

CHARLES LANE – WEBPAGES TO PROOF OF EVIDENCE

The Network Rail (Tackley Level Crossing) Order

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Statistics for Equestrian Access in England and Wales

Equestrianism is a popular and healthy activity for people of all ages from extreme sports like horse-boarding, through racing, polo and eventing, to TREC, dressage and hacking on rural bridleways. It is a diverse and family-friendly activity and equestrian sports are among the few where men and women compete on an equal basis.

Whether purely for recreation or when riding or driving professionally, equestrians may use public rights of way (including roads) and open spaces, and may rely on them as the only place they may ride or drive. Routes free from motorised traffic are preferable, for safety and for freedom from noise and pollution, providing a healthy respite for body and mind (see Health Benefits of Riding).

Horse activities engage a high proportion of people with disabilities, women participants and participants over the age of 45. Nearly 40% of those taking part do not participate in other forms of physical activity. All these factors are very important in recognising that equestrianism is vital to the health of a significant section of the population which is known to be at risk.

Equine and equestrian businesses include riding schools and coaches, livery yards, competition yards, trekking centres, breeders, trainers, welfare charities, veterinary services, farriers, feed merchants, tack, equipment and clothing manufacturers and retailers, shows and event services.

The British Horse Society has over 100,000 members, 103 Equestrian Access Groups and 268 volunteer Access and Bridleways Officers (October 2019).

BETA figures

The British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) represents more than 800 member companies. The most recent BETA National Equestrian Survey (2019)¹ indicated:

- £5,548 per horse to the economy
- £4.7 billion economic value of the equestrian sector
- 847,000 horses in Britain
- 1.8 million regular riders of 3 million total
- Lack of access to horses and riding facilities is a barrier for 22% of lapsed riders returning

The 2015 survey found that:

- 74% of riders are female

¹ www.beta-uk.org/pages/news-amp-events/news/national-equestrian-survey-2019-provides-optimistic-view-of-industry.php

- 44% of those riding once a week or less say they would ride more frequently if they had access to safe off road riding or bridleways. This is the most cited reason that would make people ride more frequently

Road Incidents

The BHS considers horse-related traffic incidents to be significantly under reported, to it, the police or any other body. This view is supported by the Hospital Episode Statistics (NHS Digital) in 2015-16 which reported 4,094 episodes requiring treatment in hospital for 'animal-rider or occupant animal-drawn vehicle injured in transport accident'.

4,229* Road Traffic Incidents have been reported on BHS www.horseaccidents.org.uk since 2010 which included:

- 43 human deaths
- 315 horse deaths
- 945 horses injured

73% of these incidents were because vehicles passed too fast or too close to the horse.

(* Note that this figure is undoubtedly a fraction of the incidents that occurred.)

The cost of a fatal road traffic collision is around £1.8million per casualty; with even slight incidents around £18,000 per casualty² based on medical, police, insurance, lost output and 'human' (distress, suffering, pain) costs. It does not take account of secondary costs to other people affected by a road traffic incident, for whom the consequence of delays could be considerable.

A figure for an equine casualty is not available, but is likely to be £1,000 at an absolute minimum accounting only for transport and disposal of a dead horse. Replacement for the majority of horses is likely to be several thousand pounds. For some horses there may be lost output in terms of stud fees or prize money. In UK law a horse is property, not a sentient being, but most horse owners will attribute the equivalent of human cost (distress, suffering, pain) as well as veterinary and insurance costs and lost benefits of ownership.

Public Bridleways and Byways

England has 117,250 miles of recorded public rights of way, of which only 22% are bridleway or byway (available to riders), 5% byway (also available to carriage-drivers).

Wales has 20,500 miles of recorded public rights of way, 21% bridleway or byway, 6% byway.

² www.gov.uk/government/publications/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-annual-report-2016

Many of these paths are unusable on horseback because isolated by busy roads or truncated by development or a failure to record a through route. Others are unavailable through obstruction, loss to erosion or lack of maintenance. Some areas may have a network of bridleways or byways, other areas have none at all, including the whole of adjacent parishes, meaning that riders may have no off-road access for a ten mile radius or more, and carriage-drivers may have nothing within tens of miles.

Health Benefits of Riding

The BHS commissioned research into the physical health, psychological and wellbeing benefits of recreational horse riding in the United Kingdom which was published in 2011. It assessed riding as a moderate intensity exercise and examined the frequency with which individuals take part. Reliable evidence indicates that physical exercise produces wellbeing benefits linked to social interaction and changes in mood, anxiety, self-esteem and other personal emotions.

The report is available on www.bhs.org.uk

If this is a printed copy, please check www.bhs.org.uk/accessadvice to see if it is the latest version (date top of page 2).

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*Family members must live at the same address

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Monthly direct debit	£18.42
Annual one-off payment	£221.00
by credit or debit card. Includes Insurance Premium Tax	

Membership for 4

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Prices include £5 discount for new members (first year only)	
Monthly direct debit	£23.25
Annual one-off payment	£279.00
by credit or debit card	



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How your membership can help horses

Your membership is vital for helping us raise the funds needed to improve access, safety, welfare and education for all.

