



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| From | Period start date |       |      | To | Period end date |       |      |
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|      | Day               | Month | Year |    | Day             | Month | Year |
|      | 01                | 02    | 2019 |    | 31              | 01    | 2020 |

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Broadlands Group Riding for the Disabled

Other names charity is known by

None

Registered charity number (if any)

1170398

Charity's principal address

Broadlands

Lower Paice Lane

Medstead, Alton, Hants

Postcode

GU34 5PX

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

|    | Trustee name    | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1  | Mrs S Stratford | Treasurer       |                                   |   |
| 2  | Mr N Hoppitt    | Chairman        |                                   |   |
| 3  | Mrs S Mason     | Secretary       |                                   |   |
| 4  | Mr I Gibson     |                 |                                   |   |
| 5  | Mr P Nuth       |                 |                                   |   |
| 6  | Mrs S Mancini   |                 |                                   |   |
| 7  | Mrs D Welby     |                 |                                   |   |
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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| None |                                   |
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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| Type of adviser | Name             | Address  |
|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Financial       | Vicky Efstathiou | Applewood LLP, St Mary's House, Church St, Bentworth, Alton, Hants, GU34 5RD |
| Centre Manager  | Jacky Nuth       | Broadlands Group RDA, Lower Paice Lane, Medstead.                            |
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

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| Type of governing document<br>(eg. trust deed, constitution)        | Constitution   |
| How the charity is constituted<br>(eg. trust, association, company) | CIO  |
| Trustee selection methods<br>(eg. appointed by, elected by)         | At each AGM one third of trustees retire and can be re-elected by the meeting. They retire in rotation, longest serving first. |

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees conduct reviews of all our compliance documentation including; Health and Safety, Child Protection Policy and an assessment of major risks that may affect our charity. The policies and relevant information are on a public display in the viewing gallery at the stables and available for the volunteers, riders, parents and carers and visitors to read.

The coaches and senior volunteers have attended Safeguarding Courses as part of our policy to keep volunteers and staff aware of our Child and vulnerable Adults Protection Procedures.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To provide regular therapeutic horse-riding lessons for children and adults with disabilities, to benefit their health and well-being.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

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| <p>We as Trustees are dedicated to the public benefit that our charity delivers to children and adults with disabilities.</p> <p>We provided therapeutic horse-riding lessons to children and adults in groups or on a one-to-one basis depending on their needs throughout the year.</p> <p>One of our aims is to give them an experience that will challenge them to achieve personal goals in an environment that is safe but full of possibilities and training towards future employment.</p> <p>We have built a relationship with a specialist school, Shepherd's Down. Children from the school ride during the term and their progress is closely monitored. Reports are issued for the school and parents to demonstrate progress. We believe all progress is a great achievement. We also enable children in a mainstream school, Winnall Primary School, to ride regularly at Broadlands.</p> <p>Individual riders participate in Saturday lessons. This extends to the holidays, enjoying Pony Club and the annual New Forest day out.</p> |
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**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

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| <p>Up to 65 volunteers give their time during the week and on Saturdays to assist our riders achieve their personal goals.</p> <p>The volunteers are trained to maintain a high standard of care, so that the riders can achieve their personal goals. The horses are well cared for, trained and happy to do this work. Without the dedication of the volunteers our charity would not be able to operate and make the difference to the lives of so many children and adults.</p> <p>We have teenager volunteers too, who, while helping, learn about disabilities and the problems of those less fortunate than themselves and the determination of these riders to overcome their difficulties. <i>Many doing this as part of their Duke of Edinburgh awards.</i></p> <p>Our senior coach continued her training in Equine Assisted Learning (an IFEEL course) which will lead to a formal IFEEL qualification. This course will enable Broadlands to offer this service to children that have complex mental health needs, who may benefit from this innovative therapy. The aim will be to expand this service to adults, through Equine Facilitated Human Development, to help participants engage with horses as a therapy.</p> |
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**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Our strategy:

We are committed as a charity to providing all our riders with an experience that will enable them to achieve goals set by themselves and/or by our team of dedicated coaches and volunteers. During this last year we have provided over 1000 lessons to both adults and children.

We see the benefit that horse riding can have both physically and mentally in the way they sit and respond to those about them. The progress is recorded and is very rewarding for all.

We have taken children and horses on our annual ride in the New Forest, which is always a great experience for parents, children and volunteers alike. This year volunteers and parents organised a central picnic and bar-b-que for the riders, helpers and families to, adding to the enjoyment and experience for our riders.

A three-day holiday camp was held at Broadlands for those children who are members of the Pony Club, building on previous experiences to enable the children improve their riding skills and pony care on consecutive days. The participants worked towards their Pony Club badges and certificates, which were a great achievement. This was supported by our volunteers and a great success enjoyed by all.

A major challenge, still, is to access disabled children in mainstream schooling, although we have got some young ones attending from local primary schools as individuals by special arrangement.

Fund raising locally has continued to be successful and our website is increasing the awareness of the support we offer, the difference it makes and how we fund raise each year.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Reserves are placed in an easy access interest account.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

N/a

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We continue to fund raise locally and from as wide a source as possible, including personal donations, charitable trusts, other fund-raising.

Our website has been successful in attracting funds and gives an excellent picture for our work.

The funds have been carefully spent to maintain the horses/ponies health and fitness, opportunities are continually sought to reduce the costs where possible.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)** Sara Mason

**Full name(s)** Sara P L Mason

**Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)** Secretary

**Date** 09/11/2020





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Broadlands Group Riding for the Disabled

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/01/2020

Charity no  
(if any)

1170398

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 01 / 2020**.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

08/06/2020

Name:

Sally Hayes

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

FCA

Address:

St Marys House, Church Street, Bentworth, GU34 5RD

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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