

Chairman's Report June 2023

2022/2023 has seen our group continue to provide a weekly service for our 4 riders. All of the riders are very appreciative of our efforts and regularly send message of thanks. Plans to accommodate a 5th rider have been shelved – hopefully temporarily- due to a shortage of volunteers. We have had a few tentative inquiries from individuals but they have not materialised. Rose is also unavailable as she helps with her grandson on Tuesday mornings!

We eventually organised a get together for our volunteers before Christmas which was lovely and I am delighted that many are coming to our gymkhana next week.

On a governance front we have acquired new hats for our riders which meet the current safety standards- thank you to Sue who was able to pass on the hats from Carryduff RDA group which closed after covid. The annual return has been sent to NO and Shirley submitted the NI Charity Commission requirements. As you are aware, there have been many changes at RDA NO. Although we have not yet received our Insurance certificates, groups have been informed a several occasions that we are covered for our activities.

We are looking forward to our Day Out to Laurelview tomorrow. Fingers crossed for good weather.

Finally I would like to thank all our volunteers for giving up their time so willingly each week. We play an important part in enriching the lives of Shannon, Donna, Gabrielle and Jill.

Julie Jordan