- Our caring team of experts and volunteers promote good care and prevent cruelty to hundreds of horses every year.
- Each year we campaign and protect hundreds of kilometres of local off-road equestrian routes that are threatened.
- Our dedicated team work tirelessly to make the world a safer place for horses, riders and carriage drivers.

Our impact in numbers



94



6,000



2,624



10,000

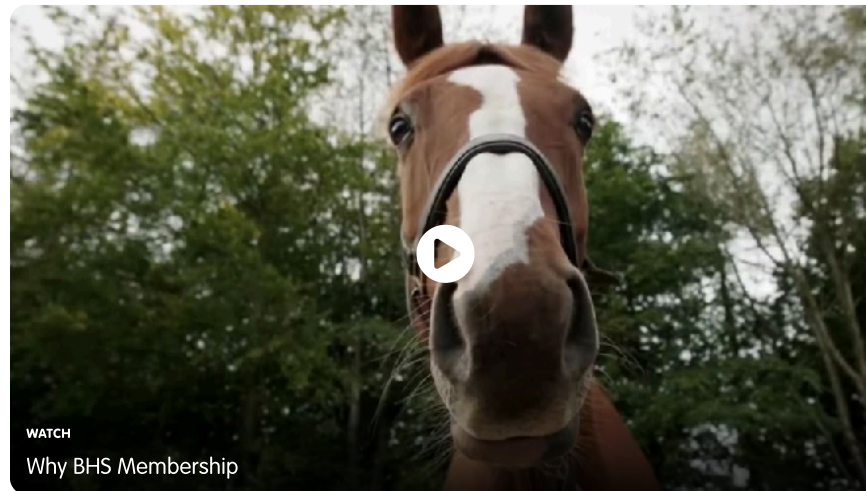
Children and young people have been supported through the Changing Lives Through

94 pence in every pound raised by the BHS spent on delivering our charitable objectives

We react to over 6,000 threats to equestrian access

Horses programme across the UK.

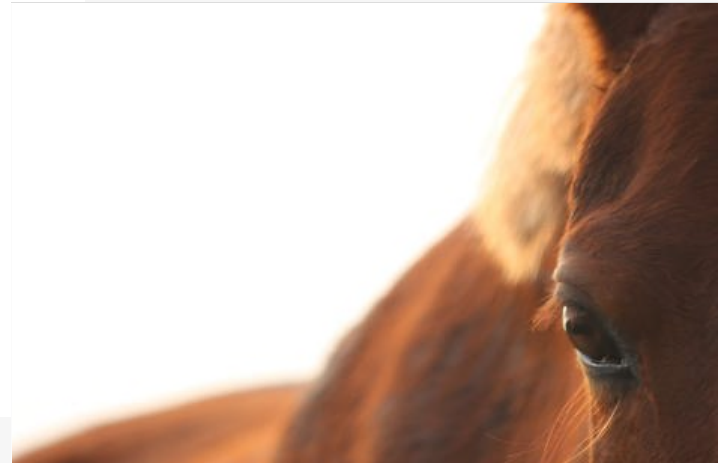
We respond to over 10,000 incoming calls and emails about welfare concerns



Get in touch with us

To speak to our team about membership, please call us on 02476 840506, email us at membership@bhs.org.uk or complete our online enquiry form and one of our team will get back to you shortly. Opening times are 8:35am-5pm from Monday to Thursday and 8:35am-3pm on Friday.

[Submit an enquiry →](#)



Further information





Insurance FAQs

Last updated: 30th May 2023

Read the frequently asked questions about our BHS membership insurance, including information about making a claim and what is covered.



Why do you need insurance?

Last updated: 30th May 2023

Accidents are never pleasant, but they are a fact of life for all of us. Even if we take every possible precaution, we can't prevent the unexpected happening, so insurance is important to protect ourselves.



Membership FAQs

Last updated: 10th August 2022

If you have any questions about membership with t been answered either here, or in our Insurance FAQ

Other membership options

We offer a range of membership options to suit every horse lover. All of our membership options support our charitable work and help us in our quest to create a better life for all horses and those who care for them.

[Find out more →](#)



