



**EPSOM RIDING FOR THE
DISABLED ASSOCIATION
(Charity Number 1073638)**



**ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH 2019**

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1073638 .

A member group of the Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving – A Registered Charity.



EPSOM RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019

Epsom Riding for the Disabled Association is an unincorporated association registered with the Charity Commissioners (No 1073638) and created by constitution adopted on 9 November 1998. The Charity is also known as Epsom RDA and ERDA.

The Charity, which is a member group of Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving (a charity registered under Charity No 244108) is administered by a Management Committee comprising the Trustees appointed at the Epsom RDA Annual General Meeting. The Trustees during the year were: -

Mrs. Stella Milne, Chairman; Mr Ewen Mackay and Dr Angela Wilson (voted onto board at AGM July) Treasurer, Mrs. Viran Wiltshire, Secretary (voted onto board AGM July); Mrs. Joanna Lee; Miss Wing Bo Chan; Miss Elaine Briggs; Miss Jane Sanders, Mrs. Gill McPherson and Mr. Ewen McKay and Miss Wing Bo Chan were re-elected.

The key objective of the charity is to provide disabled people, in Epsom and the surrounding communities, with the opportunity to ride at the level of their ability, choice and ambition to benefit their health and well-being. We estimate that, in purely monetary terms, the value of the services we currently provide to be in excess of £150,000 based on the costs of riding lessons in commercial stables and the specialist nature of the services we offer. Currently we are in excess of 275 part time volunteers whose effort and commitment is greatly valued by the trustees and without whom the Group would not be able to function. We are always looking for more volunteers, not just to care for and lead our ponies and riders but also in the back office, looking after our Administration, IT, Data Protection, Finance and Property matters and maintenance.

The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the finances and property owned by ERDA so that all our riders continue to receive a quality service, the animals in our care are looked after and the charity continues to flourish in the years to come.

The year was overshadowed by the events of August 15th 2018 when intruders gained access to the property via removal of a metal fence post on the perimeter fence with Hook Road arena. This resulted in an attack on two RDA ponies, Marigold and Buffy, on para horse, Sam, an on livery for an Epsom Para rider. This awful attack resulted in the euthanasia of Sam in September 2018 and of Buffy in January 2019.

This tragic event resulted in the local community rallying round to offer support, donations and help in so many ways. For this Epsom RDA is so grateful. The riders and volunteers are moving on from this incident and all are being positive about the future of Epsom RDA. The help and support from Lindsay Correa –South East Region and Ed Bracher RDA UK has been invaluable and it is reassuring to know there is a team who can offer support and advice on all area of running an RDA group.

From this incident we have installed CCTV, planted thorny bushes around the perimeter and are in the process of installing other security measures.

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Our special thanks go to: -

Ohms Security	BGI Electrical Ltd	Councillor Bernie Muir
Councillor Tina Mountain	SGN	Epsom and Ewell Rotary
Carly Facy and Family and all on the Ewell Families FB page		
Lesley Brandon	Western Digital	Sarah Sjolholm-Patience
Toyota Banstead	Waitrose Epsom	Whats on in Epsom
Radio Jackie	BBC Radio Surrey	Yours magazine
All Saints Church Ewell	Co-op West Ewell	Rosebury Housing
Kingston Riding Club	Claygate & Esher Riding Club	

All those who contributed to our just giving page

Our super Volunteers and riders, their parents, carers and schools.

Your support meant so much to Epsom RDA at this time and always.

Our volunteers continue to work hard on fundraising and between them organise many events during the year to raise funds and awareness. In addition, our Website is updated and used efficiently to enable everyone to find out more about us, the work that we do and how they can help us in our key objectives.

