

Equi-Power Central Scotland RDA SCIO

Scotland · Charity number SC045949

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2015-08-31
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

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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: Provide therapeutic and competitive activities to children and adults with additional support needs. We believe in the power of horses to transform lives, and provide a safe and welcoming environment for people of all ages to experience the benefits of being around horses. Our activities, such as riding, horse care, vaulting, and tea with a pony, improve physical and emotional well being and promote skills development in a fun way.

Beneficiaries: 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: 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 Central Scotland area.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Stirling
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£132,315	£110,730	-	1
2024-08-31	£107,941	£114,405	-	1
2023-08-31	£139,668	£122,975	-	1
2022-08-31	£120,690	£122,455	-	1
2021-08-31	£142,199	£70,570	-	0

Accounts



EQUI-POWER CENTRAL SCOTLAND RDA
A Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the year end
31 August 2025
Scottish Charity No SC045949

ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2025.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name Equi-Power Central Scotland RDA SCIO

Charity No. SC045949

Principal Office 3 Fairfield, Moss Road, Near Dunmore, Falkirk, FK2 8RY

Website Address www.equi-power.org

Trustees in post on 31st August 2025

David James (Chair)

Robert Crozier (Treasurer)

Susie Elliot (Vice Chair)

Anna Mezentseva (Secretary)

Sue Dumbleton (Participant Representative)

Gillie Drapper (Trustee)

Ian Rodger (Equine Welfare)

Lauren Manzor (Equine Welfare)

Kirsten Laird (HR)

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Independent Examiner

Helen Bourquin

Association of Charity Independent Examiners

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Equi-Power Central Scotland RDA SCIO is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) that was established on 18th June 2015 and registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) charity no SC045949 on 31st August 2015. The SCIO is governed by its constitution.

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Appointment of Trustees

The organisation structure consists of its:

MEMBERS - who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself.

BOARD - who hold regular meetings and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

Risk Assessment

Equi-Power trustees regularly review the risks to which the charity could be exposed and consider that they have the correct policies and procedures in place to mitigate these risks. The charity holds insurance which is reviewed on an annual basis. The Health & Safety of the beneficiaries is a priority within the organisation and any adult helpers undertaking regulated work must be members of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups ("PVG") Scheme operated by Disclosure Scotland.

OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

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 Central Scotland area.

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ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Horsepower and Coaches

Four horses, Dana, Laddie, Hugo and Angel provided horse riding, equestrian vaulting, equine assisted learning, family services, horse care and dementia services during the financial year.

Coaches Lynne Blore (Advanced RDA coach), Helen Easty (RDA coach), Hazel Blake (RDA County Coach), Katrina March (RDA Coach) and Lyn Dumbleton (Assistant RDA coach) and Activity Leaders Tracey Cartwright and Amanda Namey provided riding, equestrian vaulting, equine facilitated learning, horse care, family sessions and dementia friendly sessions during the reporting period.

Internal Processes

The charity is managed by a full-time employed Service Manager. The Charity maintained its stable self-employed team of a part-time administrative assistant, part-time bookkeeper, part-time revenue fundraiser

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and part-time coaching team during the accounting period. Horses were kept on livery at Glendale Livery (Stirling Council area) which is central to participants and volunteers from Stirlingshire, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk Council areas.

The charity is supported by 10 trustees, whose experience includes senior HR, accounting, RDA, business management, equine welfare, Marketing, Comms and IT expertise.

The organisation continued to adopt a balanced scorecard approach to monitor key outputs and offers University students undergraduate and postgraduate placements to support activities.

Stakeholder Engagement

140 participants with disabilities and additional support needs were active in horse riding, vaulting, equine assisted learning, equine facilitated learning, dementia support activities and creative equine related activities during the period.

From September 24 to August 25 Equi-Power delivered 59 group vaulting sessions to 43 participants with disabilities/additional support needs, 135 group and individual horse care sessions to 50 participants, including 9 regular attendees with alcohol related dementia, and 247 riding lessons to 33 participants. These figures include pupils attending from 3 High School special educational units, who brought 21 young people for 4-week blocks of educational horse care activities; and pupils attending from 2 local Primary Schools' specialist educational provisions, who brought 22 Children for 4-week blocks of equestrian vaulting.

18 children with profound and complex disabilities accessed our family days with 7 young carers also benefitting from activities. 44 RDA accredited awards were achieved including Introduction to Vaulting, Horse Care levels One to Four, Riding levels One to Four and RDA Endeavour awards.

Services were supported by 67 sessional volunteers, of whom 12 have disabilities themselves. Sessional Volunteers donated 2586 hours of volunteering time, supporting a range of activities including equestrian vaulting, riding, horse care, dementia and equine assisted learning sessions. A further 24 volunteers supported the charity in a professional capacity, engaging in fundraising, governance, promotional and capital project activities. 22 Duke of Edinburgh or Saltire Awards were earned by our young volunteers.

The charity's participant panel met quarterly and grew, engaging with volunteers, parents, carers and participants. Participant views are fed directly to trustees and management via panel meetings and the Participant Panel Representative.

Equi-Power volunteers and representatives attended training including Child and Adult Protection training, First Aid, Equine Facilitated Learning Skills, Equine Biosecurity, Essential Trustee training, RDA Showjumping training, RDA Fundraising Training, Equine Knowledge modules, Disability Awareness Training, Dementia Friends, Elevate Your Group Trustee Training, Scottish Charity Law workshops and Volunteer Induction training.

Volunteers, staff and participants supported fundraising through our 10th Anniversary Ceilidh, by walking the Kilt Walk and by taking a stall to Pony Club events. Charity representatives also attended the local Youth Philanthropy Initiative fair, The Capital FM Awards, Forth Climate Event, Round Table Awards Evening, an Education Partners Event and YPI Awards Ceremony.

In our tenth anniversary year, participants attended the Scottish Dressage Championships in Glasgow, 3 Scottish Equestrian Vaulting competitions, the West and Central Regional dressage and Countryside Challenge qualifiers and the charity ran a whole service, inclusive tenth anniversary show. Fourteen Participants took part in RDA UK's Virtual National Championships and eight participants and their families qualified for and travelled to Hartpury in Gloucestershire and took part in the RDA National Championships.

The charity maintained memberships with British Equestrian Vaulting, Club Sport Stirling, Forth Valley Disability Sport, Horse Scotland, Sported, the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) and Horses in Therapy International (HETI). The Charity remains an approved provider for Stirling Council's Social Inclusion Framework and continues to work with school, local authority, local charity, care home and self-referrals.

Financial Management

Efforts were made during the period to minimise costs and optimise grant funding and fundraising opportunities. This included retaining the services of a self-employed revenue fundraiser for three days per month, with incoming funding enabling financial planning for operational costs and consistent staffing. The Trustees acknowledge effective fundraising throughout the accounting period means that the charity finished the year in a stable financial position.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2024 TO AUGUST 2025

Participant Successes: Riding.

33 regular Equi-Power (EP) riders progressed their therapeutic and competitive riding journeys in 2024/2025. All regular riders were offered the opportunity to take part in our inclusive tenth anniversary show and had a wonderful day, alongside horse-care participants and vaulters. In October 2024, EP riders Ash and Liam became RDA Reserve Scottish Dressage Champions in their ability classes at the RDA Scottish Dressage Championships, following this with 4th and 5th placings in RDA UK's Virtual National Championships. Two further EP riders took 1st places respectively in their dressage classes in the Virtual National Championships and three riders took 3rd and 4th places. Of our 6 Countryside Challenge entries in RDA's Virtual National Championships, 3 achieved placings in the top 4. 6 EP riders made a strong start to 2025 by taking top 7 placings in the RDA's May regional Dressage qualifiers, with Jamie, Skye and Ash qualifying for the National Championships in Hartpury. A further 6 riders took part in the Regional Dressage Qualifiers with all achieving top four placings, and Liam, Skye and Ash adding to the group's Hartpury qualifications. Skye and Ash achieved 4th and 8th places in their Hartpury National Championship classes. A wonderful finale to the year and a testament to their dedication and the skill and the efforts of their talented coaches.





"I'm much fitter and stronger through riding. After spending so much time at home for 20 years it's given me a new lease of life to be able to go to the horses"

*"Thank you, specifically, for sparking my PE hating, physical movement avoiding child not only into moving but also learning that nothing can hold her back, she is more resilient than she ever dreamed, she can achieve what she sets her mind to and she can be a meaningful part of a team who achieve great things. We are *so*thankful"*

Participant Successes: Equestrian Vaulting.

The Equi-Power Equestrian Vaulting Team enjoyed an outstanding year of competitive success in the Scottish Equestrian Vaulting and RDA National competitions. Team members, including young people living with cerebral palsy, autism, dwarfism and developmental trauma achieved 5 Virtual National Championship^{1st} places in the 2024 RDA UK Virtual National Champions in Individual and Pas de Deux (pairs) and Team vaulting. 7 members of our vaulting team then travelled to the National Championships in Hartpury in July 2025, where they swept the board, returning with 14 First Place placings across individual, pairs and team events. Throughout the year EP vaulting parents enjoyed informal peer support and respite time during sessions and formed valuable friendships during their time away together at national competitions.



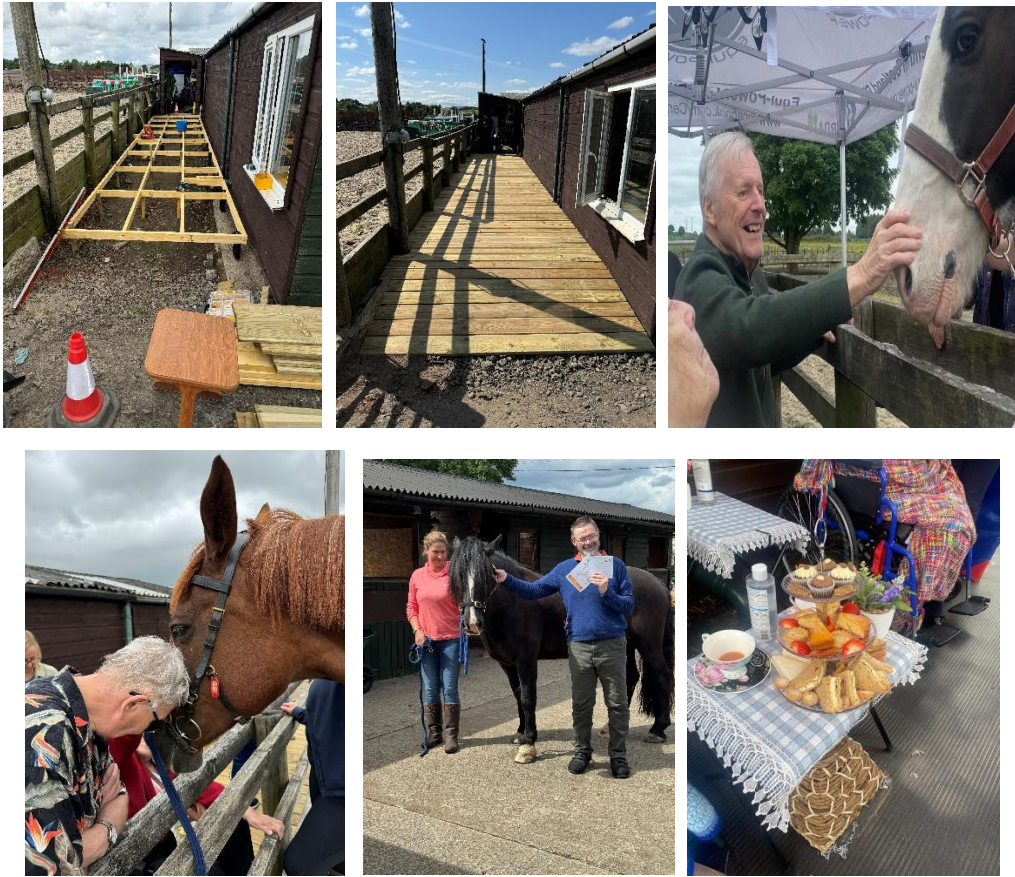


“Watching S shine and be so confident and proud will stay with me forever”

“L has blown me away (with their achievements). My reserved, once socially avoidant, easily overwhelmed kiddo has grown over the past couple of years with Equi-Power and the coaches and volunteers compassion, encouragement and support. They have done things physically they never dreamed of being able to do again, they quit dance and gymnastics because they couldn't keep up after the cancer treatment but this past weekend they have not only vaulted on horseback but they have gotten back in the saddle to ride and now at several competitions which is something they weren't sure would be possible either. They have mentally coped with the huge overwhelming environment thanks to the strong foundation of friendships they have built over the past few months. Together the kids rallied around each other in challenging moments and it was beautiful and quite emotional. L has left Nationals not only with amazing memories, but new life skills, new friends and further proof that with the right love and support they can achieve anything. Thank you to every single person for giving that to all of our kids, it has value beyond measure and we are all incredibly grateful”

Therapeutic Services: Dementia Support.