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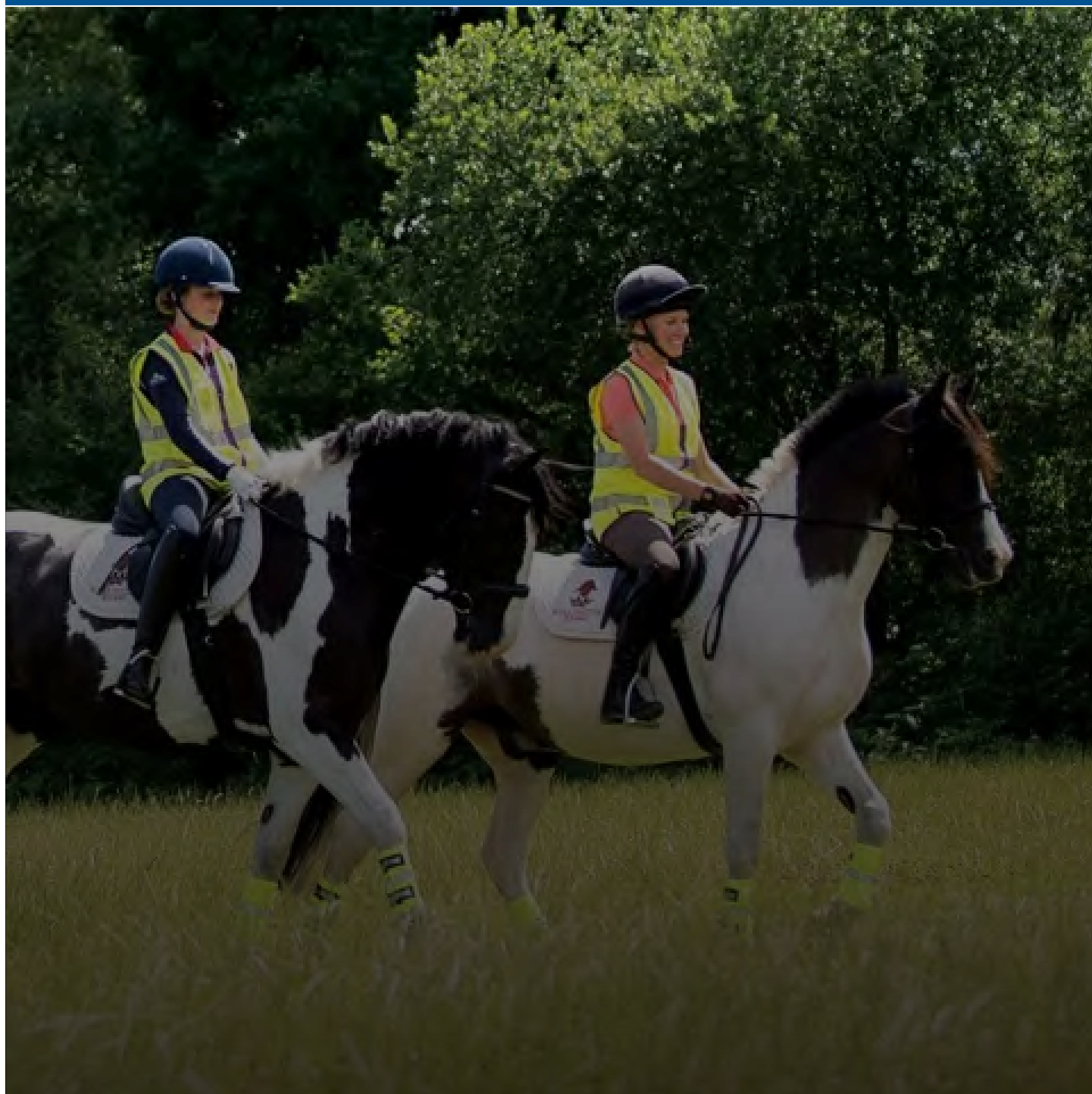
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Ride Safe Award

The BHS Ride Safe award will give you the confidence to ride in all the most common environments, keeping you and your horse safe. It is also recognised in the Highway Code and recommended as best practice.



It is time to step outside the confines of an arena and begin to explore the countryside on horseback! Whether you dream of meandering along your local bridleways, relaxing on long peaceful hacks or cantering along a beach, we will help you develop the knowledge and skills to ride out safely in all environments.



WATCH

[Are you ride safe ready?](#)

When you sign up to any Challenge Award you will receive the accompanying information booklet from your coach to help support your learning. With the Ride Safe Silver Challenge Award, this includes the Ride Safe guide, providing practical examples, tips and guidance to help you stay safe when riding in all situations including:

- Riding safely on the road, along rights of way, across agricultural land, at the beach and when warming up at competitions
- Negotiating hazards
- Understanding common signs
- Dealing with conflict or difficult situations when riding out
- Negotiating obstacles

The Ride Safe Silver Challenge Award is required to be completed as part of some of our Career Pathways:

- Groom with Riding pathways
- Coaching pathways
- Ride Leader pathway

Ride Safe is a topic within the BHS Challenge Awards with four levels; Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

Bronze Award



Silver Award



Gold Award



Platinum award



How to get involved

Challenge awards are open to anyone who would like to improve their horse knowledge or skills; you do not have to be a BHS member to take part.

If you have your own horse



If you do not own your own horse



Assessment details

This award can be signed off on an ongoing basis by your Ride Safe Trainer as you progress through your training.

The BHS do not organise assessment days for Challenge Awards; speak to your Ride Safe Trainer who can advise further.

Costs

The final cost will be determined by your Ride Safe Trainer.

Cost will include:

- Ride Safe information booklet to support your practical training and allows for bite-size learning with mastered skills and knowledge signed off by your trainer
- Ride Safe Guide (Ride Safe Silver Award only)
- Expert training and support throughout
- Certificate of completion



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