

**RIDE FOR A REASON CIC**

**Annual Report  
And  
Financial Statements  
Of the  
Community Interest Company  
Company no: 8762298**

**For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

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**RIDE FOR A REASON CIC**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Aim**

'Our aim is to provide affordable therapeutic horse-riding and contact with horses for children with special needs and learning difficulties and disabilities particularly those on the Autistic Spectrum who would benefit from riding in an individual session tailored to their particular needs and promoting, health, wholeness and increase learning.'

**Members of board:**

Alison Oakden (Chair Director) 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Jessie Oakden (Director) 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Tracy Tee (Director) Appointed 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Board of Directors and Management Committee**

The Board met 3 times during the year

The Management Committee met 4 times during the year.

### **Brief overview of year**

We began the year with the highest number of pupils so far with 20 on our books, all with Special Needs/Learning Difficulties.

Five pupils left during the year or only came occasionally and five new pupils joined maintaining our numbers on the books.

However we were struggling to cover our costs having been unsuccessful with funding applications.

We applied to Community Foundation For Surrey (cfs) for funding to cover salary for instructor in February but were unsuccessful.

We received a donation of £1000 at the beginning of December and £500 from Shere Village Cinema in February and again in November.

Although we were fully booked throughout the year lessons were hampered by bad weather resulting in cancellation of lessons, also lameness with the horses and a lack of suitable horses had an impact on meeting the needs of our pupils.

We invited parents to pay more than our £10 charge for lessons if they were able to do so as we felt £10 was not sufficient without us receiving funding, several now regularly pay more which has increased our income. £10 is still our default charge making it affordable to all.

This extra income meant we were able to meet all our costs helped by our fundraising events and donations from individuals and groups, though without funding we are still not able to pay our Instructor a salary.

We finished the year with a profit of £728

We were able to promote the company through our website and social media page.

### **Fundraising**

In December we held a Christmas fundraiser evening at the Parrot Inn with an auction.

We held our annual Christmas party on a Saturday in December with a visit from Father Christmas and seasonal refreshments, we produced our annual calendars to sell.

We held a Celebration Family Service at St Thomas' Chilworth on 4<sup>th</sup> June followed by tea and home made cakes.

We held a virtual Sponsored Rideathon in November

### **Grant Applications**

We applied to Community Foundation for Surrey for funding to pay an instructor in February but were unsuccessful.

### **Pupils**

We began the year with a total of 20 regular pupils who rode once a week or once a fortnight, plus some who rode occasionally.

All had Special Needs or Learning Difficulties/Disabilities most with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Special needs included: ASD, Epilepsy, Cerebral palsy, Hyper Mobility, Anxiety, Low Self Esteem, Curvature of Spine, Dyslexia, Poor memory, Dyspraxia, speech delay, sensory issues.

Five left during the year or only came occasionally; nine new pupils joined throughout the year, all are SN most are ASD ranging from high functioning to severe, non verbal, all benefit from our individual sessions.

As well as our instructor we had three regular helpers on a Saturday

We have 16 boys and 7 girls currently on the books.

Signed on behalf of the CIC:

.....A.M. Oakden (Chair)

**RIDE FOR A REASON CIC**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	<u>Restricted Funds</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS 2017</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDS 2016</u>
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
Donations	2(a)	4,749		4,749	1,917
Lessons	2(b)	4,635		4,635	4,395
Fund Raising	2(c)	1,774		1,744	3,488
Grants	2(d)	0		0	0
		<b><u>11,158</u></b>		<b><u>11,158</u></b>	<b><u>9,799</u></b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Running the organisation	3(a)	10,430		10,430	10,423
		<b><u>728</u></b>		<b><u>728</u></b>	<b><u>(632)</u></b>
<b>NET INCOMING/ (OUTGOING) RESOURCES</b>		<b><u>728</u></b>		<b><u>728</u></b>	<b><u>(632)</u></b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>					
<b>BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD AT 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2016</b>		<b>115</b>		<b>115</b>	<b>552</b>
<b>BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017</b>		<b><u>843</u></b>		<b><u>843</u></b>	<b><u>115</u></b>