Equi-Power hosted a regular horse care and social group for individuals with alcohol related dementia throughout 2024/2025. Attendees benefit from increased activity levels, a wider social circle, structure to their week and improved mood and physical wellbeing. Several attendees achieved RDA Endurance Awards for walking 1km and 2km distances with a pony over the course of their sessions. A local company rebuilt our aged and flooding viewing area which will allow us to resume Tea with a Pony sessions in 2025/26. These sessions offer individuals with dementia and age-related disabilities the chance to enjoy intergenerational engagement with riders in our sessions, a social lunch and to spend one to one time with our ponies. Time spent outdoors and with our horses allows individuals with advancing dementia to engage in purposeful activity, improves mood and reduces agitation, supporting participants in enjoying time and sharing memories with carers and loved ones.



I can't tell you what it meant for J to be so well looked after and treated to such a special experience yesterday. It's years since I've seen her so happy and she couldn't stop saying that she had met Laddie and what a lovely horse he is. The word went round at WS as soon as she got back and I'm sure they'll all be reliving it with her for days, which will prolong the joy. You're a really remarkable team, all of you: so professional and so incredibly kind. You made a big impact on us both"

"We see increased concentration in our residents, and ability to focus for longer periods, enhanced conversation in residents who are usually quiet"

Therapeutic Services: Family Days and Ride and Play sessions.

Equi-Power identified a need expressed by families of children with a complex disability for activities that their disabled and non-disabled children can enjoy together. Siblings of disabled children often become young carers, and families often have to split themselves between activities for their disabled and non-disabled children. Equi-Power runs extended 'family sessions' in the school holidays for families where a child has a profound, complex or life limiting disability. Alongside activities with our horses, we create sensory and physical play stables, offer an Easter Egg hunt, crafts, refreshments and facepainting to be enjoyed by all ages and abilities. We also recognise that some children may only be able to sit on a pony for a very short length of time, but families need the opportunity to leave the house for a meaningful experience and meet and socialise with each other. Equi-Power runs Ride and Play sessions with a selection of toys and a social area where small groups of families can alternate between therapeutic pony rides, socialising and play. The

formats are very successful and 25 children with profound disabilities and 7 siblings in 2025 enjoyed Family and Ride and Play sessions.



"I just wanted to thank you for the session on Thursday. M really enjoyed himself. What a fantastic environment you've created"

We had an absolutely brilliant time. Everyone enjoyed it. Thanks so much to your staff who really helped with H which meant I could focus on D. It's hard for us to join events as a family, today just allowed us all to be together and have fun"

Educational Services:

Equi-Power worked with five schools (special educational units) during the year. Primary school aged children engaged in equestrian vaulting, enjoying being physically active, strong, balanced and learning to follow instructions and work in small groups and pairs.





"It's a very positive experience for the pupils to try something new or outwith their comfort zone. Pupils are always excited about going and enjoy sharing their excitement with sessions with friends and family each week. The vaulting warmups support with their fitness and their balance. One pupil who wasn't taking part in group PE lessons now takes part most weeks"

"Pupils are more relaxed and focused on their work after time with the horses, I wish you were at school so they could start every day with you!"

High schoolers came and learned practical horse care and stable management skills, earning their RDA Horse Care Level awards, improving their physical skills, learning to work safely together, problem solving and experiencing the calming sensory nature of our horses. Members of our adult horse care club enjoyed caring for our horses, being physically active and making friends in a supportive social environment.





"A fantastic experience that our pupils would not normally be able to access. Allowing them to experience time with animals, building confidence, listening skills and following instructions"

Creative Opportunities.

Equi-Power participants with creative flair took opportunities to shine at both the RDA regional and national championships, with participants taking 1st and 4th place in Junior sculpture and third place in junior painting and drawing.



Celebrating Volunteering.

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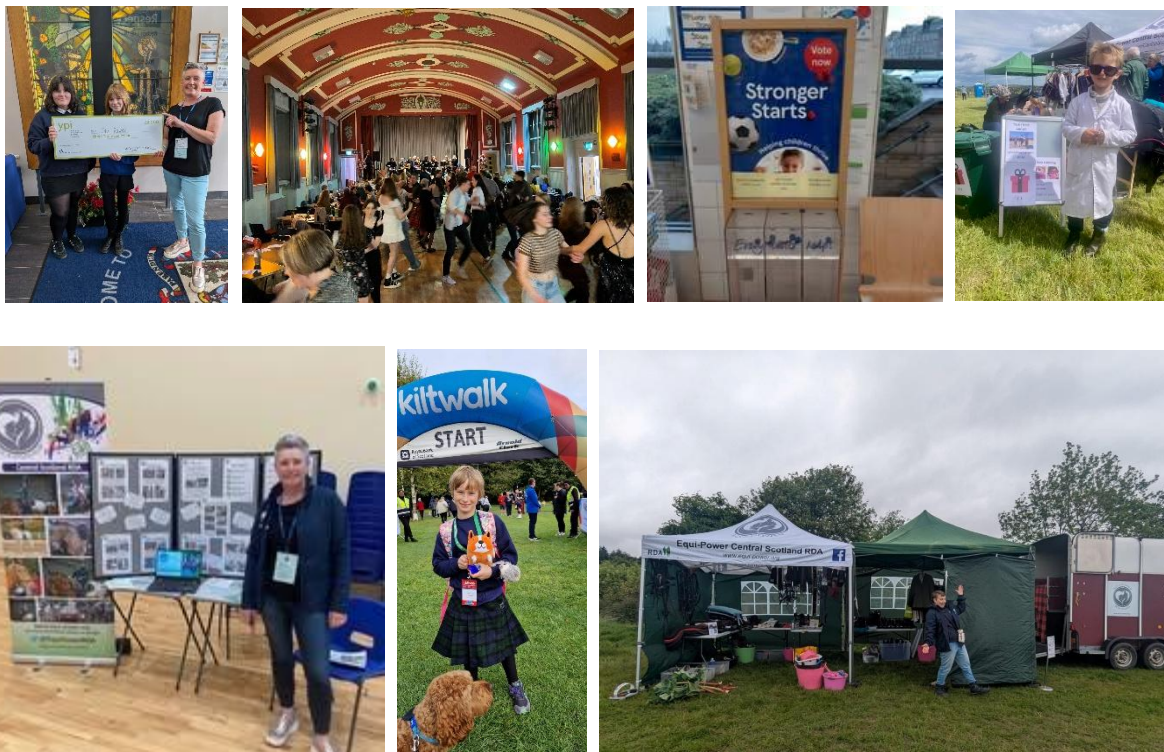


Our volunteers love:

"Helping participants get the same great experience I did" "Seeing joy of participants and working with other volunteers" "Being around the horses and witnessing the benefit to participants" "I find it really valuable seeing the connection participants have with the horses and how their confidence flourishes within the sessions" "Seeing the joy and sense of achievement participants get, the friendships made and seeing participants grow in confidence and skill" "Watching the children's reactions. Very rewarding feeling. Also love working with the horses"

Fundraising and Publicity.

Equi-Power staff, volunteers and the wider community were active in fundraising for the charity during the accounting period. Our Kiltwalk Team were out in force at the Edinburgh Kiltwalk in September 2024 and we swung into 2025 with a 10th anniversary catered ceilidh. Charity representatives went out and about to agricultural and pony club events including the Stirling Show with our information boards and 2nd hand equestrian sales stand, and a successful Facebook campaign covered some of our transport costs to Hartpury.



Award Winning

The Equi-Power team were delighted to win the Community Group of the Year Award at Capital FM's Awards night in November 2024. This closely followed the group being runner up in SCVO's Small Charity of the Year in June, showing consistent recognition of the excellent health, wellbeing, therapeutic, educational and competitive outcomes and opportunities offered by the charity.



Progress towards the build of a new RDA Centre in Stirling:

With over 130 families on Equi-Power's waiting list, demand for a purpose-built facility has never been stronger. In Spring 2025, Stirling Council re-engaged with Equi-Power and local charity TreeLink Stirling to propose a collaboration that blends Equi-Power's vision of a therapeutic equestrian centre for disabled people with Treelink's objective to enhance biodiversity in the area, and supports our shared goal of increasing public and community enjoyment of the land.

The two charities are currently gathering ideas and working with Stirling Council to carry out a feasibility study of the site. Should the results prove positive, we will continue to develop the proposal to a stage where it can be shared with the public and our key stakeholders.



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

Overview: The trustees are delighted that the total funds raised in this financial year were £132,315 (2024: £107,941), with the main source of income this year being grant funding, fundraising and participant fees. The trustees extend grateful thanks to The Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust, Children's Aid Scotland, The Basil Death Trust, Trefoil, Baynes, Robert Haldane Smith, The Robertson Trust, White Top Foundation, Scottish Children's Lottery – Bright Future, Miss DM Dawson Trust, The Sheldon Trust, The National Lottery – Awards for All, The Walker-Shoolbraid Charitable Trust, Inchrye Trust, Kingdom Housing Association, The Pettigrew Charitable Trust, The Bridge of Allan Round Table, Falkirk Council, Tesco Groundworks, The Gannochy Trust, The Essentia Foundation, The Wood Foundation, Horse Scotland, The JTH Trust for supporting the work of the charity in 2024/25.

Total expenditure for the year was £110,730 (2024 £114,405) with the main costs being staffing and horse care.

Donated Facilities & Services

The charity has been in receipt of various pieces of horse related equipment during the period.

