

British Horse Society Derbyshire

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Introduction

Welcome to the Autumn / Winter Edition of the British Horse Society Newsletter.

Forthcoming attractions

Halloween Ride Elvaston Castle 23rd Oct,
BHS AM Ashover Parish Hall Fri 14th Oct

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Watch out there's a thief about!,
Long Horse Bridge,
Halloween Ride,
Inside Out talk –York
BHS AM

Equine proprietors urged to beware after attempted theft

Proprietors of riding schools and livery yards are warned to be on their guard following an attempted theft at a British Horse Society (BHS) Approved establishment in Northamptonshire.

An unidentified female arrived at the centre on Thursday 8th September, claiming to be a British Horse Society Approval Inspector visiting to carry out the inspection and take photo's for a portfolio.

The proprietor was suspicious and contacted the BHS Approvals team who advised him that the woman was not an inspector and not connected to the BHS in any way. The Society confirmed that all BHS Approval inspectors carry ID and will be happy to show it. They also advised the proprietor to step up security and be particularly vigilant in coming weeks.

However just hours later, on Friday evening, there was an attempted break in. The burglars were unsuccessful and the Police attended the scene.

The proprietor said: "This female was in her late twenties, early thirties with blonde hair, well-spoken and with an accent. We want to advise all centre owners and staff to be more vigilant and to check for ID."

Chris Doran, BHS Senior Executive Approvals said: "This matter is very concerning and we would urge all centres to be particularly cautious in coming weeks. If you have any concerns please call the BHS Approvals team immediately for reassurance."

The British Horse Society Approvals team can be contacted on 02476 840509.

For further information and pictures, please contact: Alison Coleman, The British Horse Society, 02476 840463 or a.coleman@bhs.org.uk

Derbyshire Horse and Pony Society (Reg. Charity No.512748)

The DHPS AGM will be held at 11:30 on Sunday 16th October 2011 at Swathwick Farm, Swathwick Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, S42 6QP

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I will be attending the DHPS AGM on 16th October 2010

Name: _____

Address : _____

Please post to Ruth Dodd, 74 Hady Crescent, Chesterfield, S41 0EA or email Ruth.Dodd@msn.com

A success story The erection of Long Horse Bridge

By Ann Wood – BHS Access Officer Derby South

This is a story of what can be achieved when we all work together. British Horse Society, Leicester Bridleways and Erewash Riders form part of The Federation of The East Midlands Bridleway Association.

We want you all to share in our celebration of the installation recently of the new Long Horse Bridge over the River Trent to link Leicestershire and Derbyshire and carry the Midshires Way – once the bridleways have been created/dedicated on each side. This is definitely all our Christmases and Birthdays in one package or in this case one bridge.

It's been a long haul since 1999 when Vicky Allen (LBA/BHS Leics) first found the planning application for a footbridge. Quite by accident when chatting to a planning officer!! This was a signal for a bout of lobbying to get the bridge built to bridleway standard and for the creation of bridleways that would carry the Midshires Way for horses safely between the B6540 and Shardlow and then up through the Wilne.

We have yet to get the necessary bridleways in. The old bridge was part of the towpath - which was not physically suitable as it was for some length a narrow strip between the Trent & Mersey Canal (or R.Trent + R.Derwent) and a gravel pit lake - and carried footpath status, although not as far as the road! As the bridge has been moved, the footpath on each bank has to be diverted to the new bridge, but the totally new bridleways will be on separate lines courtesy of Lafarge's gravel-digging in Derby. Being Leicestershire on one side of the bridge and Derbyshire on the other this provided it's own unique problems.

In spite of the bridge being, just, in Leicestershire, Derbyshire County Council became the lead partner in the project to build the new bridge and create the bridleways to and from it. They were able, in the 2002/3 estimate for the bridge, to win £100k from Landfill Tax, and a gravel extraction application on the Derbyshire bank was granted with a commitment to dedicate a bridleway parallel to the towpath to Shardlow on what was expected to be the route for bringing in the bridge. The old bridge was demolished in 2003 and every year since we've been hoping for the bridge to go in, so it feels like a miracle that it has. It has taken Public Inquiry and sheer determination by us all to achieve this, but on Thursday 15th September 2011 a beautiful "Bowstring Bridge" now connects Leicestershire to Derbyshire.

Whilst we wait for work to be completed, it's hoped the necessary 'legal events' will occur so the Definitive Maps for Derbyshire and Leicestershire have bridleways over and from the bridge to the nearest roads. We believe this will be through dedication except for a "ransom strip" that will need compulsory purchase. We are all looking forward to a celebratory ride on the bridleways and over the bridge - but past experience warns that 2012 may be too soon!

