



Your BHS Volunteers E-News

Volunteers' Week 2025



Happy Volunteers' Week to all of our incredible volunteers!

Volunteers' Week (2-8 June) is an annual UK-wide celebration of those who give up their time to make a difference to communities and organisations across the country.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers that go the extra mile to support us. We couldn't do what we do without you!

Our President, Martin Clunes has recorded a message to thank you for all your support.

[Find out more about Volunteers' Week](#)

Are you who we're looking for?



We're looking for volunteers to help out on our show stand at some of the big shows across the country this summer. Are you that person?

What would this look like?

The ask would be approximately a four-hour shift, morning or afternoon, helping our staff engaging with the public, promoting volunteering with us, selling our merchandise and generally having some fun in the sun (we hope).

If you live within a one-hour drive to any of the amazing events below and could spare us a few hours, we would love to hear from you.

- **The Hickstead Derby - Sussex Thursday 19 - Sunday 22 June**

The All England Jumping Course at Hickstead, 15 miles south of Gatwick Airport, and 8 miles north of Brighton - Post code BN6 9NS

Volunteering times: 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm

- **Royal International Horse Show - Wednesday 23 - Sunday 27 July**

The All England Jumping Course at Hickstead, 15 miles south of Gatwick Airport, and 8 miles north of Brighton - Post code BN6 9NS

Volunteering times: 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm

- **Burghley Horse Trials - Thursday 4 - Sunday 7 September**

Burghley House, Peterborough, Stamford, PE9 3JY

Volunteering times: 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm

- **Horse of the Year Show - Wednesday 8 - Sunday 12 October**

The NEC and the NEC Arena, Birmingham, B40 1NT

Volunteering times: 9am-1pm or 1pm-5pm or 5pm-9pm.

What you get:

- A ticket and car pass for the show you'll be helping out at, this means you'll still have plenty of time on your arranged day to have a look around the show
- Reasonable travel expenses paid
- A branded gilet whilst on the stand.

If you think this is right up your street, please email Jeanette Parkes at jeanette.parkes@bhs.org.uk saying what event, days and times you would like to do.

Please find below the details of volunteering opportunities at BRC Championships for 2025:

- **BRC SEIB Insurance Brokers National Horse Trials Championships - Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 August**

Venue: Swalcliffe Park, Grange Farm, Swalcliffe, Banbury, OX15 5EX

- **BRC NAF Five Star National Championships - Saturday 30 - Sunday 31 August**

Venue: Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, LN1 2SX (Gate 4)

- **BRC SEIB Insurance Brokers Combined Championships - Saturday 27 - Sunday 28 September**

Venue: Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 6RT.

Mostly horse-facing manual handling roles so some experience desired but not essential, will involve a little carrying and lifting of poles. For more information or to register your interest, please email merlin.perlo@bhs.org.uk

Join us in Badsey, Worcestershire on Thursday 19 June from 10am-1pm to clear overgrowth along the bridleway. You'll be amazed how much difference a few pairs of hands and a few hours make and how much fun it is! For more information contact wendy.harper@bhsvolunteer.org.uk

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 in our show stands and out and about. It's time to 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 aim for something horsey or volunteering-themed.

[Upload your photo here](#)

BHS Scotland volunteer thank you day at the Kelpies

Saturday 8 June | 12pm-3pm | The Helix, Falkirk, FK2 7ZT



We'd love for you to join us for a friendly picnic at the iconic Kelpies – the world's largest equestrian artwork.

The event will include a picnic and a tour of the magnificent sculptures that stand at 100ft tall, weighing over 300 tonnes each.

Besides getting up close and personal with Duke and Baron; who were real-life working Clydesdale Horses, we also have an inspirational speaker (Janice Kirkpatrick) who'll boost our wellbeing, discuss perceptions of the horse world and talk about loving horses.

They'll be offering us a toolbox that we can all use in our own lives and together as we work to create an even more resilient, energetic and inspiring united BHS in Scotland. Further details about the tour can be found [here](#).

This is your day, it's a thank you from us for all the work that you do and is appropriately scheduled during Volunteers' Week. We promise you'll leave feeling uplifted and even more a part of the BHS family – it's for you to enjoy!

This event is free for BHS volunteers (booking is required for numbers and catering) and we'll be presenting some BHS Long Service Awards on the day. Guests of volunteers are welcome at a cost of £10.

Join us

BHS Annual Awards – nominations are now open!



Do you know a volunteer who deserves a nomination to be presented at our annual ceremony?

Our annual BHS Awards recognise and reward amazing achievements made within the equestrian community. They're our way of making sure that people who are making a positive contribution to the industry get the recognition they deserve.

Nominations close on Thursday 31 July. The awards ceremony will be held on Thursday 6 November 2025 at Newbury Racecourse.

[Nominate here](#)

Work with us

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

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**From all of us at the BHS – we cannot thank you enough for
all your support!**



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