Investment Policy

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities to safeguarding the charity's assets. They regularly consider the various factors that can affect funds and savings. The trustees have the power to invest funds in the best interest of the charity and have elected to move the charity's reserves and designated funds into high interest savings accounts. The trustees believe that investing in a property would be a suitable vehicle for the charity to have regular income.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have set the reserves policy to cover 4 months staffing and running costs. At the end of the year the charity had net assets of £128,529 (2024 £106,944). This comprised restricted funds of £74,688 (2024 £58,570) and unrestricted funds of £35,800 (2024 £32,332). The Trustees have reviewed the designation of funds and have designated £18,041 (2024 £16,041) as follows: £5,000 emergency vet bills, £8,041 capital project, £5,000 new horse purchase in 2026. Reserves Policy of 4 months expenditure is £36,000. The Trustees plan for the charity to exceed this target during the next financial year with a view to planning for the growth of the charity.

If unrestricted reserves are forecast to decrease, the Board will review budgets and financial forecasts and take necessary measures to reduce expenditure or increase income.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity aspires to move from shared rental premises to its own permanent, purpose-built home.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 28th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

David James, Chair of the Board of Trustees



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Equi-Power Central Scotland RDA SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025, which are set out on pages 17 to 22.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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 connection with my examination, no matter came 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 Regulations, and

- to prepare accounts which 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.

Helen Bourquin

Independent Examiner
The Dell
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Berwickshire TD3 6JS



Signature

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2025

<u>Income</u>	Service Provision		Capital Project			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
Participants Income	22,706				22,706	17,897
Donations	7,755	2,710			10,465	7,674
Grants		90,352			90,352	75,222
Fundraising	7,038				7,038	4,051
Crowdfunder						877
Gift Aid received	492				492	1680
Other Income	1,262				1,262	540
	39,253	93,062	0	0	132,315	107,941

<u>Payments</u>	Service Provision		Capital Project			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2025	2024
Fundraising Costs	3,763	4,093			7,856	5,507
Charitable activity	30,023	72,851			102,874	108,898
Governance Costs						

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	33,786	76,944	110,730	114,405
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	5,467	16,118	21,585	(6,464)

STATEMENT OF BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

<u>Bank and Cash</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
Cash at Bank	35,799	18,041	74,688	128,528
Cash in Hand				
	35,799	18,041	74,688	128,528

Other Assets:	2024/25
Horse - Dana	£1,500
Horse - Angel	£4,500
Horse - Hugo	£9,000
Saddlery & Tack	£8,000
Trailer	£5,000
Equipment	£6,000
	<u>£34,000</u>

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 28th April 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

David James
Chair of the Board

Robert Crozier
Treasurer

D. J. B. James

Robert Crozier

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts & payments basis in accordance with:

- (a) The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- (b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts.

2. Fund Accounting

(a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

(b) Designated funds are unrestricted funds that the trustees have set aside for particular purposes.

The designation is administrative only and does not restrict the trustees' ability to apply the fund(c) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

(d) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 8.

3. Taxation

(a) The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

(b) The charity is not registered for VAT; thus, all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

4. Transactions with trustees and related parties

(a) No remuneration was paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the year (2024: £Nil).

(b) No travelling expenses were reimbursed to any trustees (2024: £Nil)

5. Analysis of Grants Received

<u>Grants Received</u>		Income b/f 23/24	Income 24/25	Expenditure 24/25	Balance
Robert Haldane Smith	Volunteer Expenses	£426		£227	£199
M&G Prudential Community Fund	Volunteer Expenses	£1,103		£283	£820
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Western Recreation Trust	Horse	£464	£200	£264
The Nineveh Charitable Trust	Volunteer Exp/Training	£371	£350	£21
The Basil Death Trust	Admin	£1,222	£1,222	£0
National Lottery - Awards for All	Various	£2,200	£2,200	£0
Robert Haldane Smith 2	Coaching/Livery	£1,900	£900	£1,000
Communities MH & Wellbeing Fund	Various	£4,500	£4,276	£224
The Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust	Core Costs	£1,704	£1,704	£0
WCH Trust for Children	Equipment	£1,529	£1,529	£0
	Coaching/Vol			
Essentia Foundation	Exp/Livery	£2,376	£2,376	£0
The Pettigrew Charitable Trust	Core Costs	£550	£550	£0
Kingdom Housing Association	Horse	£316	£0	£316
The Gannochy Trust	Service Manager	£9,626	£9,626	£0
	Service			
The Stafford Trust	Manager/Livery	£4,280	£4,280	£0
Inchyre Trust	Coaching	£500	£500	£0
KM Harbinson Trust	Coaching	£200	£200	£0
Souter Charitable Trust	Horse	£3,000	£0	£3,000
Douglas Arter Foundation	Competition Fees	£105	£105	£0
Hugh Fraser Foundation	Competitions Costs	£2,730	£2,602	£128
JTH Charitable Trust	Livery	£500	£500	£0
The Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust 3	Core Costs	£1,000	£1,000	£0
Children's Aid Scotland	Vaulting Uniforms	£450	£450	£0
The Basil Death Trust	Admin	£1,000	£1,000	£0
Trefoil	Coaching	£1,500	£1,009	£491
Baynes	Uniforms	£100	£100	£0
Robert Haldane Smith 3	Admin	£2,000	£2,000	£0
Robertson Trust Yr 3	Service Manager	£9,000	£9,000	£0
Jones Family Charitable Trust	Competition Costs	£5,000	£2,447	£2,553
The Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust 4	Core Costs	£1,000	£1,000	£0
White Top Foundation	Admin/Vol Expenses	£1,000	£0	£1,000
Scottish Children's Lottery - Bright Future	Admin	£1,000	£1,000	£0
Miss DM Dawson Trust	Falkirk School Sessions	£1,800	£600	£1,200
The Sheldon Trust Year 2	Service Manager	£5,000	£4,071	£929
National Lottery - Awards for All 2	Manager/Admin/Livery	£20,000	£3,779	£16,221
The Walker-Shoolbraid Charitable Trust	Volunteer Expenses	£1,000	£861	£139
Inchyre trust	Coaching	£500	£0	£500
Kingdom Housing Association	Core Costs	£500	£0	£500
The Pettigrew Charitable Trust	Core Costs	£1,000	£389	£611
BofA Round Table	Anniversary Show	£500	£500	£0
Falkirk Council	Falkirk School Sessions	£3,480	£60	£3,420
Tesco Groundworks	Vaulting	£230	£0	£230
The Gannochy Trust	Service Manager	£16,350	£7,301	£9,049
Tesco Groundwork 2	Coaching	£1,000	£0	£1,000
The Essentia Foundation	Core Costs	£10,000	£0	£10,000
The Wood Foundation	Horse	£3,000	£0	£3,000
Horse Scotland	Hartpury	£672	£672	£0
Children's Aid Scotland	Hartpury	£2,000	£2,000	£0
JTH Trust (25/26)	Hartpury	25/26	£500	£0
Tesco Groundworks	Hartpury	£270	£270	£0

£39,603	£90,352	£73,639	£56,816
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6. Analysis of Payments

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Professional Fees								
Staff Costs			43592	43592			40657	40657
Coaching Costs			4789	4789			6633	6633
Horse Care	14235			14235	12130			12130
Livery	9790		8480	18270	7563		10717	18280
Capital Project							7920	7920
Hartpury			6746	6746				
Expenses	1057		839	1896	912		540	1452
Equipment	2077		2105	4182	397		5798	6195
Competition Fees & Travel			2469	2469				
Volunteer Exp & Training			3831	3831			1441	1441
Horse (inc tack & costs)							10225	10225
Annual Costs	2515			2515	3521			3521
Bank Charges	60			60	60			60
Fundraising Costs	3763			3763	835			835
Platform Fees (fundraising)	269			269	175			175
Fundraiser Costs			4093	4093			4497	4497
Platform Fees (services)	20			20	360			360.44
Platform Fees (capital)							24	24
	33,786	-	76,944	110,730	25,953	-	88,452	114,405

7. Movement of Funds

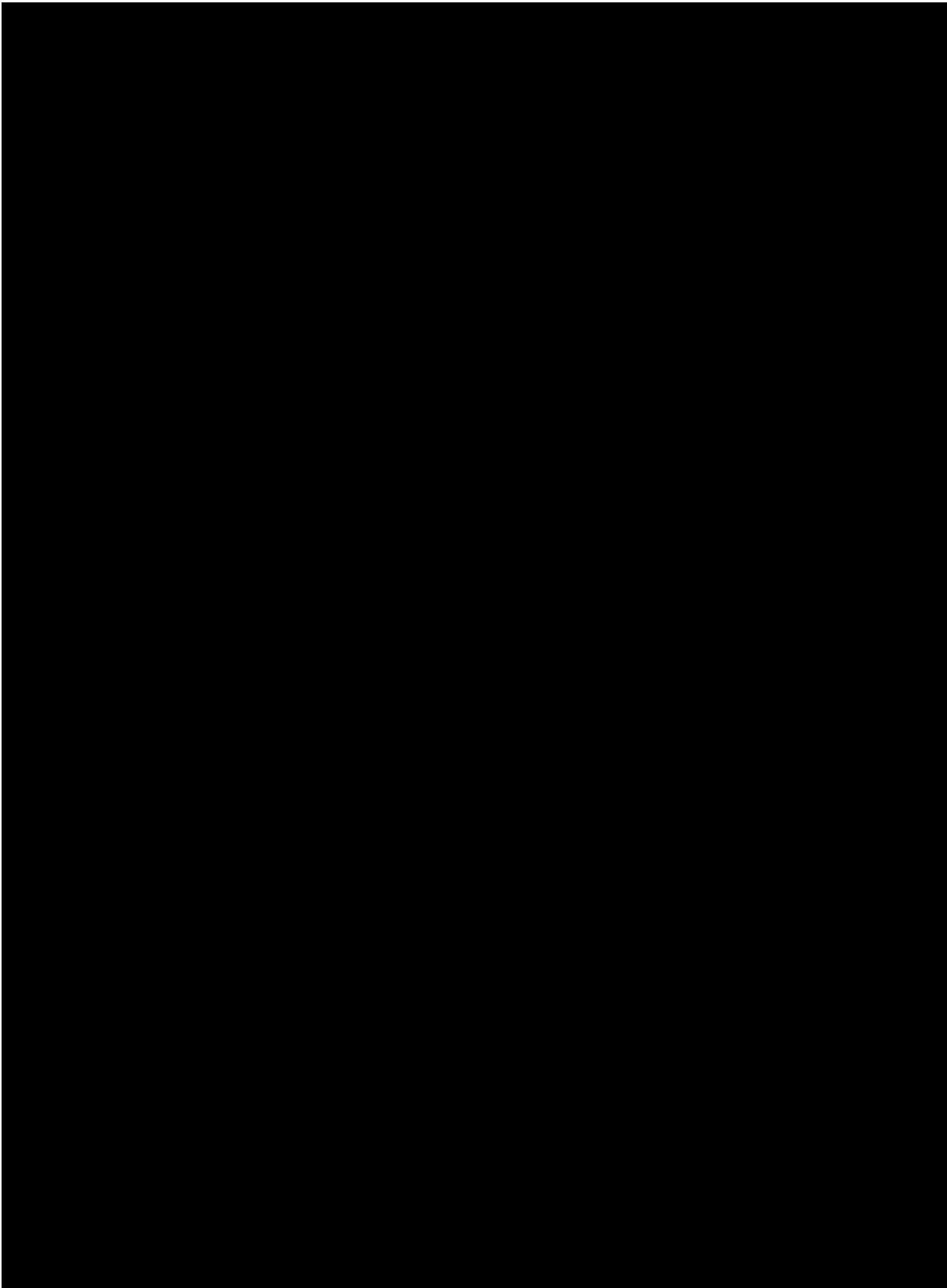
	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Services)	Designated Funds (Cap Proj)	Restricted Funds	Total
Funds Reconciliation					
Balance as at 31 August 2024	32,333	8000	8041	58,570	106,944
Designated for New Horse	(2,000)	2000			0
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	5,467			16,118	21,585
Balance as at 31 August 2025	35,800	10,000	8,041	74,688	128,529

8. Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds can be spent as per analysis of grants received.