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these accounts

**RIDE FOR A REASON CIC**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

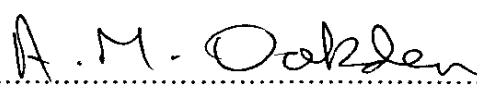
		<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
	<b><u>Note</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>			
Tangible Fixed Assets		0	0
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>			
Cash at Bank		589	
Cash in Hand		0	
Paypal Account		0	(139)
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<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>			
Creditors	5	-	
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		-	
 <b>Net Current Assets/ (Liabilities)</b>			
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		589	(139)
 <b><u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u></b>			
		<b><u>589</u></b>	<b><u>(139)</u></b>
 <b>Financed by Reserves and Funds:</b>			
<b><u>Unrestricted</u></b>			
General Fund b/fwd	4	(139)	232
General Fund 2016/ 2017		728	(93)
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		589	(139)
 <b><u>Restricted</u></b>			
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		589	(139)
 <b>Unrestricted Income Funds</b>			
		<b><u>589</u></b>	<b><u>(139)</u></b>

For the financial year ending 30/11/2017 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Signed by Chair .....  ..... A.M.Oakden

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these accounts

## **RIDE FOR A REASON CIC**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the CIC have been prepared under the historical cost convention., together with applicable accounting standards and the Charities SORP.

##### **a) Funds**

The accounts include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the CIC is responsible in law.

##### **b) Incoming Resources**

###### ***Voluntary Income and Grants***

Donations are recognised when received by or on behalf of the CIC.

Fund Raising monies are recognised when received by or on behalf of the CIC

Grants and legacies to the CIC are accounted for as soon as the CIC is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

###### ***Other Ordinary Income***

Lesson revenue is recognised when received by or on behalf of the CIC.

##### **c) Resources expended**

###### ***Grants***

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding commitment on the CIC.

##### **d) Fixed Assets**

Equipment costing more than £300 is capitalised. Depreciation is charged on a straight line basis at 25% per annum, for equipment and fittings.

All the horses are privately owned and loaned to the CIC.

An Asset Lock is in place where all assets would be transferred to a similar charity in the event of the CIC ceasing to trade.

##### **e) Current assets**

Amounts owing to the CIC at 30<sup>th</sup> November are shown net of any provision for uncollectible amounts.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Income</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Income</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
<b>2. INCOME</b>					
<b>a) Donations</b>					
Voluntary Donations		4,749		4,749	1,917
		<u>4,749</u>		<u>4,749</u>	<u>1,917</u>
<b>b) Lesson Income</b>					
Lessons and Therapy Sessions		4,635		4,635	4,395
		<u>4,635</u>		<u>4,635</u>	<u>4,395</u>
<b>c) Fund Raising</b>					
Sale of Calendars		125		125	180
Christmas Fundraiser		408		408	894
Music Concerts etc		1,168		1,168	1,574
Quiz Night		-		-	840
Easter Egg Raffle		73		73	
		<u>1,774</u>		<u>1,774</u>	<u>3,488</u>
<b>d) Grants</b>					
None Received in Year		0		0	0
		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>11,157</u>		<u>11,157</u>	<u>9,799</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Expenditure</u> <u>£</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Expenditure</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
<b>3. EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>a) Running the organisation</b>					
Veterinary Fees		1,948		1,948	1,304
Feed		2,174		2,174	2,530
Insurance		1,318		1,318	1,498
Rent of Stables		3,000		3,000	3,000
Fundraising Expenses		445		445	603
Council Licence		380		380	380
Maintenance		-		-	180
Professional Fees		15		15	38
Farrier		230		230	220
Tack		-		-	145
General Expenses		550		550	138
Miscellaneous Expenses		-		-	54
Training		-		-	142
Donations Paid Out		192		192	
Bank Charges		178		178	200
		<u>10,430</u>		<u>10,430</u>	<u>10,432</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

