

STRABANE RIDING FOR DISABLED



Trustees' Annual Report for the Financial Year 1st June 2020– 31st May 2021

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED, STRABANE GROUP

Registered with the Charity Commission, Northern Ireland

CHARITY NUMBER – NIC 104338

Riding for the Disabled – Strabane Group offers horse riding to children with disabilities within the Strabane area.

The Principal address for the Charity is Mrs. Avril Pollock, 29 Grovemount Park, Londonderry, BT47 5SQ, and the contact for the Charity Commission is Mrs. Anne Kennedy, 3 Carrick Strand, Strabane, BT82 9RN.

The group meets each Wednesday morning during school term time. An A.G.M. was held on 16th June 2021 outlining the safety measures and the provision of safety of all concerned. As a result of this we could only work with one school instead of four schools in a group. The group closed in March 2019 due to the pandemic and since the reopening after lockdown on September 15th the group works with approximately seven (7) pupils one school, namely Knockavoe Special School.

As well as learning to ride, the children learn to be comfortable around the animals, and perform the care and grooming of the horses and the care and storage of the saddles, numnahs etc.

All activities are carried out at the Ashlee Riding School, Carricklee, Strabane, thus providing premises and facilities at a cost of £75 per morning. Ms. Julie Duffy is the owner and the qualified coach for the group. Mrs. Laura Early is also available as coach. The premises cost is the largest outlay of expenditure, as the coach and all helpers are volunteers. Most of the volunteers have up-to date Child Protection and First Aid Certificates. We have very few volunteers (10) in the group as a result of the pandemic and have been unable to fund-raise.

Normally the Group would have raised funds either through a Bag Pack at ASDA or a foyer collection, and also from collection boxes in local shops.

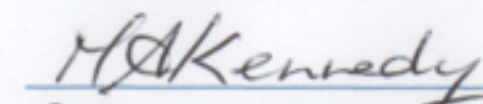
The main problems that the group is facing this year is a lack of volunteers and a need for fundraising to facilitate the running of the group.

Volunteers have been encouraged to use The Easyfunding App when shopping online and a percentage is donated to the group.

All volunteers and coaches have completed the Enhanced Access (N.I.) check. The Group has a Child Protection /Safeguarding Policy, updated annually and most volunteers have an up-to-date First Aid Certificate. There is always a nominated First Aider at each lesson.

The group has fulfilled the function in accordance with the Constitution and at all times has adhered to the Commission's guidance on Public Benefit and has met the obligations in regard to above.

Signed: Mrs. Avril Pollock


P.P. Chairperson / Trustee

on behalf of the following Trustees of the Group.

Mrs. Kathleen Duffy

Mrs. Susan Orr

Mrs. Maura McBeth

Mrs. Anne Kennedy

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1. Copy of the Accounts and list of Assets.
2. Copy of Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
3. Annual Report to Trustees