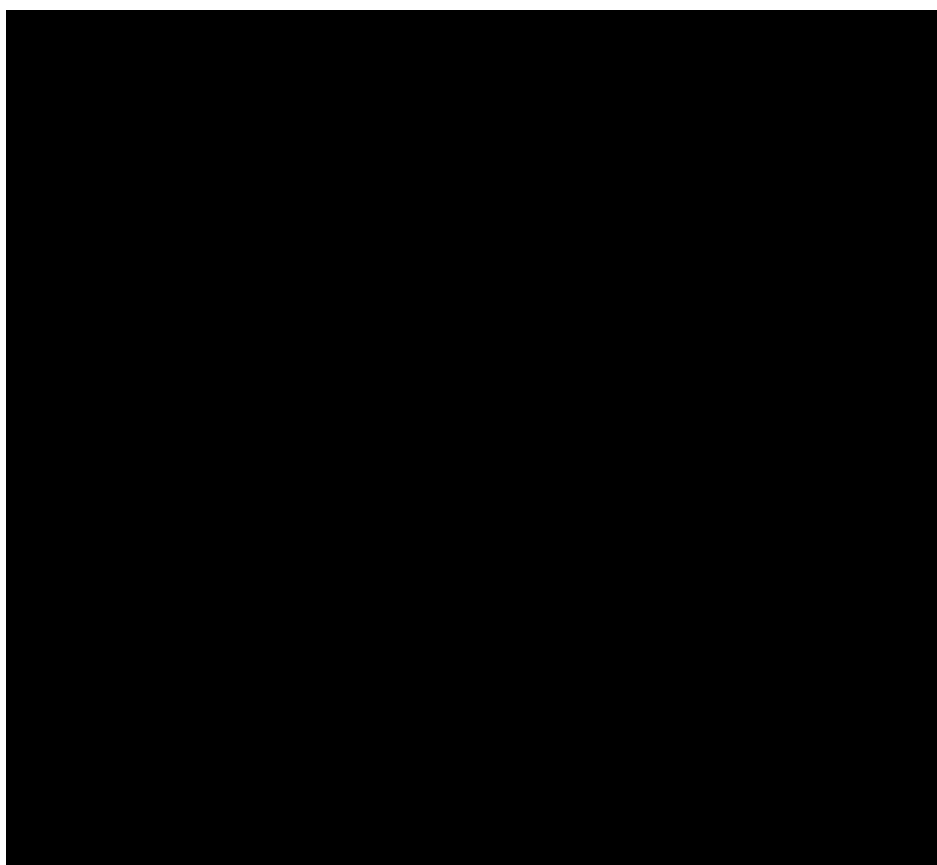
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 August 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name Equi-Power Central Scotland RDA SCIO

Charity No. SC045949

Website Address www.equi-power.org

Bankers CAF Bank Ltd

25 Kings Hill Avenue

West Mailing

Kent

ME19 4JQ

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Equi-Power Central Scotland RDA SCIO is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) that was established on 18th June 2015 and registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) charity no SC045949 on 31st August 2015. The SCIO is governed by its constitution.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Appointment of Trustees

The organisation structure consists of its;

MEMBERS - who have the right to attend members' meetings (including any annual general meeting) and have important powers under the constitution; in particular, the members appoint people to serve on the board and take decisions on changes to the constitution itself.

BOARD - who hold regular meetings and generally control the activities of the organisation; for example, the board is responsible for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.

Risk Assessment

Equi-Power trustees regularly review the risks to which the charity could be exposed and consider that they have the correct policies and procedures in place to mitigate this risk. The charity holds insurance which is reviewed on an annual basis. The Health & Safety of the beneficiaries is a priority in within the organisation and where required any adult helpers undertaking regulated work must be members of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups ("PVG") Scheme operated by Disclosure Scotland.

OBJECTS & ACTIVITIES

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 Central Scotland area.

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.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

Horsepower and Coaches

Four horses, Dana, Laddie, Hugo and Angel provided horse riding, equestrian vaulting, equine assisted learning, family services, horse care and dementia services during the financial year.

Coaches [REDACTED] (Advanced RDA coach), [REDACTED] (Advanced RDA coach), [REDACTED] (RDA coach), [REDACTED] (RDA coach), [REDACTED] (RDA County Coach), [REDACTED] (RDA Coach) and [REDACTED] (Assistant RDA coach) and Activity Leaders [REDACTED] provided riding, equestrian vaulting, equine facilitated learning, horse care, family sessions and Tea with a Pony (dementia) sessions during the reporting period.

Internal Processes

The charity is managed by a full-time employed Service Manager. The Charity maintained its stable self-employed team of a part-time administrative assistant, part-time bookkeeper, part-time revenue fundraiser and part-time coaching team during the accounting period, with the coaching and activity leader team growing to support demand for services. Horses were kept on livery at Glendale Livery (Stirling Council area) which is central to participants and volunteers from Stirlingshire, Clackmannanshire and Falkirk Council areas.

The charity is supported by 8 trustees, whose experience includes senior HR, accounting, RDA, business management, equine welfare, professional social work and IT expertise.

The organisation continued to adopt a balanced scorecard approach to monitor key outputs and offers University students undergraduate and postgraduate placements to support activities.

Stakeholder Engagement

159 participants with disabilities and additional support needs were active in horse riding, vaulting, equine assisted learning, equine facilitated learning, dementia support activities and creative equine related activities during the period.

From September 23 to August 24 Equi-Power delivered 56 group vaulting sessions to 41 participants with disabilities/additional support needs, 103 group and individual horse care sessions to 59 participants, including 7 regular attendees with alcohol related dementia, and 196 riding lessons to 33 participants. These figures include pupils attending from 6 High Schools' special educational units, who brought 36 young people for 4-week blocks of educational horse care activities; and pupils attending from 4 local Primary Schools' specialist educational provisions, who brought 22 Children for 4-week blocks of equestrian vaulting.

3 young people accessed mental health support through equine facilitated learning, and 3 individuals attended Tea with a Pony sessions in summer 2024. 23 children with profound and complex disabilities accessed our family days with 13 young carers also benefitting from and participating in activities. 40 RDA accredited awards were achieved including Introduction to Vaulting, Horse Care levels One to Four, Riding levels One to Four and RDA Endeavour awards.

Services were supported by 49 sessional volunteers, who donated 1,721 hours of volunteering time, supporting a range of activities including equestrian vaulting, riding, horse care, dementia and equine assisted learning sessions. A further 21 volunteers supported the charity in a professional capacity, engaging in fundraising, governance, promotional and capital project activities. 24 Duke of Edinburgh or Saltire Awards were earned by our young volunteers.

The charity's participant panel met quarterly, engaging with volunteers, parents, carers and participants seeking feedback and ideas. These views are fed directly to trustees and management via the Participant Panel Representative.

Equi-Power volunteers and representatives attended training including Child and Adult Protection training, First Aid, Equine First Aid, Equine Biosecurity, Emotional Labour in Coaching, Working with Pathological Demand Avoidance, Equine Obesity, Essential Trustee training, RDA Showjumping training, Charity Law Changes, PVG training and Volunteer Induction training.

Volunteers, staff and participants supported fundraising through our annual Ceilidh, by walking the Kilt Walk, by taking a stall to Pony Club events and the Stirling Agricultural Show and by raffling a signed Scotland Team rugby shirt. Charity representatives also attended a local Youth Philanthropy Initiative fair.

Participants attended 4 Scottish Equestrian Vaulting competitions, the West and Central Regional dressage qualifiers, the RDA Scottish dressage championships and the charity ran 2 inclusive shows. Five Participants took part in RDA UK's Virtual National Championships.

The charity maintained memberships with British Equestrian Vaulting, Club Sport Stirling, Forth Valley Disability Sport, Horse Scotland, Sported, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations, the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) and Horses in Therapy International (HETI). The Charity remains an approved provider for Stirling Council's Social Inclusion Framework and continues to work with school, local authority, local charity, care home and self-referrals.

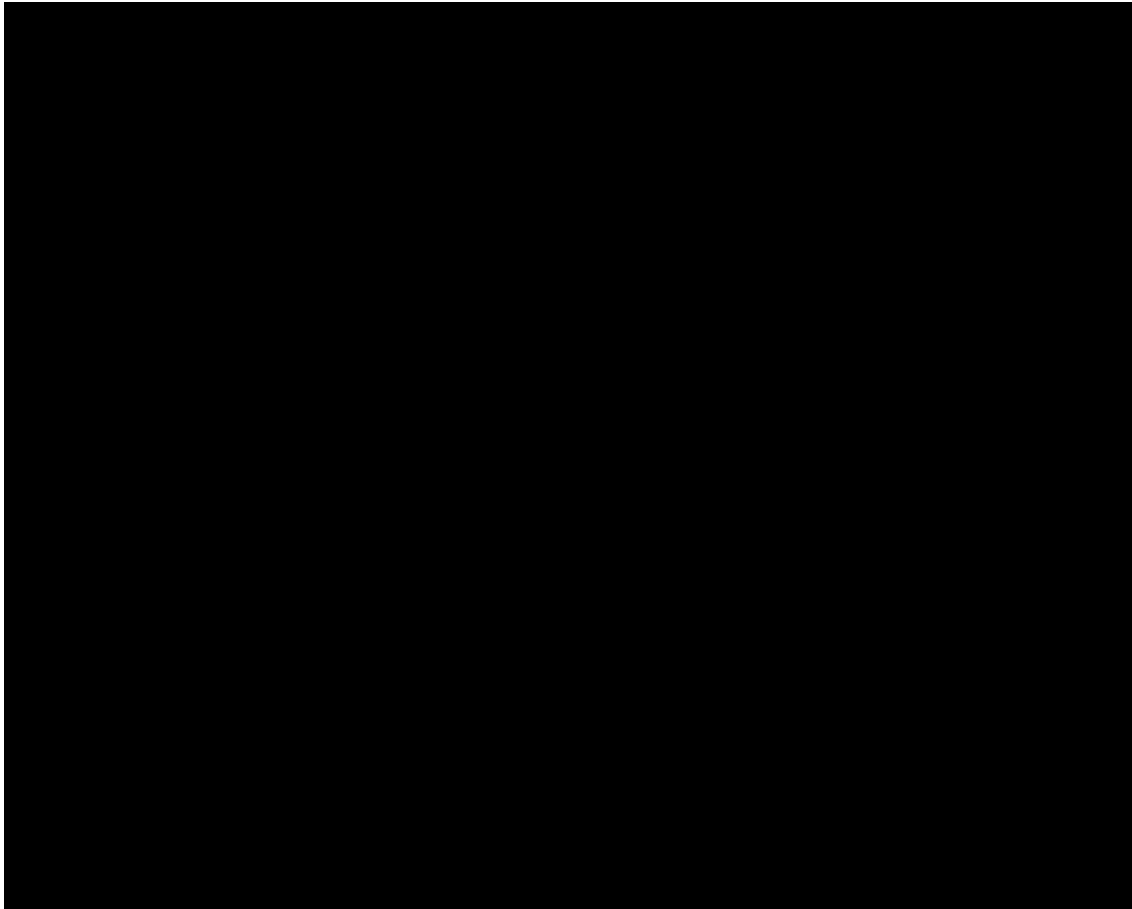
Financial Management

Efforts were made during the period to minimise costs and optimise grant funding opportunities. This included retaining the services of a self-employed revenue fundraiser for three days per month, with incoming funding enabling financial planning for operational costs and consistent staffing. The Trustees acknowledge effective fundraising throughout the accounting period means that the charity finished the year in a stable financial position.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 TO AUGUST 2024

Participant Successes: Riding.

