

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019

Name Mid Cheshire Riding for the Disabled

Charity No 1173890

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Constitution

We are a member group with the federation for the Riding for the Disabled Association. We existed as an independently registered charity since 1st April 1999 under a Standard Constitution and Membership Agreement for an Unincorporated group (England & Wales) with the charity number 1074130 but became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the above charity number on 21st July 2017, this being accepted at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the charity held on 30th August 2016 according to the requirements laid down by the Charities Act 1993.

Officers and Trustees

There are currently five (5) Trustees, three of whom are also officers of the Charity committee. During the year one Trustee resigned and two new Trustees were officially elected at the last Annual General Meeting. There are a further four (4) officers of the Charity committee:

Chair:	Miss Pamela Rigby MBE (Trustee)
Treasurer:	Mr Ian Coop (Trustee)
Secretary:	Mr Barrie Dixon (Trustee) Mrs Susan Walsh (Trustee) Mrs Jane Wellstead (Trustee)
Committee:	Mrs Jeanette Dixon – charity administrator/rider representative Mrs Sarah Payne – safeguarding officer Mrs Charlotte McNulty Mr Richard Pickering

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Charity are linked to the objectives of the Riding for the Disabled Association, a charity registered under Charity no 244108, namely, 'to provide disabled people with the opportunity to ride within the area of Mid Cheshire, to benefit their health and wellbeing'.

Organisation

Voting members of the Charity are unpaid volunteers and consist of current Trustees, members of the committee and coaches. The organisation consists of:

Trustees and committee - are voted in annually at the general meeting. They are elected from the following categories:

Charity supporters – volunteers interested in our work

Helpers – members who give general assistance in the running of the riding sessions

Beneficiaries – the 'clients' with disabilities for whom the Charity exists

A list of voting members is maintained as per RDA requirements

The Charity has a written policy on safeguarding vulnerable adults and children and has Safeguarding officers in attendance at all sessions. All our coaches have undertaken safeguarding courses as required. The Charity has in place a written procedure and method to be followed in the event of any reports. The Charity has a code of conduct, a Digital safety policy, child and vulnerable adults protection policies that are provided to all service users when joining the Charity and when the policies are updated.

Our Data Protection Policy has been updated and we work in line with the GDPR. The policy is provided to all those involved with the Charity.

There have been no reportable serious incidents relating to the Charity over the year.

Where relevant any decisions made by the Trustees give due regard to the public benefit guidance from the Charity Commission. The disabled users of our Charity are the beneficiaries. The benefits include physical, mental and social improvements to their well-being. The benefits may be measured by the use of the Riding for the Disabled Association Therapy Tracker, which measures improvement in areas such as confidence, horsemanship, communication, relationships and physical change.

Financial Review

The portfolio continues to be overseen by the Trustees of the Charity in conjunction with regular updates and discussion with a professional investment body who manage the portfolio on the Charity's behalf. The Charity remains committed to responsible fundraising and do not employ professional fundraisers. Fundraising is mostly through small social events, occasional sponsored events run by our volunteers and overseen by our Trustees and through donations. Our fundraising conforms to recognised standards and we have received no fundraising complaints. We are aware of the need to protect the public, including vulnerable people, from unreasonable pressure to give and we do not sell or pass on individual's details to third parties.

Income

We had a net increase in funds of £39,300 due to £35,000 being received from Chaffe, Hague, Lambert Solicitors from the estate of our benefactor Mark Griffiths. The year on year income increased by £45,795, this being attributed to the funds previously mentioned as well as an increase in the portfolio valuation of £12,652. Donations increased by £1,759, but we had lower income from sale of tack, Charities Aid and training revenue.

Expenditure

Net expenditure remained fairly flat, reducing by £1,194. There was an increase in the rider subsidy of £2,585 and a one off donation of £1,000 to Clwyd Special Riding Centre. Equipment costs rose by £394 though we had a reduction in livery/farrier/vet costs of £4,915 due to our horse Link leaving ownership of the charity. Conference costs were down by £915.

Excess expenditure over income was £39,300.05 for the year. However overall the charity has a healthy balance.

The Charity's bank account is at Barclays Bank, 51 Mosley Street, Manchester. The accounts were independently reviewed by Castletree Consultants Ltd..

