CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2025 Period start date To 31 March 2026 Period end date

Charity name: The Foresters' Horn Group Riding for the Disabled Association

Charity registration number:1203527

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**To use horses to enrich the lives of disabled people in the UK**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	**3 separate 45 minute riding sessions every week during term-time, held at Wirral Riding Centre. Total of 18 participant riders at any time, both children and adults, all with disabilities.**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**Yes, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	**All sessions are run entirely by volunteers.**
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**This year the 26 beneficiaries have attended a total of 343 riding lessons. The riders, children and adults, have benefitted physically, emotionally and socially from these sessions. The benefits have also extended to the families of the riders who feel supported and love to watch their children enjoying the lessons and making good progress. Volunteers run all the sessions and there have been 633 volunteer sessions attended over the year. They also benefit in many ways.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**Income was £8395.76 and expenditure was £9314.16. Closing funds were £33,593.93**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**The reserves are held to protect us against drops in income, so that we could continue to run our service; also in case of any unexpected major expenditure.**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£25,000**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**N/A**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**N/A**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**N/A**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**Age of the volunteers including coaches**
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**Constitution and Membership Agreement**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**Trustees selected by joint agreement of committee**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	**Riding for The Disabled UK**
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Foresters' Horn Group Riding for the Disabled Association
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1203527
Charity's principal address	10 Dovepoint Road, Wirral CH47 6AR.

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	Celia Parry	Co-Chair		
2	Andy Smethurst	Co-Chair		
3	Valerie Jones	Secretary		
4	Heather Gradden	Treasurer		
5	Fiona Wright			
6	Christine Timson			
7	Ruth Bedford			
8	Christine Potts			
9	Christine Millsted			
10	Rachel Williams			
11	Moira Pemberton			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Valerie A Jones	
Full name(s)	Valerie A Jones	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	
Date	9.10.26	

Riding for the Disabled - The Foresters' Horn Group

Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31st March 2026

Expenditure	**2026**	**2025**	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**	**2021**
Hire of Horses	6,895.00	6,440.00	5,400.00	5680.00	4,085.00	300.00
Equipment	283.37	732.90	278.05	497.69	263.32	
Admin	84.99	69.34	158.65	190.00	90.04	
Insurance	522.00	477.00	460.00	460.00	415.50	450.00
Publicity, fundraising costs						
Misc (subs, courses etc.)	204.00					489.31
Misc (other)		154.04	153.79	47.95	193.00	
Courses/Hall Hire	36.00	1,661.00	15.75	15.75	1,065.80	
DBS Fees	159.00	162.00	70.20	59.40	135.00	
Conferences						
Catering	133.35	161.84	192.32	71.51	56.42	
Mayors charity						
RDA collection boxes						
Sponsorship						400.00
Clwyd weekend/mechanical horse		245.00	150.00	1056.33		
Fleeces/polo shirts	996.45	429.40	209.00		90.00	
Total Expenditure	**9,314.16**	**10,532.52**	**7,087.76**	**8,078.63**	**6,394.08**	**1,639.31**
Income						
Riding Contributions	258.40	218.00	262.00	167	319.50	
Donations	2,875.85	7,831.75	179.33	2757.41	13,078.00	3,025.00
Fundraising Income	3,216.18	1,171.92	2,516.96	1734.52		107.35
Standing Orders	690.00	590.00	615.00	660	600.00	600.00
Goods Sold		53.00		88	43.00	
Conferences						
Gift Aid	912.57	0.00	515.82			217.63
Refund				180	60.00	256.50
	7,953.00	9,864.67	4,089.11	5,586.93	14,100.50	4,206.48
Interest Received (Savings account)	442.76	293.34	485.89	346.27	100.98	28.93
Total Income	**8,395.76**	**10,158.01**	**4,575.00**	**5,933.20**	**14,201.48**	**4,235.41**

Excess income over expenditure 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Income	8,395.76	10,158.01	4,575.00	5,933.20	14,201.48	4,235.41
Expenditure	9,314.16	10,532.52	7,087.76	8,078.63	6,394.08	1,639.31
Excess income over expenditure	**-918.40**	**-374.51**	**-2,512.76**	**-2,145.43**	**7,807.40**	**2,596.10**

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March 2026

CASH FUNDS

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
COOP Current Account	7,857.72	9,218.88	9,886.73	16,011.48	18,503.18	10,796.76
COOP Savings	25,736.21	25,293.45	25,000.00	21,388.01	21,041.74	20,940.76
	33,593.93	34,512.33	34,886.73	37,399.49	39,544.92	31,737.52

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Opening Funds	34,512.33	34,886.73	37,399.49	39,544.92	31,737.52	29,141.42
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(918.40)	(374.51)	(2,512.76)	(2,145.43)	7,807.40	2,596.10
Closing Funds	**33,593.93**	**34,512.22**	**34,886.73**	**37,399.49**	**39,544.92**	**31,737.52**

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 were approved at the AGM of Riding for the Disabled - The Foresters' Horn Group

Co-Chairperson Celia Parry Date 7.7.26

Co-Chairperson dy Smethurst Date 7.7.26

Treasurer Heather Gradden Date 7.7.26

CASH FUNDS

	2020	2019	2018	2015	2014	2013
COOP Current Account	8,229.59	2,776.33	4,739.12	6,725.72	3,483.13	3,763.71
COOP Savings	20,911.83	20,807.79	20,704.27	25,416.66	25,290.21	25,189.51
	29,141.42	23,584.12	25,443.39	32,142.38	28,773.34	28,953.22

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

	2020	2019	2018	2015	2014	2013
Opening Funds	23,584.12	25,443.39	27,031.62	28,773.34	28,953.22	28,274.88
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	5,557.30	(1,859.27)	(1,588.23)	3,369.04	(179.88)	678.34
Closing Funds	**29,141.42**	23,584.12	25,443.39	32,142.38	28,773.34	28,953.22