We have had over 330 riders in the year and have delivered 4064 rides. Considering we were three horses (two were moved on to other homes) down over the year this is 165 more than the previous year. Our riders have continued to progress and improve and we were again able to send a team of riders to compete at the Regional Dressage Competition at Hickstead and the National Championships at Hartpury competing at all levels, from a led walk test to an independent walk, trot and canter test. This year due to the very hot weather some of our horses were unable to travel to Hartpury, however Milton and Alicia performed well and thanks to Perry RDA lending a horse so that our other qualifying riders could compete.

The standard of riding from our participants grows each year, the determination to succeed and the enthusiasm of our riders supported by the coaches and volunteers on their sessions is exemplary. The new coaching pathway was launched in October 2018 which put stress, anxiety and excitement in different measure on our wonderful team of coaches. Our in-house training team has also given advice regarding the coaching pathway and have run formal and informal training events to enable our coaches to adjust to this new system.

Our wonderful herd of RDA horses and ponies work hard every day, some of the herd are over 20 years old now but are still able to perform daily and step up to dressage and endurance when required. Many thanks to the pony welfare team and to the maintenance team for taking care of their daily needs, vets when required and pasture management to name but a few of the many tasks involved in looking after our herd.

Epsom RDA has been donated money from various grants and supporters to purchase new horses. It is proving very difficult to find the right horse with the correct temperament to purchase; however, we have been fortunate in having permanent loan ponies who are serving our riders well. Nationally RDA groups are all finding it difficult to source appropriate horses and ponies to carry out RDA work.

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The sensory track is being used on a regular basis for our riders and new obstacles have been introduced over the year.

Our Properties team has been working hard improving the facilities including the day to day maintenance of our property which is carried out by an energetic team of capable people to mend fences, clear drains, sort out sprinkler systems, fork back the muck heap and keep our gardens looking wonderful. Plans for a new indoor riding arena have now been passed. The next hurdle will be fundraising to realize this project.

Cash reserves at the end of the year amounted to £283,115. Of this sum £109,288 is available towards next year's normal running costs.

The Designated Fund represents amounts set aside by the Management Committee to pay for the specific projects listed in the Accounts. The Restricted Funds are amounts given by donors for specific purposes which are also listed in the Accounts.

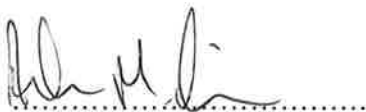
The accounts have been prepared on the basis of receipts and payments.

Trustee Benefit

Following the tragic incident in August and as a gesture of goodwill, the trustees agreed to pay the vet's bill of £2,431 that related to Sam, a horse owned by one of our trustees, Wing Bo Chan, which was injured in the incident and subsequently had to be put down. This was funded from the generous donations received in response to the incident and the transaction was approved by RDA UK and the Charity Commission.

Transfer of Operations

This is the final set of accounts produced for Epsom Riding for the Disabled Association, under charity number 1073638, as all the assets and liabilities have been transferred into Epsom Riding for the Disabled Association Incorporating Carriage Driving, charity number 1180061, Company number (CEO15210) on 1st April 2019.



A Wilson
Trustee

8th August 2019

EPSOM RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019 TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of Epsom Riding for the Disabled Association for the year ended 31 March 2019, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts, under Section 145 of the Charities Act, following the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners, (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act) and to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(a.) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met; or

(b.) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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8th August 2019

