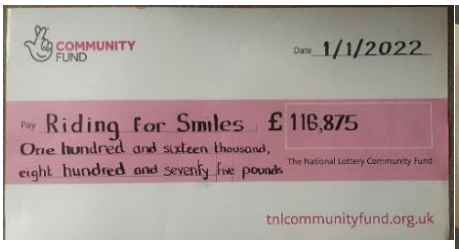
Riding for Smiles

Update November 2021



We were still celebrating at the trustees' November meeting. Thanks to the National Lottery Community Fund players RfS has received a grant of £116,875 over four years.

RfS' Mental Health Project is secure until the end of 2025. The £76,875 allocated to this project is impressive and will enable Riding for Smiles with its partner the Coloured Cob Equestrian Centre and the schools involved to plan over the years to maximise the benefits for the children who take part in the project.

RfS' Deprivation Project has had £40,000 allocated over four years which will make an incredibly significant contribution to the funds needed to sustain the project. Riding for Smiles has already submitted further bids for funding from many funding bodies including Children in Need.

Grants also received in November.
Derbyshire Voluntary Action and the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation. We would like to thank all our funders, without their funds RfS would not be able to deliver the real and lasting benefits to so many amazing children, young people, and adults.

The number of experiences delivered continues to grow.
November 2021 – RfS welcomed 235 children, young people, and adults to the stables with 30 making use of the wheelchair enabled carriage. That is the second highest figure ever behind June 2021 which was 255.
Contrast that 235 with November 2019 with 120 experiences and November 2020, which was one of the few months out of lock down, with 210 experiences.
June 2019 had 70 experiences, June 2020 zero, June 2021 255.

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