Progress and Achievements

During the year to 31st March 2019 the number of individual riding sessions increased slightly as did the overall number of individual riders. One school group left due to changes to their staff and we are looking to fill the available space. The age and disabilities of our riders vary though the majority remains under the age of 19. The number of volunteers working on the Duke of Edinburgh scheme increased though many of these are not regular. As stated previously we continue to take part in the RDA Therapy Tracker that shows clear benefits in all areas over a 12 week period. Our riders continue to take part in the RDA proficiency tests where appropriate and a larger number achieve Endeavour Awards and badges. We still receive more requests than can be accommodated for our Saturday riding sessions but, although we still have a waiting list, we have been able to accept a number of new riders. Due to the bequest received in 2017 we continue to financially assist the cost to our riders, which they appreciate. This subsidy is reviewed on a regular basis.

As well as the weekly sessions we are pleased to assist those riders who are physically able to and who wish to take part in competitions run by Riding for the Disabled, British Dressage and RDA online dressage through Dressage Anywhere. We attended the North West Regional Show where those of our riders taking part did very well. Three of our riders went forward to the RDA national championships with our volunteers giving their time to provide extra training and going to the competition to support them. All three riders were highly placed in the Countryside Challenge classes. Our riders were also placed well in the RDA online dressage championship with one second and two third places. The achievements, however big or small, are an added bonus.

The Charity presently owns two ponies and has the use of several who are loaned by the riding school for our use. The well-being of our ponies is recognised as vital to our objectives.

To help us to continue to achieve our stated objectives the Charity has a number of volunteers who attend training sessions provided by Riding for the Disabled and within our Charity. Our coaches are assessed on a regular basis. We have seven first aiders, with at least one being present at each session. We have a safeguarding officer present at each session. Our policies on Risk Analysis, Risk Assessment, Data Protection and Safeguarding are

reviewed on a regular basis. We are aware that riding is a high-risk activity and safety is always of foremost concern.

We ensure that our long term volunteers are recognised with awards for their service and recognise the essential role and value that all volunteers add to our Charity.

Conclusion

Our aim for the next twelve months is to continue to support our riders and to encourage them to achieve to the best of their abilities and to help them fulfil their enjoyment of riding.

Dated:

Signed on behalf of all Trustees:

Full Name: Pamela Rigby MBE

Position Chairman

**Mid Cheshire RDA
Income & Expenditure
1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019**

Income
Donations & Gift Aid
Race Night-net
Adopt a Pony/Name a Pony
HM Charities
Tack Sale
Chaffs Hague & Lambert
Bank Interest/Compensation
Training Revenue-Keele University
Christmas Cards
Investment Movement
Total Income
Less Expenditure
Livery/Farrier/Vet
Conference/Courses
Equipment/Repairs
Rider Subsidy (inc Cathy Lloyd Subsidy)
Insurance
Leaflets/Stationery/Christmas Cards
RDA Fees/Membership/CRB
Donation
Audit Fees/Comminications
Bank Charges
Race Night
Uniforms/Name Badges/Banners etc
Committee Dinner
Website

Excess Income/Expenditure

Reconciliation

Opening Balance

01.04.18 -31.03.19 Receipts

01.04.18-31.03.19 Payments

Investment Transfer

Closing Balance 31.03.19

Cash Book Balances

Barclays

Brown Shipley Investment Portfolio

Closing Balance 31.03.19

Value in Movement in Financial Year

12 Months 01.04.18-31.03.19 2018-19	
	£
£8,673.99	
£2,349.85	
£180.00	
£809.36	
£440.00	
£35,000.00	
£230.00	
£17,471.46	
	£65,154.66
£8,169.77	
£844.76	
£1,229.33	
£10,685.00	
£949.85	
£460.18	
£389.00	
£1,000.00	
£340.00	
£138.13	
£554.10	
£689.72	
£230.06	
£174.71	
	£25,854.61

	£39,300.05
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£328,946.59
£65,154.66
-£43,854.61
£18,000.00
£368,246.64

£12,499.89
£355,746.75
£368,246.64

£39,300.05

12 Months 01.04.17-31.03.18 2017-18	
	£
£6,914.79	
£2,111.50	
£430.00	
£1,721.95	
£2,231.86	
£400.00	
£640.00	
£0.00	
£4,909.16	
	£19,359.26
£13,085.16	
£1,759.94	
£835.63	
£8,100.00	
£930.00	
£120.00	
£0.00	
£930.00	
£636.00	
£476.67	
£174.86	
	£27,048.26

	-£7,689.00
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£336,635.59
£19,359.26
-£27,048.26
£0.00
£328,946.59

£8,671.30
£320,275.29
£328,946.59

-£7,689.00

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Having reviewed the records and documents supplied, I can confirm that these accounts represent a true & fair reflection of the Club's Activities for the year and its current financial position.

Yours faithfully



Anna Wickham FCCA