42 Equi-Power (EP) riders progressed their therapeutic and competitive riding journeys in 2023/2024. All regular riders were offered the opportunity to take part in our accessible home-based Countryside Challenge and dressage competitions. In October 2023, EP riders Skye and Liam became RDA Scottish Dressage Champions in their ability classes at the RDA Scottish Dressage Championships, following this with wins in the Muirfield Virtual Dressage competition in November and taking 3rd and 4th places respectively in RDA UK's Virtual National Championships. Two further EP riders took 4th and 7th places respectively in their dressage classes in the Virtual National Championships. Our Countryside Challenge riders achieved two 1^{sts} and a 2nd in Muirfield's virtual competition, and came 4th, 6th, 14th and 17th respectively in RDA's Virtual National Championships. Liam made a strong start to 2024 by taking 3rd place in the RDA's May regional Dressage qualifiers, with [REDACTED] taking the overall Countryside Challenge highest score and participant [REDACTED] achieving participation awards.

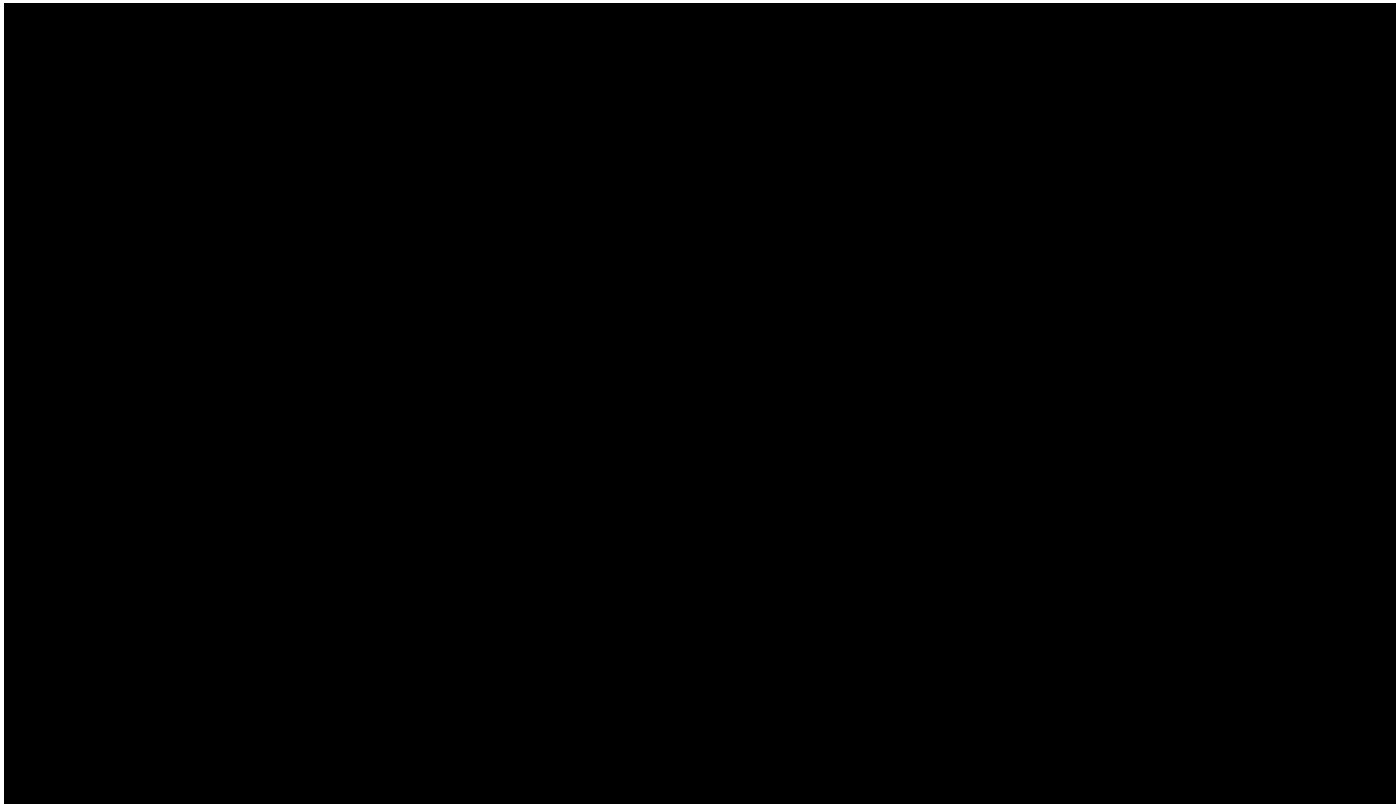


"Horse riding maintains my range of movement and helps me build my muscles. It improves my balance, coordination and core strength"

"Riding at Equi-Power has given something to my kid they lost whilst fighting Cancer, and that is the belief in themself, confidence and self-esteem and the drive to chase their dreams. Forever grateful!"

Participant Successes: Equestrian Vaulting.

The Equi-Power Equestrian Vaulting Team enjoyed an outstanding year of competitive success in Scottish Equestrian Vaulting and RDA national competitions. Team members, including young people living with cerebral palsy, autism, dwarfism and developmental trauma are 2023 Scottish National Para Champions in their age groups and RDA UK National Champions in Individual and Pas de Deux (pairs) vaulting. Our at home coached summer vaulting show offered an inclusive experience to all our regular young vaulters, with a visiting judge giving constructive feedback to support them in enjoying and progressing their competitive journeys. Meanwhile their parents enjoyed informal peer support and respite time during sessions. Our members hope to retain their national titles in the Scottish Championships in September 2024.

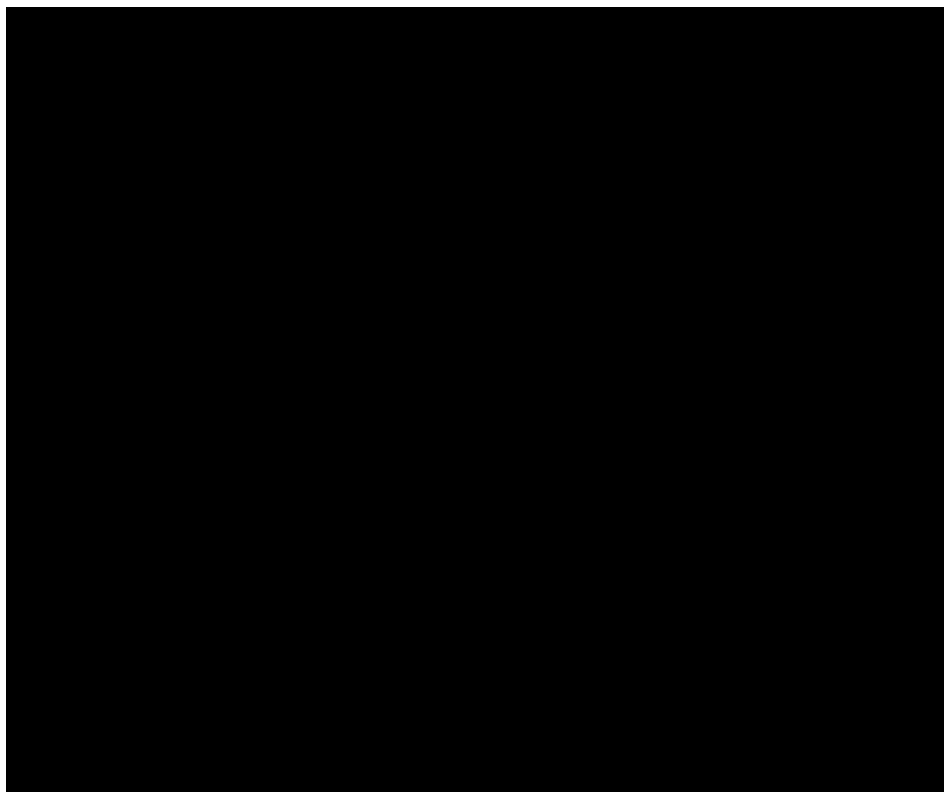


“Equi-Power has given her opportunities like no other, performing at the Royal Highland show, appearing on several TV news specials and campaigns and competing and winning at many competitions. All that has unknowingly helped her confidence in having dwarfism overall”

“One of the huge extra benefits to my son attending Equi-Power is that it brings together parents in similar situations. While our children are vaulting, we have time to chat and share experiences. Between us we have solved issues with school, medication, assessments, social services, and all manner of other issues. The opportunity to do this while our children are happily occupied with their own therapeutic activities is incredibly valuable”

Therapeutic Services: Dementia Support.

Equi-Power hosted a regular horse care and social group for individuals with alcohol related dementia throughout 2023/2024. Attendees benefit from increased activity levels, a wider social circle, structure to their week and improved mood and physical wellbeing. The charity also hosted Tea with a Pony sessions. These sessions offer individuals with dementia and age-related disabilities the chance to enjoy intergenerational engagement with riders in our sessions, a social lunch and to spend one to one time with our ponies. Time spent outdoors and with our horses allows individuals with profound dementia to engage in purposeful activity, improves mood and reduces agitation, supporting participants in enjoying purposeful time and sharing memories with carers and loved ones.

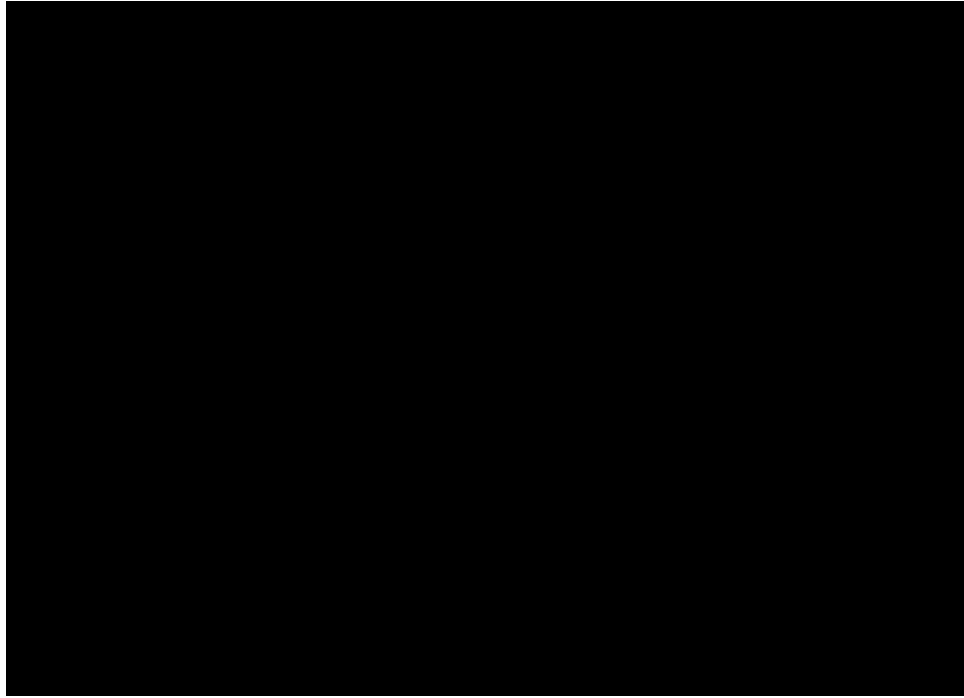


“One resident with very short-term memory was frequently agitated, argumentative, and unhappy about being in residential care. It was difficult for staff to find a 'way in' with her until she attended the horse care group. From the very first session her low mood improved, and her agitation lessened around the horse care sessions. She opened up and talked about her younger days and her experiences with horses, which enabled staff to find a positive seam of communication with which they could build a positive relationship with this lady which enabled trust to grow”

“We see increased concentration in our residents, and ability to focus for longer periods, enhanced conversation in residents who are usually quiet”

Therapeutic Services: Family Days and Ride and Play sessions.