**For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**4. MOVEMENT OF FUNDS - CHANGES IN THE YEAR**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> December 2016</b>	<b>Addition</b>	<b>Reduction</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> November 2017</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>				
Bank Account	(139)	11,158	(10,430)	589
Cash Account	0	0	0	0
Paypal Account	0	0	0	0
	<u>(139)</u>	<u>11,158</u>	<u>(10,430)</u>	<u>589</u>
	<u>(139)</u>			<u>589</u>

**5. CREDITORS**

		<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>
		<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Expenses	Owed To Alison Oakden		
	Feed		
	Insurance		
	Sundry Tack		
	Fire Extinguishers		
	Launch Event Catering		
	BHS Subscription		
	Safeguarding Training		
	Expenses Reimbursed		
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## Community Interest Company Report

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**Company Name in  
full**

Ride For A Reason CIC

**Company Number**

8762298

**Year Ending**

2016-2017

This template illustrates what the Regulator of Community Interest Companies considers to be best practice for completing a simplified community interest company report. All such reports must be delivered in accordance with section 34 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and contain the information required by Part 7 of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005. For further guidance see chapter 8 of the Regulator's guidance notes and the alternate example provided for a more complex company with more detailed notes.

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## **PART 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES AND IMPACT**

In the space provided below, please insert a general account of the company's activities in the financial year to which the report relates, including a fair and accurate description of how they have benefited the community, or section of the community, which the company is intended to serve.

We are a small riding school offering therapeutic riding lessons and contact with horses, to children with special needs, learning disabilities/difficulties particularly those on the Autistic Spectrum for whom horse riding has been identified as benefitting them physically, mentally, emotionally and improving learning and who particularly benefit from individual sessions.

All lessons are individual and tailored to meet each child's particular need, taken by Alison Oakden instructor and an assistant.

. During the financial year 2016-2017 our activities have benefited the community in the following ways:

We started the year with 12 children with special needs (SN) riding with us regularly (once a week or once a fortnight)

In February we had 3 new pupils start all SN with others coming back as the evenings grew lighter and in the holidays who rode occasionally.

With another 5 joining between March & May.

We had over 20 children on the books and a waiting list so we became exclusively SN most with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) ranging from high functioning to severe non-verbal all benefiting from our individual sessions

Children aged from 4-15 this included 6 girls and 16 boys

Disabilities included:

ASD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, speech delay, poor memory, low self esteem, curvature of the spine, Epilepsy, Hyper- mobility, sensory issues, Cerebral Palsy, Tourettes.

Our lessons take place in our sand school or out for a ride along the bridleways and lanes.

In the lessons in the sand school we adapt the lesson to the child's particular need working on balance, core strength, co-ordination and motor skills as well as communication and speech and horsemanship skills .We use exercises and props and observe the children's processing and reactions. Sessions can vary from therapy to a high standard of riding.

We make the sessions fun so the children enjoy it, we make the goals achievable to increase confidence and self esteem.

As sessions are individual we find those with ASD particularly benefit without experiencing anxiety which they often suffer from especially in a classroom setting.

For many it is the only activity they take part in.

Many are calmer during and after the lesson and sleep better that night.

*(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").*

### **PART 1 Cont.**

We know from feedback from parents and our own observations that we are making a difference in the lives of every child who rides with us and that these differences spill over

**PART 2 – CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS** – Please indicate who the company's stakeholders are; how the stakeholders have been consulted and what action, if any, has the company taken in response to feedback from its consultations? If there has been no consultation, this should be made clear.

The company's stakeholders are the pupils who ride with us and in the case of children their parents and families.

We have introduced a registration form for parents of our pupils asking why they have chosen to ride with us, what particular needs their child has that they feel will benefit from riding, what differences/improvements they hope to see and how they heard about us.

We have introduced feedback forms for parents and observation forms for staff to measure the differences we are making to the children.

