



Have you 'herd'?



Volunteer at our Riding School Championships

Wednesday 8 April | Pickering Grange Equestrian Centre, Leicestershire, LE67 1EZ

Come and join us for a unique event specifically for BHS Approved riding centres whose clients do not own their own horse. No equine experience is required, we have plenty of roles for everyone, which can either be on a full or half day or even a few hours!

Roles available:

- Dressage writing – you'll be paired with one of our judges, they say the comments and scores; you jot it down.
- Arena party – want to see the competition take place? You can be a part of the action and help with picking poles, adjusting courses and assisting with showjumping stewards and

judges.

- Stewards – gatekeeping the arenas and allowing competitors to warm up in an appropriate time and providing those last words of encouragement (one role left).
- Score runners – a vital part of our day is collating the score sheets from the showjump and dressage judges to deliver to the score team. It's a great way to get those 10k steps in!
- Quiz support – overseeing the competitors complete their quiz test and assisting with any additional support requirements.
- Car park assistants – passion for parking? Now's your turn to keep everyone in line and direct competitors and supporters safely into the carpark (early AM only).

If you're interested in helping out at this event, please email Jamie.Faulkner@bhs.org.uk.

More volunteering opportunities

As the show season creeps towards us, we need your help at events across the regions. Please keep an eye on your monthly e-news as events will be added each month.

BRC Winter Dressage and Equitech Dressage to Music Championships | Friday 24 April– Sunday 26 April | Arena UK, Allington Lane, Allington, Grantham, NG32 2EF

Wednesday 6 May–Sunday 10 May | Badminton Horse Trials | [Get involved here](#)

We'd like one volunteer per day to help on our stand, selling raffle tickets and promoting volunteering with BHS.

Saturday 23 May | Northumberland County Show | Get involved by emailing

claire.maddison@bhs.org.uk

We're looking for volunteers to help on our stand, supporting with safety demonstrations, for either a full or half day. You'll get a ticket to the event and travel expenses (within an agreed distance). Training will be given and there'll be support on the day.

Friday 29 May–Sunday 31 May | BRC TopSpec Arena Eventing Championships | Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 6RT | Get involved by emailing

merlin.perlo@bhs.org.uk

Mostly horse-facing manual handling roles, some experience desired but not essential.

Scotland:

We're looking for volunteers to steward at checkpoints on our ride routes. These are lovely, friendly days out, meeting other volunteers and visiting wonderful venues in Scotland. A full briefing will be provided at the start of the day. To get involved with our Scotland volunteer opportunities, please email Julie.Hanna@bhs.org.uk.

- Saturday 25 April | BHS Scotland Ride | Scottish National Equestrian Centre, Oatridge, Ecclesmachan, West Lothian, EH52 6NH
- Saturday 2 May | BHS Fife Ride | Teasses Estate, Ceres, Fife, KY8 5PG
- Saturday 9 May–Sunday 10 May | BHS Scotland 60th Anniversary Celebration Ride | Balmoral Estate, Ballater, AB35 5TB.

All volunteering offers are on a first come basis.



Dead Slow — Horse i app and car stickers

Everyone at BHS wants to see an end to incidents involving horses and riders. Our Safety team lead our work by engaging with other stakeholders, educating road users and lobbying for change. One way they can do that is by having information on the numbers and types of incidents involving horses. The Horse i app allows anyone who experiences or witnesses an incident to easily record it then and there.

The Safety team have produced a business card-sized information about the app with a QR code to download it. Can you help by passing on these cards to friends, family, colleagues or at meetings you attend to help drive up downloads?

Please fill in this quick form and we'll post the cards to you. Please only order what you think you can use; you can always order more if you run out. It's a great way of starting conversations about the work of BHS!

You can also request car stickers to showcase our Dead Slow messaging. Order yours by clicking the link below.

[Request your card and car stickers](#)

Scotland volunteers day

Sunday 7 June | 11am–2pm | Balmalcolm Clydesdales, Cupar, Fife, KY15 7PR

To celebrate and recognise our amazing volunteers, BHS Scotland invites you to a special

volunteers' week outing. Enjoy a rascinating tour of these gentle giants, followed by a picnic lunch and a short presentation of some BHS awards to recognise some incredible achievements.

