



# NEW YATT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GROUP

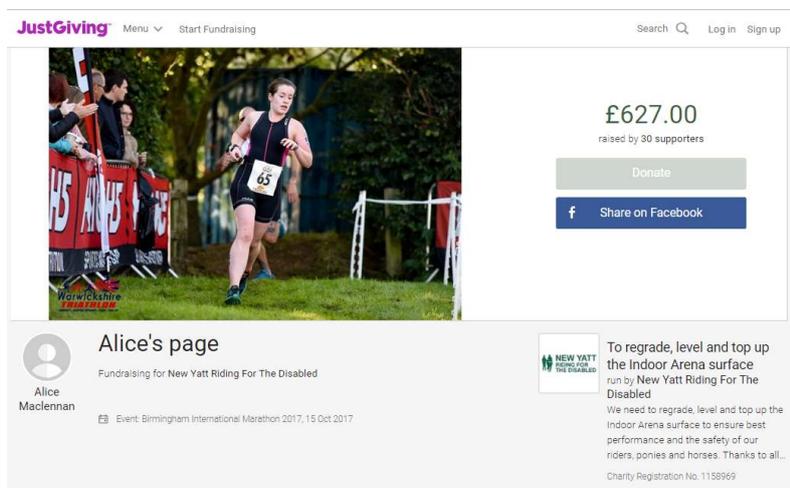
INDOOR ARENA  
SURFACE APPEAL

2017-18

## Project aim and outcomes:

In 2004 NYRDA raised over £134,000 to build an Indoor Arena which ensures we can ride all year round and in most weathers. By 2017, and after giving over 14,300 rides, sections of our Activ-Track surface had degenerated leading to a risk that ponies might trip, affecting the balance of our riders.

We initially launched a campaign to cover the cost of expensive maintenance on the original surface but on receipt of a quotation from Andrews Bowen Ltd, [www.andrewsbowen.co.uk](http://www.andrewsbowen.co.uk) official supplier to RDA National, [www.rda.org.uk](http://www.rda.org.uk) we decided to replace the surface and install their Propell RDA mix surface and buy a new harrow to ensure years of optimum performance



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Fundraising for New Yatt Riding For The Disabled

Alice Maclennan

Event: Birmingham International Marathon 2017, 15 Oct 2017

NEW YATT RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

To regrade, level and top up the Indoor Arena surface run by New Yatt Riding For The Disabled

We need to regrade, level and top up the Indoor Arena surface to ensure best performance and the safety of our riders, ponies and horses. Thanks to all...

Charity Registration No. 1158969

Saturday helper, Alice Maclennan running the Birmingham Marathon in October 2017 launched our £22,000 campaign.

Thereafter our volunteers were busy organising diverse fundraising events including a Community Choir concert and golf day. We also received generous donations from individual well-wishers.

However, 85% of total funds were received from successful applications to grant making trusts and local organisations, including RDA National, Aviva Community Award and The Pye Charitable Trust, see Appendix

By August 2018 we had achieved 75% of our target and booked Andrews Bowen Ltd to install the new surface during the summer break. We also took delivery of our new harrow.



We are highly satisfied with the new surface which is easy to maintain and is providing a smoother ride. Furthermore, early feedback from leaders and side-walkers confirms that it is much easier to walk and run over, giving them confidence when supporting our riders.

## Our activities:

New Yatt Riding for the Disabled is an incorporated charity based at North Leigh, West Oxfordshire. Since 1984 a dedicated team of RDA trained Coaches and 50+ volunteer helpers have provided regular riding lessons for the local disabled community. Our 7 ponies and horses are carefully chosen for temperament, size and ability to undertake RDA work.

We are run by unpaid volunteers and, thanks to their fundraising efforts we raise over £18,000 annually to cover running costs and can therefore offer affordable riding to our participants. In 2017-18 we provided 975 rides to 94 individual riders, many of whom have a physical disability or learning difficulties, some may have both.



All our riders are encouraged to achieve their personal riding objectives at their own pace. Riding is widely recognised as an excellent form of therapy - building self-confidence, improving concentration, co-ordination and balance, providing recreation and sport.



Best of all, riding is FUN and riders, like Lewis above, regularly tell us how much they enjoy coming to New Yatt RDA.

Please visit our website for further information and photographs about the project and our activities [www.newyattrda.org.uk](http://www.newyattrda.org.uk)

# Appendix

Between October 2017 and September 2018 New Yatt RDA raised £22,478 to complete this Arena surface project. On behalf of riders and volunteers the Trustees thank all our donors below for all their generous support.

Alice MacLennan's Marathon Run  
Aviva Community Award  
Bellway Homes  
Estate of Brian Crawford  
Jim Cousins Trust  
PF Charitable Trust  
Private Donations & anonymous awards  
RDA National  
Tackley Horse Show  
The Bartlett Taylor Trust  
The Doris Field Trust  
The Pye Charitable Trust  
The Rotary Club of Witney  
The Souldern Trust  
West Oxon Community Choir  
Windrush Masonic Lodge