Equi-Power identified a need expressed by families of children with a complex disability for activities that their disabled and non-disabled children can enjoy together. Siblings of disabled children often become young carers, and families often have to split themselves between activities for their disabled and non-disabled children. Equi-Power piloted an extended ‘family session’ activity in Easter 2024, for families where a child has a profound, complex or life limiting disability. Alongside activities with our horses, we created sensory and physical play stables, offered an Easter Egg hunt, crafts, refreshments and facepainting to be enjoyed by all ages and abilities. The format was such a success that it has become an ongoing part of our school holiday provision. 34 children with profound disabilities and 13 siblings in 2024 enjoyed these sessions which made memories for families and provided respite and a means for parents to connect with each other.

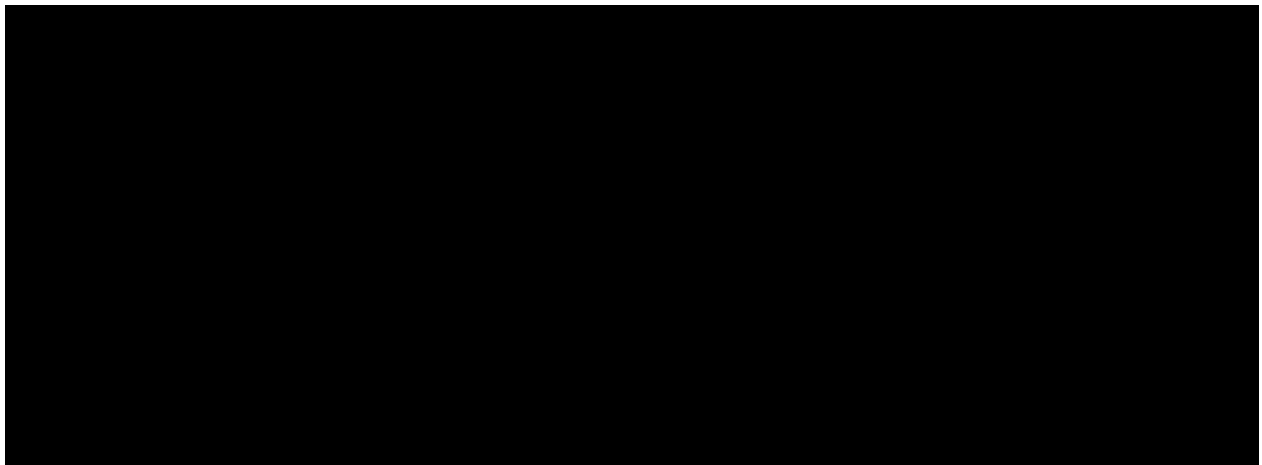


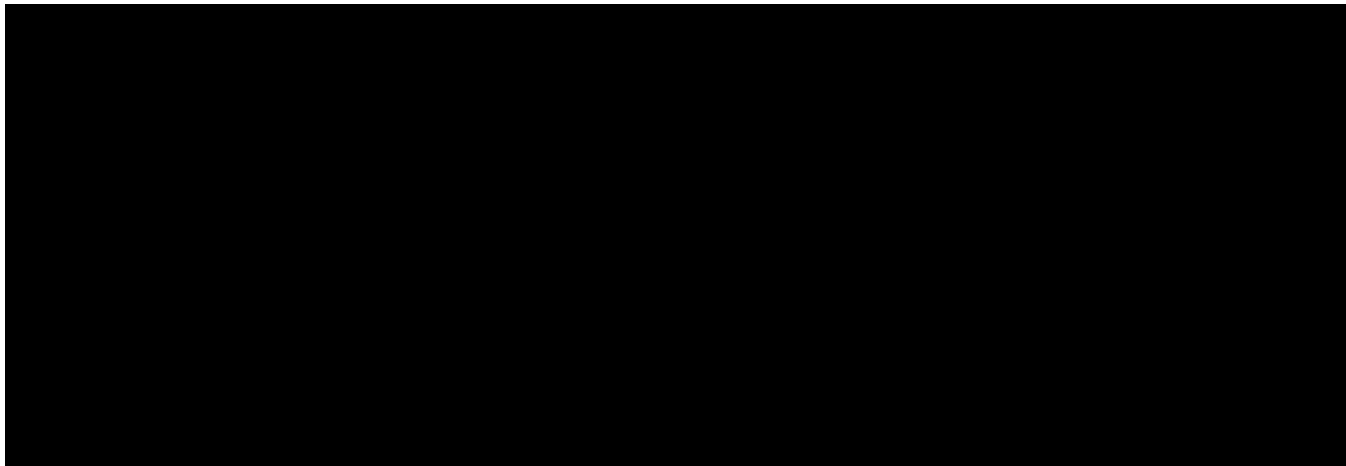
"I just wanted to say HUGE THANKYOU for today's Equi-power event. It was amazing. The girls and I had a fab time, so much so they didn't want to leave. It's hard for us to join events as a family, today just allowed us all to be together and have fun. You met all our needs as a family".

"Thank you for the lovely wee session yesterday, it was just great. It sounds silly, but it was L's first time close up to horses, and he wasn't afraid to touch them, his first ever face paint, and his first ever egg hunt, the face paint was small as that was all he'd tolerate, and we sort of joined the egg hunt half way, but it really was great!"

Services to schools:

Equi-Power worked with ten schools (special educational units) during the year. Primary school aged children engaged in equestrian vaulting, enjoying being physically active, strong, balanced and learning to follow instructions and work in small groups and pairs.

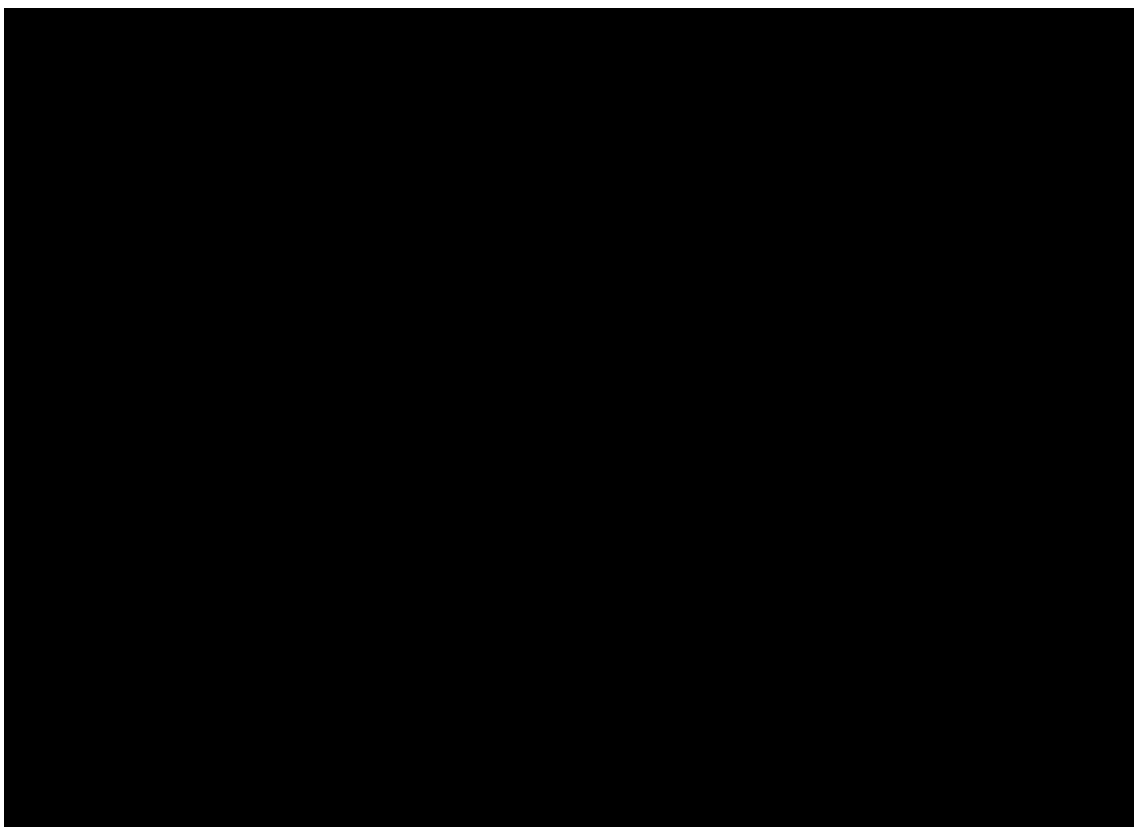




“The positive interaction and impact between an autistic pupil and a horse cannot be measured”

“Speaking to the other vaulters has improved my confidence in my ability to speak to other children”

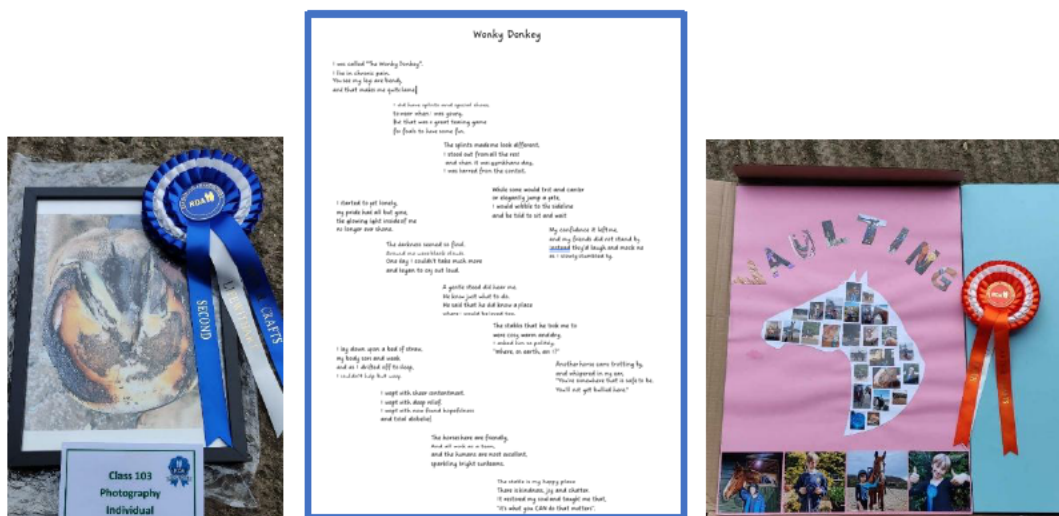
High schoolers came and learned practical horse care and stable management skills, earning their RDA Horse Care Level awards, improving their physical skills, learning to work safely together, problem solving and experiencing the calming sensory nature of our horses. Members of our adult horse care club enjoyed caring for our horses, being physically active and making friends in a supportive social environment.