EPSOM RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019

	General Purposes	Restricted Funds (Note 1)	Designated Funds (Note 2)	2018-19 Full Year	2017-18 Full Year
	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Donations					
Grants		5,000		5,000	
General donations	39,448	15,105	-	54,553	24,447
In Memoriam	45,805	-	-	45,805	630
Collections and appeals	1,566	-	-	1,566	986
Riders	23,586	-	-	23,586	26,728
Adopt-a-pony	70	-	-	70	347
	<u>110,475</u>	<u>20,105</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,580</u>	<u>53,138</u>
Trading Activities					
Use of school	7,046	-	-	7,046	7,679
Fundraising event proceeds	4,366	-	-	4,366	14,374
Sale of goods	847	-	-	847	506
Pony sales	800	-	-	800	-
Sale of tack	368	-	-	368	1,518
Contribution from Cottage	0	-	-	0	114
Sundry income	0	-	-	0	144
	<u>13,427</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,427</u>	<u>24,335</u>
Investment income					
Bank and building society interest	2,769	-	-	2,769	1,762
	<u>2,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,769</u>	<u>1,762</u>
Total receipts	<u>£ 126,671</u>	<u>£ 20,105</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ 146,776</u>	<u>£ 79,235</u>
PAYMENTS					
Direct charitable payments					
Pony Purchase					
Pony costs	1,592	3,862	-	5,454	
Vet report	-	-	-	-	1,790
Pony Feed					
Hay & haylage	3,430	-	-	3,430	
Hard feed & supplements	860	-	-	860	9,048
Pony care					
Vet	6,714	5,361	-	12,075	
Farrier	3,035	-	-	3,035	
Tack and rider equipment	3,259	1,000	-	4,259	
Tack and grooming maintenance	76	-	-	76	19,445
Property Repairs & Maintenance					
Buildings, fences, land etc	8,926	720	-	9,646	
General gardening	248	-	-	248	6,285
Plant & Equipment Repairs and Maintenance					
Tractors, graders, mowers etc	(4)	-	-	(4)	
Fuel	200	-	-	200	196
Insurance	4,465	-	-	4,465	3,273
Electricity and water	338	-	-	338	2,745
New works – improvements & equipment (Note 3)	23,013	1,800	12,270	37,083	40,368
Horse transport	1,504	-	-	1,504	411
Non fundraising events	1,032	-	-	1,032	
Engraving trophies etc	1,285	-	-	1,285	
Annual prizegiving	254	-	-	254	1,617
	<u>254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>1,617</u>
Direct charitable expenditure total	<u>£ 60,227</u>	<u>£12,743</u>	<u>£ 12,270</u>	<u>£ 85,240</u>	<u>£ 89,593</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019 (cont)

	General Purposes	Restricted Funds (Note 1)	Designated Funds (Note 2)	2018-19 Full Year	2017-18 Full Year
	£	£	£	£	£
Other payments					
Fundraising					
Goods for resale	1,044	-	-	1,044	-
Fundraising event costs	1,426	-	-	1,426	7,426
Adopt a pony	-	-	-	0	39
General	254	-	-	254	168
Website Costs (Just Giving)	216	-	-	<u>216</u>	<u>346</u>
Telephone	803	-	-	803	741
Postage and stationery	628	-	-	628	581
Subscriptions	297	-	-	297	35
Conferences and training courses					
Hypotherapy costs	335	-	-	335	
First Aid, safety etc	678	-	-	<u>678</u>	<u>1,366</u>
Refreshments	158	-	-	158	370
Sundries	41	-	-	41	349
Professional Fees	11,346	-	-	11,346	6,522
Accountancy	1,080	-	-	1,080	1,020
Travel	<u>248</u>	-	-	<u>248</u>	<u>715</u>
Other Payments Total	<u>18,554</u>	-	-	<u>18,554</u>	<u>19,678</u>
Total payments	<u>£78,781</u>	<u>£12,743</u>	<u>£12,270</u>	<u>£103,794</u>	<u>£109,271</u>
Net receipts (payments)	<u>£47,890</u>	<u>£7,362</u>	<u>£(12,270)</u>	<u>£42,982</u>	<u>£(30,036)</u>

SUMMARY

Total Receipts	£126,671	£20,105	-	£146,776	£79,235
Total Payments	<u>(78,781)</u>	<u>(12,743)</u>	<u>(12,270)</u>	<u>(103,794)</u>	<u>(109,271)</u>
Net receipts (payments) for year	<u>£ 47,890</u>	<u>£7,362</u>	<u>£(12,270)</u>	<u>£42,982</u>	<u>£(30,036)</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31st MARCH 2019

