Update
Easter 2023

Together we are riding for smiles. www.ridingforsmiles.org.

We were so pleased to welcome new trustees, Annette Lupton and Catherine Watters to our last trustees' meeting on Thursday, March 30th. We start at 6:30pm. Next meeting, May 2nd, also at 6:30pm

It's RfS financial year end, it's time to fill out those forms for the Charity Commission, it's time for reflection, and it's time to dream of a bright future.

Like many charities RfS has found it harder to raise funds over the past year. Funding has been diverted to Ukraine, funders are overwhelmed with bids, funders do grant but often giving half of the amount requested, and funding from private organisations has not been forthcoming. All very understandable. Income this year was down from £64,000 to £47,000.
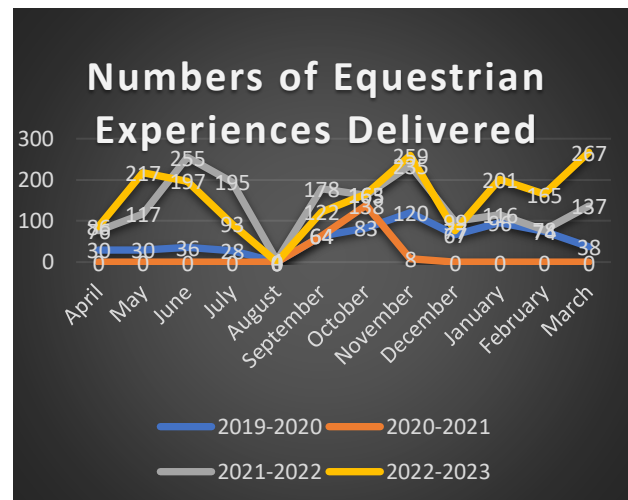
Expenditure was up slightly because we were busier helping more and more children. Up from £55,000 to £58,000.

RfS has funding in place to ensure a good part of the work is funded into 2025. However, we still work hard and have funding bids submitted and in progress.

Just look at that yellow line, busiest term since we started,

2019 –2020	666 experiences
2020 –2021	210 experiences
2021 –2022	1653 experiences
2022 –2023	1843 experiences

Numbers of Equestrian Experiences Delivered

Our Chair is standing down when his second three-year term ends in September. Can you get involved and help RfS through the next few years. Volunteering for RfS with CCEC, schools, teachers and children is a truly amazing experience.

A head teacher. "The 'Riding For Smiles' sessions have supported the children's wellbeing and have helped them manage their anxiety. They have also helped the children develop in self-esteem and self-confidence as well as rebuild positive relationships with their peers and trusted adults. They have been particularly helpful in preparing the children for transition periods.

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