Nevertheless, FEMBA and its constituent groups, the British Horse Society and riders all over England hope that now this physical gap between Derbyshire and southern England has been bridged, it will be the trigger for Derbyshire County Council to finally resolve various other problems with the equestrian version of the *Midshires Way* as it heads for the *High Peak Trail* and the southern end of the *Pennine Bridleway*.





**BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY
DERBYSHIRE**

Reg Charity No 512348



"HALLOWE'EN FAMILY FUN RIDE" (Part of the Elvaston Spooky Spectacular)



**SUNDAY 23rd October
2011
Start between
10am and 11am**

**Elvaston Castle Show
Field
(Harrington Cottages
Entrance)**

ENTRY FEES

JUNIORS (under 10)..... £8.00
ADULTS £12.00

Entry Fees include temporary
membership of the Society
and
Hot Refreshments for the Rider

ROSETTE FOR ALL ENTRANTS, TOFFEE
APPLE, CARROT for the PONY



*Refreshments
available for Sale*

*Obstacles, Fun
and Games back
at the field.*



For further details and an Entry Form, send SAE to



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Cedarville, 1 Draycott Road, Breaston, Derbys DE72 3DA
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*Proceeds go to BHS and Erewash Riders Association
To be used for important Bridleway maintenance*





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"HALLOWE'EN FAMILY FUN RIDE



SUNDAY 23rd October 2011

Starting between 10am and 11am

**Elvaston Castle Show Field
(Harrington Cottages Entrance)**

ENTRIES by WEDNESDAY 19th October 2011

JUNIORS (under 10)...£8.00; ADULTS ...£12.00;

Please Note: Entries on the day will be £3 extra

Entry Fees Include temporary membership of the Society and Hot Refreshments.

Please come in Fancy Dress - Prizes for originality

Please send tear off slip together with a cheque for the correct entry fee made payable to
"BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY (Derbyshire)" before the closing date to:

Ann Wood, Cedarville, 1 Draycott Road, Breaston, Derbys DE72 3DA
Telephone: 01332 873881 Mobile: 07835 253 746

ENTRY FORM

NAME AGE IF UNDER 18

ADDRESS

..... TEL NO

DISCLAIMER:

I UNDERSTAND THAT I SHALL NOT HOLD THE BRITISH HORSE SOCIETY (DERBYSHIRE) RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE, HOWSOEVER CAUSED TO ME, MY ANIMAL, MY TACK, MY VEHICLE OR ASSISTANTS WHILST UNDERTAKING THIS EVENT. I ALSO UNDERTAKE TO MAKE GOOD ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY ME, MY ANIMAL, MY VEHICLE OR MY ASSISTANTS TO STOCK, OR THE ENVIRONMENT WHILST UNDERTAKING THIS RIDE. I CONFIRM THAT I DO HOLD PERSONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE.

SIGNATURE OF RIDER DATE

(PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18)

ALL CHILDREN UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT, i.e. PERSON 18 OR OVER

TO ASSIST WITH PARKING PLEASE TICK ONE OPTION TO SHOW HOW YOU WILL BE ARRIVING AT THE VENUE:

LORRY TRAILER WITH SOMEONE ELSE HACKING/BEING DROPPED OFF

PLEASE NOTE

- ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR PROPERLY SECURED RIDING HATS
- ANY RIDER UNDER THE AGE OF 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT, I.E. A PERSON 18 OR OVER
- HORSES/PONIES MUST BE IN A FIT CONDITION TO UNDERTAKE THE WORK EXPECTED OF THEM
- TACK USED MUST BE PROPERLY SECURED AND IN A SAFE CONDITION
- ON ARRIVAL AT THE VENUE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY
- IF YOU HAVE TO RETURN WITHOUT FINISHING THE RIDE FOR WHATEVER REASON PLEASE LET THE SECRETARY KNOW
- ON FINISHING THE RIDE HAND IN YOUR NUMBER AND COLLECT YOUR ROSETTE
- ENTRY FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

Have a good ride

Christmas fun with The British Horse Society and Horses Inside Out, in memory of Irene Heppell

Learn how you can help your horse “maintain a pain free and supple back” this winter while supporting the BHS at the same time.

BHS Yorkshire is hosting a video-based evening talk on 6 December at The Buckles Inn, York, with Gillian Higgins, founder of Horses Inside Out. The event is in memory of Irene Heppell, a BHS volunteer who left a very generous legacy to the Society.

Gillian Higgins is a Sports and Remedial therapist, BHS qualified riding instructor and eventer from Nottinghamshire, who is well-known for her series of ‘painted horse’ demonstrations and informative events all around the world.

The evening will include a Christmas Raffle, with an opportunity to spend a day behind the scenes at a Horses Inside Out event as a prize which will be a perfect ‘early Christmas treat’ for anyone interested in how you can help to improve your horse’s performance to achieve the results you want.

