer donation - Forfar triathlon	760		760	
Angling for Youth	600		600	
Burrelton Market	-		-	281
Amazon Smile	-		-	27
HMRC Gift Aid claim	2,477		2,477	4,472
CCC donations from prize funds	210		210	230
Other various donations < £500	948		948	762
	9,629	-	9,629	17,391