

Local Equestrian Safety Adviser Role Description

Role Summary Help us to educate others about equine safety and spread the BHS Safety messages in your area. You'll be part of a volunteer team working across your region, forming partnerships with companies and public bodies such as the Police and local councils' road safety officers. You could organise and present events, attend shows as a BHS representative, promote the BHS Ride Safe award and share best practice.

This is a pro-active role where you choose what activities to do and how much time you commit. We ask our volunteers to create a quarterly report of your activities and send it to your County Equestrian Safety Adviser. This is then included at the committee meeting, where issues are tackled at a larger scale if needed, where the committee may provide funding for an event.

On average, Equestrian Safety Advisers volunteer around two days a month, which may include evenings and weekends, but you choose the activities and how much time you commit. This is a stimulating and fulfilling role for those interested in equine safety and capable of leading others.

What's in it for you Volunteering as a BHS Equestrian Safety Adviser is a rewarding way to be part of the equine community whilst developing your knowledge and skills in a field you're passionate about.

You can make new friends and open doors to build relationships with other influential organisations in your area, which are keen to educate the public regarding safety. Working with your local committee you're enabling the Society to: *Promote and advance the education, training and safety of the public in all matters relating to the horse* – Which is one of our charitable objectives, so thank you!

Main duties and responsibilities These are some examples of ways you can get involved to promote horse riding safety:

- Creating educational opportunities by organising and presenting at events and attending shows as a BHS representative.
- Developing relationships with local authorities and other organisations to promote and improve equestrian safety.
- Promoting the Ride Safe Award.
- Promoting the www.horseaccidents.org.uk website and importance of reporting incidents.
- Reporting to senior Safety Officers and HQ on a quarterly basis and attend at least one committee meeting per year.
- Liaising with your committee and County Safety Officer to establish safety event opportunities.

You may receive expenses to cover your costs incurred.

- Desirable Skills and Knowledge**
- An interest in equestrian safety.
 - Good communication skills.
 - Computer literate and access to internet / email.
 - Pro-active.

Support

As part of the local BHS Committee you will receive support from the team, County Equestrian Safety Advisers and your local Regional Manager who is a paid member of BHS staff. Specialised support, guidance and training will come from the Safety team at BHS HQ, who can also advise.

To keep your knowledge up-to-date we will ensure you have access to relevant knowledge and research.

Resources

You will need a computer or tablet and access to email which is how we mostly communicate with our volunteers. It is essential to have the ability to travel as you'll be working in your area. To help in your role you'll have resources made available for you to hold informative events, and a Ride Safe Guide to promote the Award.