"A fantastic experience that our pupils would not normally be able to access. Allowing them to experience time with animals, building confidence, listening skills and following instructions"

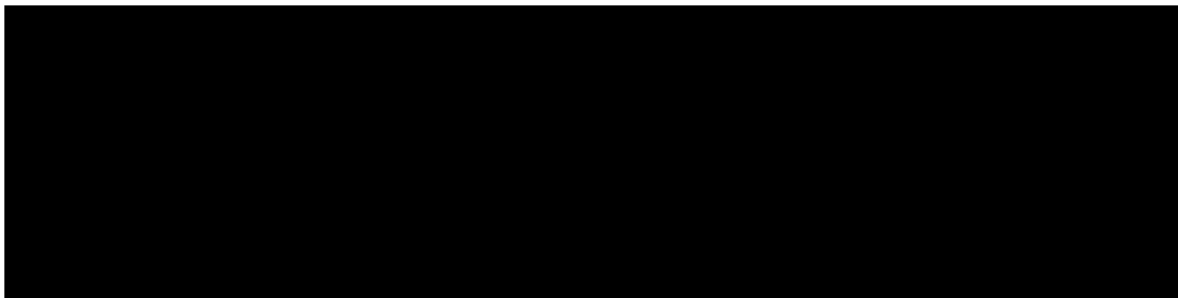
Creative Opportunities.

Equi-Power participants with creative flair took opportunities to shine at both the RDA regional and national championships, with participant [REDACTED] winning the RDA senior creative writing section with their poem Wonky Donkey, [REDACTED] coming 2nd in the National senior photography competition and Logan coming 5th in the junior collage section.



Celebrating Volunteering.

Of our 70 volunteers, our 49 sessional volunteers donated 1,721 hours of volunteering time, with 297 hours of support provided by 11 volunteers who have disabilities themselves. 22 Duke of Edinburgh or Saltire Awards were earned by volunteers, including some 200-hour awards for longstanding volunteers! 100% of our volunteers agreed that volunteering benefited their mental health and wellbeing. Volunteer coach [REDACTED] was runner up in Active Stirling's Coach of the Year Awards 2024.





Our volunteers love:

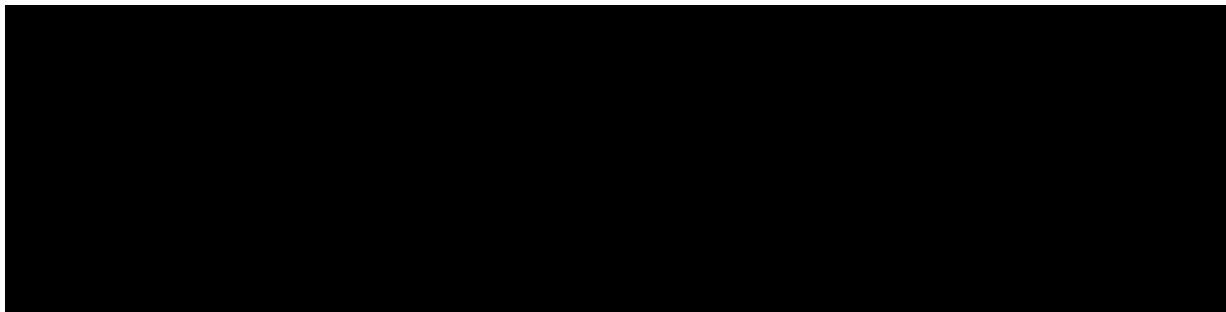
“Being able to give something back” “Seeing others benefitting from what I do”

“Working as part of a team, supporting everyone” “The accomplishments participants achieve”

“Meeting other people. “Making friends with other volunteers and having a reason to leave home”

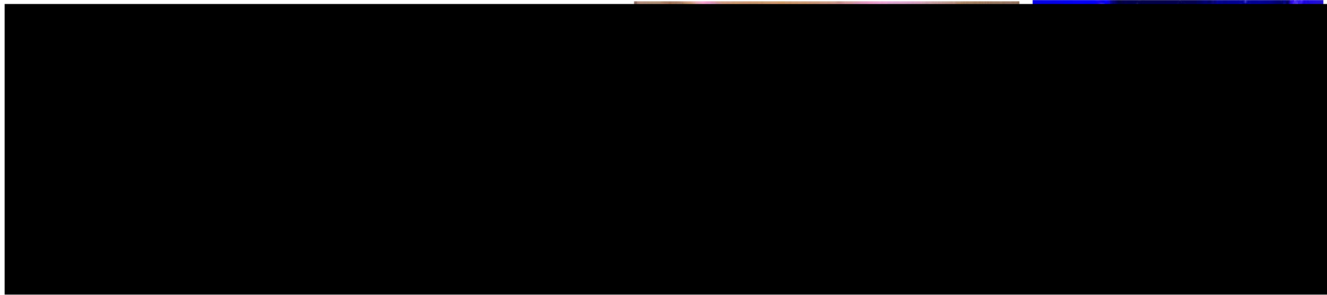
Fundraising and Publicity.

Equi-Power staff, volunteers and the wider community were active in fundraising for the charity during the accounting period. A successful fundraising ceilidh was a great kick start to 2024 and our intrepid Kilt walkers did the charity proud. Charity representatives went out and about to agricultural and pony club events including the Kinross Show, Stirling Show and Pick a Fence with our information boards and 2nd hand equestrian sales stand.



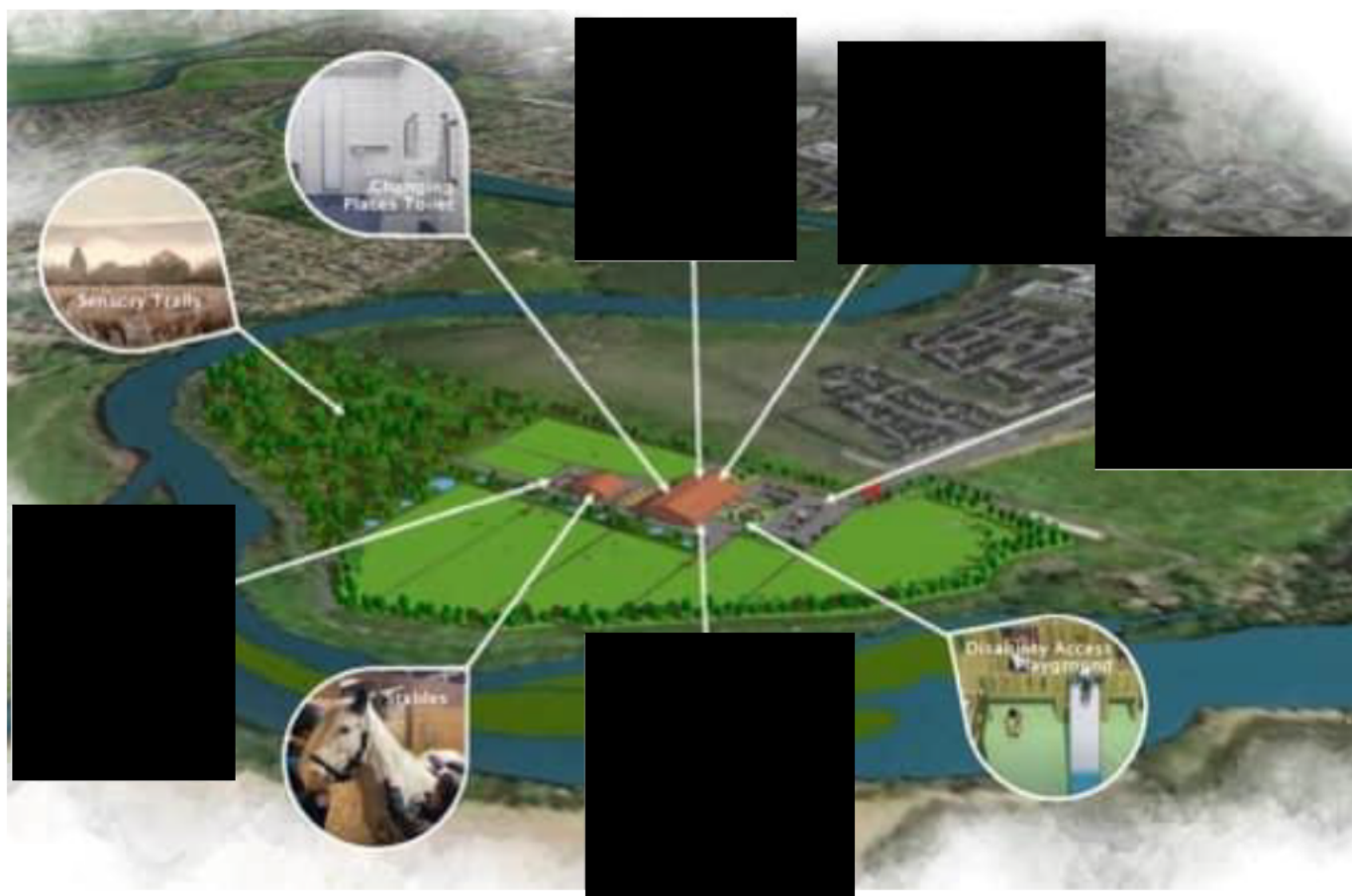
Charity Awards.

Equi-Power’s impact was recognised when the charity was shortlisted for a number of awards in 2024. In June, the charity was delighted to receive recognition via the ‘Community Impact of the Year’ award at Active Stirling’s inaugural awards night. This was followed by a final shortlisting for the SCVO’s Scottish Small Charity of the Year in June and winning Central FM’s Community Group of the Year!



Progress towards the build of a new RDA Centre of Excellence in Stirling.

The publication of the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) coincided with the submission of Equi-Power's planning application for a purpose-built RDA and community centre at Kildean, Stirling. NPF4 changed policy recommendations relating to what can be constructed on sites designated as 'flood plain'. It has had a profound impact on projects Scotland wide and under NPF4, SEPA declined to endorse Equi-Power's planning application. Despite extensive political intervention and technical support, SEPA maintained their stance and Stirling Council officials stated that they would follow SEPA recommendations. Trustees are rescoping for an alternative site. With over 100 families on Equi-Power's waiting list, demand for a purpose-built facility has never been stronger.





TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

Overview: The trustees are delighted that the total funds raised in this financial year were £107,941 (2023: £139,667), with the main source of income this year being grant funding, fundraising and participant fees. The trustees extend grateful thanks to the Douglas Arter Foundation, Essentia Foundation, Harbinson Charitable Trust, Hugh Fraser Foundation, Kingdom Housing Association - Community Initiative Fund, Robert Haldane Smith Charitable Foundation, Stirling Community Mental Health + Wellbeing Fund (Scottish Government Fund), The Basil Death Trust, The Inchrye Trust, The JTH Charitable Trust, The National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All, The Pettigrew Charitable Trust, The Sheldon Trust, The Souter Charitable Trust, The Stafford Trust, The Sylvia Aitken Charitable Trust, The Walker-Shoolbraid Charitable Trust and WCH Trust for Children for supporting the work of the charity in 2023/24

Total expenditure for the year was £114,405 (2023 £122,974) with the main costs being staffing and horse care.