The event is free for BHS volunteers (booking required). You're welcome to bring a guest for £30, to cover admission and lunch.

[Book now](#)



We're here to listen — last chance to fill in our annual survey

Our annual volunteering survey is now open — and it takes less than 10 minutes! As a thank you, you can choose to enter a prize draw to win one of four £25 Amazon vouchers.

Our volunteers are at the heart of BHS. Your time, passion and commitment drive much of what we do. You champion our work, support our communities and help us achieve our charitable aims — and we're truly grateful.

Since the last survey, we've:

- Launched our Strategic Plan 2025–2027
- Updated volunteer policies and handbook
- Rolled out volunteer email addresses
- Introduced a new governance and meeting structure
- Improved technology and flexible ways to connect.

Now we'd love to hear from you. Your feedback helps us build a volunteering experience that's enjoyable, meaningful and rewarding. By completing the survey, you'll help shape the future of BHS volunteering.

The survey is completely anonymous, and all responses are confidential. Thank you for sharing your thoughts. The closing date is **Tuesday 31 March**.

With best wishes,
Your volunteer support team.

Fill in the survey



Say 'cheese'!

We're refreshing your photo mosaic that celebrates you — our wonderful volunteers! Some of you may remember this original mosaic, created back in 2022, which is always a draw when on display at our show stands and out and about. It's time for a refresh to include our new and current volunteers.

We'd like photos of you either with a horse or carrying out your volunteer role. Or, you can get creative and pose with something like a statue, toy horse or a white horse on a hillside if you want — just something horsey or volunteering-themed!

If you sent your photos last year, don't worry, these will be included in this mosaic. The closing date for submissions is **Tuesday 31 March**.

Upload your photo



Ever wondered what it's really like to be a jockey?

If you're ready for a big challenge in autumn 2026, this could be your moment.

We're looking for 24 committed riders to take on a mile-long charity race at Newbury or Wetherby. You'll be raising vital funds for BHS while experiencing something very few people ever get the chance to do.

To take part, you'll need to:

- Raise £3,500 for BHS
- Meet the likely weight limit of 11st 7lbs (including kit)
- Pass a full fitness and riding assessment
- Have access to a licensed racehorse aged three+ which has run at least three times under the recognised Rules of Racing
- Ride out regularly with a registered trainer.

This might sound like a lot, but don't worry, we'll be supporting you throughout your journey.

To register your interest or simply find out more, email fundraising@bhs.org.uk. The closing date for applications is **Thursday 23 April**.

Volunteer hi-vis, ID badges and clothing – what you need to know

As part of our commitment to keeping volunteers safe, visible and feeling part of the team, all regular volunteers are offered an official photo ID badge and lanyard. When you're volunteering at events or activities, you'll also be given branded hi-vis clothing to wear.

These items are important because they help:

- Identify you as a valued member of our team, making it easier for the public to recognise and approach you
- Keep you safe, especially in busy or outdoor environments where visibility matters
- Promote a professional image, showing that we're all part of the same organisation and working together.

We ask that volunteers wear their ID badge and/or hi-vis whenever they're representing us in a public or formal setting. These items are provided by the organisation and should be returned if you step away from your role.

Once our new BHS shop launches later this year, volunteers who wish to purchase branded clothing will be able to do so directly through the shop. As a charity, we must make sure that our funds are used in the most effective way to support our core purpose. For this reason, we no longer use BHS funds to provide volunteer branded clothing. We hope you understand that this decision allows us to dedicate more resources to delivering our charitable objectives

[Order your badge](#)

Updated H&S documents and policies

Please be aware that several key policies and documents have been updated. The latest version can be found on volunteer resources or by clicking the links below.

- [Volunteer communications policy](#)
- [Conflict of interest for volunteers policy](#)
- [Raising concerns guidance for volunteers](#)
- [Volunteer lone working guidance](#)
- [Manual handling risk assessment](#)
- [Standard operating procedure for weighbridge](#)
- [Risk assessment and accident incident procedure](#)
- [Accident, incident and near-miss form – complex](#)
- [Fire risk assessment form for marquee](#)
- [BHS risk assessment template](#)

Work with us!

Have you ever thought about working for BHS? All vacancies are shared on our website, just follow the link and take a look.

[Job vacancies](#)



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