We have an initial trial lesson with new pupils to see if it right for them and will benefit them and if they want to attend regularly, also to find which pony will suit them best.

We discuss with the pupil and their parents what they hope to gain from riding and work out the best lesson for them.

Each session is tailored to the pupil's specific needs and goes at the child's own pace.

We can adapt the lesson to whatever is appropriate for that child on that day.

Some days they may not want to ride at all and just lead the pony or groom

There is a choice of a lesson in the school or going out for a ride and sometimes a choice of which pony they can ride, although safety is always our first consideration

. On occasions the weather limits what we can do so the parents are contacted prior to the lesson to prepare the child for the options available that day. This is especially so in pupils with Autism who find changes to the usual routine difficult to cope with.

We consulted with parents over the price of lessons and now charge £10.00 for a 45 minute session with approx 20 mins riding. Which we feel is affordable to all. This was based on our receiving funding, as this has still not happened we invited those who could afford it to pay more for lessons at their discretion.

We produce regular newsletters as well as updates on our social media page.

*(If applicable, please just state "A social audit report covering these points is attached").*

into their lives at home and at school having a positive affect on their learning and also benefiting their families.

As well as Alison Oakden our instructor there were three further helpers covering Saturdays

We were able to promote the company through our Website [www.rideforareasoncic.co.uk](http://www.rideforareasoncic.co.uk) and our social media page.

We have a short promotional video for our website and for use at fundraising events.

Despite having our greatest demand since we started we were hampered by bad weather throughout the year meaning we had to cancel lessons.

We also had our best ponies off with lameness .

Calypso fractured her elbow and was off work for 9 months.

We also took on some new ponies who turned out to be unsuitable

Shere village Cinema made 2 x donations of £500 in February and November

In May we made a presentation to St Martha's Parish Council AGM

We held a Celebration Service at St Thomas Church Chilworth on 4<sup>th</sup> June

*We made an application to Community Foundation for Surrey for Funding on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February but were unsuccessful and following feedback from CFS we decided not to apply to them again.*

*Our Fundraisers for the year were our Christmas party, an evening Christmas Fundraiser and auction and a virtual sponsored Rideathon in November.*

*We produced calendars to sell.*

**PART 3 – DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION** – if you have provided full details in your accounts you need not reproduce it here. Please clearly identify the information within the accounts and confirm that, “There were no other transactions or arrangements in connection with the remuneration of directors, or compensation for director’s loss of office, which require to be disclosed” (See example with full notes). If no remuneration was received you must state that “no remuneration was received” below.

**No remuneration was received.**

**PART 4 – TRANSFERS OF ASSETS OTHER THAN FOR FULL CONSIDERATION** – Please insert full details of any transfers of assets other than for full consideration e.g. Donations to outside bodies. If this does not apply you must state that “no transfer of assets other than for full consideration has been made” below.

A donation was made to Society for the Welfare of Horses and Ponies (SWHP)  
Coxstone, St Maughans, Monmouth NP25 5QF

Of £25.00p on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan

This was from donations collected at our Christmas Parties with a percentage going to SWHP

A donation of £50 was made to sponsor Paul Jameson in the Kilimanjaro Tennis Challenge (MND) on 18<sup>th</sup> October

*(Please continue on separate continuation sheet if necessary.)*

## PART 5 – SIGNATORY

**The original report must be signed by a director or secretary of the company**

Signed

A.M. Oakden

Date

21/8/18

Office held (delete as appropriate) Director/~~Secretary~~

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Mrs A. M. Oakden	
102 New Road	
Chilworth, Guildford GU4 8LU	
Tel	
DX Number	DX Exchange

**When you have completed and signed the form, please attach it to the accounts and send both forms by post to the Registrar of Companies at:**

*For companies registered in England and Wales:* Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ  
DX 33050 Cardiff

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Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh or LP – 4 Edinburgh 2

*For companies registered in Northern Ireland:* Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38  
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