Donated Facilities & Services

The charity has been in receipt of various pieces of horse related equipment during the period, and pro-bono independent legal and architectural support.

Investment Policy

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities to safeguarding the charity's assets. They regularly consider the various factors that can affect funds and savings. The trustees have the power to invest funds in the best interest of the charity. The trustees believe that investing in a property would be a suitable vehicle for the charity to have regular income.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have set the reserves policy to cover 4 months staffing and running costs. At the end of the year the charity had net assets of £106,944 (2023 £113,407). This comprised restricted funds of £ £58,570 (2023 £69,681) and unrestricted funds of £32,332 (2023 £43,721). The Trustees have reviewed the designation of funds and it remains at £16,041 (2023 £16,041) as follows: £5,000 emergency vet bills, £8,041 capital project, £3,000 new horse purchase in 2025. Reserves Policy of 4 months expenditure is £30,000. The Trustees are happy that the Reserves Policy set is met.

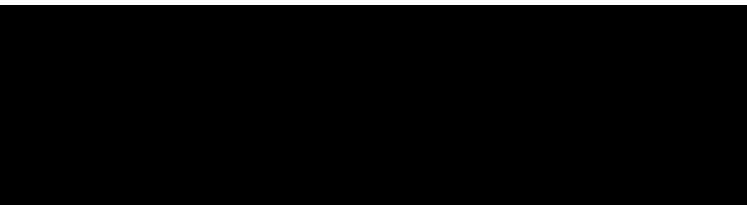
If unrestricted reserves are forecast to decrease, the Board will review budgets and financial forecasts and take necessary measures to reduce expenditure or increase income.

FUTURE PLANS

The charity aspires to move from shared rental premises to its own permanent, purpose-built home.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 25th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Equi-Power Central Scotland RDA SCIO

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024, which are set out on pages 17 to 22.

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 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation (10)(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section (44)(1)(c) of the 2005 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 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

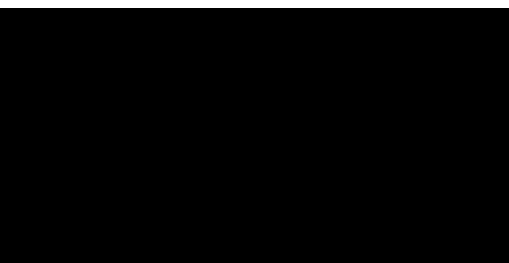
In connection with my examination, no matter came to my attention:-

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 Regulations, and

- to prepare accounts which 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.



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

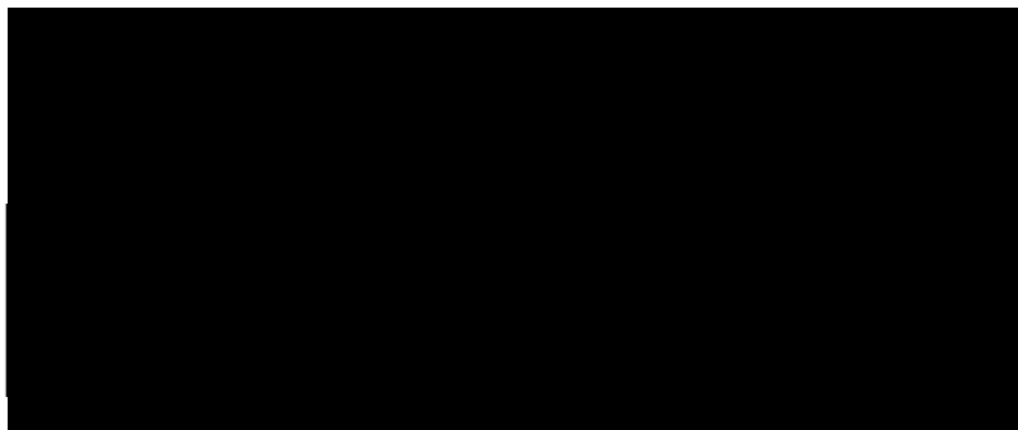
Income	Service Provision		Capital Project			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
Participants Income	17,897				17,897	13,284
Donations	7,189			485	7,674	8,460
Grants		75,222			75,222	109,313
Fundraising	4,051				4,051	5,638
Crowdfunder				877	877	2,782
Gift Aid received	923			757	1,680	-
Other Income	540				540	190
	30,600	75,222	0	2,119	107,941	139,667
Payments	Service Provision		Capital Project			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	2023
Fundraising Costs	1,010	4,497			5,507	5,302
Charitable activity	24,943	76,011		7,944	108,898	117,672
Governance Costs						
Accounts Preparation						
Independent Exam'n						
	25,953	80,508	0	7,944	114,405	122,974
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	4,647	(5,286)	0	(5,825)	(6,464)	16,693

STATEMENT OF BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

<u>Bank and Cash</u>	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Cash at Bank	32,333	16,041	58,570	106,944
Cash in Hand				
	<u>32,333</u>	<u>16,041</u>	<u>58,570</u>	<u>106,944</u>

Other Assets:	2023/24
Horse - Dana	£1,500
Horse - Laddie	£1,500
Horse - Angel	£3,500
Horse - Hugo	£9,000
Saddlery & Tack	£8,000
Trailer	£5,000
Equipment	£6,000
	<u>£34,500</u>

These accounts were approved by the trustees on 25th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts & payments basis in accordance with:

- (a) The Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005
- (b) The Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

There have been no changes to the basis of preparation or to the previous year's accounts.

2. Fund Accounting

(a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.

(b) Designated funds are unrestricted funds that the trustees have set aside for particular purposes.

The designation is administrative only and does not restrict the trustees' ability to apply the fund(c) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

(d) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 8.

3. Taxation

(a) The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

(b) The charity is not registered for VAT; thus, all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.

4. Transactions with trustees and related parties

(a) No remuneration was paid to trustees or any persons connected with them during the year (2024: £Nil).

(b) No travelling expenses were reimbursed to any trustees (2024: £Nil)

5. Analysis of Grants Received

<u>Grants Received</u>		Income c/f 22/23	Income 23/24	Expenditure 23/24	Balance
Adapt & Thrive	Staff	£739		£739	£0
Miss Isabel Harvey CT	Horse	£2,000		£2,000	£0
National Lottery – Chance to Succeed	Equipment & PPE	£108		£108	£0

Falkirk Community Choices	Falkirk School Sessions	£1,338	£1,338	£0
Coop Community Fund	Volunteer Coordinator	£326	£326	£0
Stirling Community Lottery	Uniforms/Volunteer Exp	£196	£196	£0
Kingdom Housing Association	Horse	£500	£500	£0
Stirling and BofA Round Table	Uniforms	£165	£165	£0
Kilpatrick Fraser CT	Horse	£2,500	£2,500	£0
Robert Haldane Smith CF	Volunteer Expenses	£748	£322	£426
Sylvia Waddilove Foundation	Horse	£3,000	£3,000	£0
The Prince of Wales Charitable Fund	Volunteer Coordinator	£517	£517	£0
The Gannochy Trust Year 1	Manager	£8,802	£8,802	£0
The Geoff & Fiona Squire Foundation	Capital	£495		
The Walker-Shoolbraid CT	Dementia Services	£922	£922	£0
M&G Prudential Community Fund	Volunteer Expenses	£2,355	£1,252	£1,103
Western Recreation Trust	Horse	£1,000	£536	£464
RDA W&CS Blair Group	Livery	£51	£51	£0
The February Foundation	Core Costs	£2,307	£2,307	£0
Robert Barr's Charitable Trust	Capital	£10,000		
The Sylvia Aitken CT	Coaching	£645	£645	£0
The Agnes Hunter Trust	Core Costs	£8,918	£8,918	£0
Stirling Council – Community Grant	Supported Volunteering Volunteer	£500	£500	£0
The Nineveh Charitable Trust	Exp/Training	£2,000	£1,629	£371
Scottish Children's Lottery	Core Costs	£5,000	£5,000	£0
RDA UK H4H	Equipment	£250	£250	£0
The Basil Death Trust	Admin		£3,000	£1,778
Robertson Trust Year 2	Manager		£9,000	£1,222
The National Lottery Community Fund - Awards for All	Various	£8,000	£5,800	£2,200
The Sheldon Trust	Manager	£5,000	£5,000	£0
Robert Haldane Smith CF	Coaching/Livery	£2,000	£100	£1,900
Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund	Various	£10,000	£5,500	£4,500
The Sylvia Aitken CT	Core Costs	£2,000	£296	£1,704
WCH Trust for Children	Equipment	£2,000	£471	£1,529
Essentia Foundation	Coaching/Horse Care	£3,000	£624	£2,376
Kingdom Housing Association	Horse	£500	£184	£316
The Gannochy Trust Year 2	Manager	£15,292	£5,666	£9,626
The Stafford Trust	Manager/Livery	£5,000	£720	£4,280
The Inchrye Trust	Coaching	£500	£0	£500
Harbinson Charitable Trust	Coaching	£200	£0	£200
The Walker-Shoolbraid CT	Horse	£2,000	£2,000	£0
The Souter Charitable Trust	Horse	£3,000	£0	£3,000
The Pettigrew Charitable Trust	Core Costs	£1,000	£450	£550
Douglas Arter Foundation	Competition Fees	£500	£395	£105
Hugh Fraser Foundation	Competitions Costs	£2,730	£0	£2,730
The JTH Charitable Trust	Livery	£500	£0	£500
		£55,382	£75,222	£80,507
				£39,602

6. Analysis of Payments

-	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
-	Funds	Funds	Funds	2024	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023
-	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Professional Fees				0	521		395	916
Staff Costs			40,657	40,657	442		36,308	36,750
Coaching Costs			6,633	6,633			9,813	9,813
Horse Care	12,130			12,130	5,955		436	6,391
Livery	7,563		10,717	18,280	4,225		13,100	17,325
Capital Project			7,920	7,920		5,807	30,338	36,145
Expenses	912		540	1,452			4,456	4,456
Equipment	397		5,798	6,195	445		2,141	2,586
Pubs and Subs				0	2,374		786	3,160
Training							70	70
Volunteer Exp & Training			1,441	1441				
Horse (inc tack & costs)			10,225	10,225				
Annual Costs	3,521			3,521				
Post, Printing & Stationery								
Bank Charges	60			60	60			60
Fundraising Costs	835			835				
Platform Fees (fundraising)	175			175				
Fundraiser Costs			4,497	4,497				
Platform Fees (services)	360			360				
Platform Fees (capital)			24	24				
	25,953	-	88,452	114,405	14,022	5,807	97,843	117,672

7. Movement of Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds (Services)	Designated Funds (Cap Proj)	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
Funds Reconciliation					
Balance as at 31 August 2023	27,686	8000	8041	69,681	97,367
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	4,647			(11,111)	(6,464)
Balance as at 31 August 2024	32,333	8,000	8,041	58,570	106,944

8. Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted funds can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds can be spent as per analysis of grants received.