	General Purposes	Restricted Funds (Note 1)	Designated Funds (Note 2)	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Balances					
Balances at 1 April 2018	61,753	11,564	166,816	240,133	270,169
Net receipts/ (payments) in year	<u>47,890</u>	<u>7,362</u>	<u>(12,270)</u>	<u>42,982</u>	<u>(30,036)</u>
Bank balances at 31 March 2019	<u>£109,643</u>	<u>£18,926</u>	<u>£154,546</u>	<u>£283,115</u>	<u>£240,133</u>

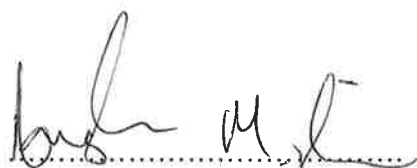
In addition, Epsom RDA owns:

The freehold of St Ebba's Farm, which cost £84,657 (inclusive of legal fees).

A herd of 14 horses at 31st March 2019, two of them were gifted, one is on permanent loan and the rest of the herd cost a total of £24,150 (2018 - £34,550).

Equipment including two tractors, a trailer, three harrows, a grass cutter and sundry other tractor attachments, a hand operated motor mower, a strimmer and various workshop tools, competition fences, poles and games equipment with an approximate current value of £15,000 (2018 - £15,000)

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 8th August 2019 and signed on their behalf by:



A Wilson

Trustee

For and on behalf of the Management Committee

EPSOM RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

AT 31st MARCH 2019

1. Restricted Funds

	Donor	Fund as at 1st April 2018	Received	Spent	Fund as at 31st March 2019
		£	£	£	£
Sound system for riding school	Oxshott Ladies	1,742	-	-	1,742
Bursary for competitive riding programme	American Women of Surrey	172	-	-	172
Lighting	The Livingstone Trust	4,850	-	-	4,850
Lighting for outdoor riding school	Love of Learning	4,800	-	-	4,800
Equipment	P Pope	-	1,000	1,000	-
Perimeter Fence	Toyota Charitable TGB	-	1,800	1,800	-
Sam's Vet	Mrs Kerton	-	100	100	-
Ponies	Peter Browning and friends	-	2,000	-	2,000
Sam's cremation	E Mackay	-	358	358	-
Tommy (pony)	The Facey Family	-	3,504	3,504	-
Ponies	Numerous small donations	-	5,623	5,261	362
Benches	Several donations	-	720	720	-
Entrance Gates	Surrey C C Grant	-	5,000	-	5,000
		<u>£11,564</u>	<u>£ 20,105</u>	<u>£12,743</u>	<u>£18,926</u>

2. Designated funds

The Designated Fund of £154,546 represents amounts set aside by the Trustees out of the general fund to meet the cost of future improvements to the property. The interest on the balance in the Fund provides income for general purposes to help to meet the Group's running expenses.

The following projects have been identified by the Trustees, for implementation as and when funds become available:

- a) Additional development that would result in a new indoor riding school and other buildings being used for better purpose, incorporating a viewing platform and mounting ramp.
- b) To refurbish the outdoor school surface;
- c) To purchase horses;
- d) To purchase a new grass cutter.

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AT 31st MARCH 2019

3. New Works (Improvements and Equipment) purchased in year.

New Works (Improvements)

	£	
Architectural drawings and planning for development	12,270	Designated
CCTV system	6,572	
Fencing	4,405	(1,800 restricted)
Hedge planted	1,800	
Replacement floodlights on external riding school	1,971	
Water troughs and haynets	<u>247</u>	
Total new works (improvements)	<u>27,265</u>	

Equipment

	£	
Field Shelters	9,600	
Filing Cabinet	138	
Gazebo	<u>80</u>	
Total Equipment	<u>9,819</u>	
Total new works (Improvements and equipment)	<u>37,083</u>	