Tickets for the event are £10, available in advance only. The price includes a free raffle ticket and refreshments, with a discount available for those buying more than five tickets.

Tickets and further information can be obtained from Amy Clements, BHS Yorkshire Development Officer, on 07808 141074 or at a.clements@bhs.org.uk

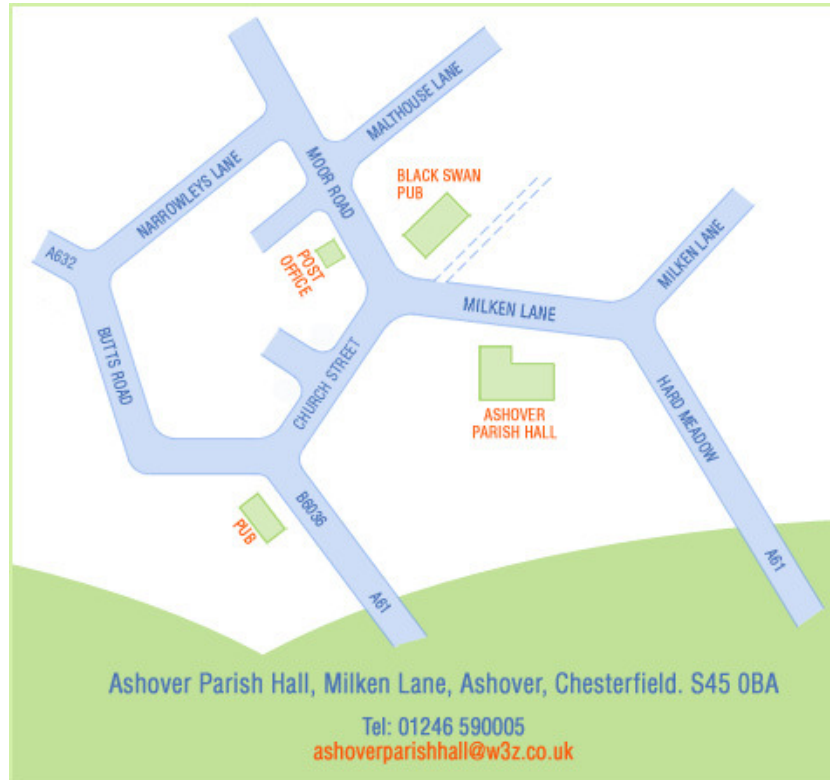
The Annual Meeting of the British Horse Society Derbyshire

Will be held on

Friday 14th October 2010 at 7:30pm

At

Ashover Parish Hall



Followed by a talk by a member of Derbyshire Countryside Access Team

Food – Lasagne with Salad and French Bread (must be booked in advance)

No charge for meeting

If you require food please return the attached slip to
Mrs Ruth Dodd, 74 Hady Crescent, Chesterfield, S41 0EA

No later than 10th October 2011 enclosing a **stamped addressed envelope** for tickets.

Name : _____

Qty			Total
_____	Beef Lasagne	at £4.00	_____
_____	Vegetarian Lasagne	at £4.00	_____
	Total		=====

Please make cheques payable to "BHS Derbyshire County Committee"

PRESS RELEASE

New Horse Pilates Course at BHS Riding School, Derby College

Derby College's equine centre at Broomfield Hall is holding a special Pilates workshop for riders and horse owners who want to improve the health and well being of their animals. The 2 hour workshop will be held on Saturday May 26th between 9.30am and 11.30am and is open to anyone aged 14 and above.

It is the latest in a series of short and part time courses at the Equine Centre aimed at supporting local equestrian enthusiasts with a wide range of skills including riding and grooming techniques. Tutor Hannah Haskew explained: "The benefits of Pilates and core stability exercises for improving balance and posture in riders have been widely recognised in recent years.

"This course looks at how the same principles can be applied to the horse in order to improve their posture and athletic performance.

"Participants may either bring their own horse with them for the session or use the college horses, to learn simple exercises that will activate and strengthen those core muscles and can easily be incorporated into their regular routine.

"Such exercises will help to improve a horse's posture, suppleness, balance and performance and everyone will leave the session with a wide range of easy exercises which can be continued at home."

In January 2012 Derby college will also be opening their doors to a brand new purpose built 65m X 30m indoor school. Phase 2 will add 220 seats and integral class rooms to meet the needs of learners and riders in Derbyshire.

For more information on all equine full and part time courses do contact Jon Collins on 07966 696487 or email jon.collins@derby-college.ac.uk

For more information on all the short and part time courses available at Derby College, please call 0800 028 0289 or visit www.derby-college.ac.uk