

Regional Access and Bridleways Officer Role Description

As a volunteer Regional Access and Bridleways Officer (RABO), you would share best practice between local committees and provide guidance and support to local volunteer Access and Bridleways officers. Working with your Regional Manager you will identify opportunities that would benefit members and other equestrian enthusiasts in your area.

Who are we looking for?

- Keen interest in all aspects of equestrian access
- Good communication skills
- Organisational skills and ability to run and chair meetings
- Experience of volunteering with the BHS
- Experience of working with local authorities and/or landowners
- Good organisational skills

What is in it for you?

The focus of this role is supporting volunteer Access and Bridleways Officers in your region, enabling them to improve Access and Bridleways for horses and people. You will raise the profile of Equestrian Access with your fellow volunteers, partners and the general public through the promotion of BHS activities and policies and championing of volunteering. Your Regional Chairperson, and Regional Manager will be there to support you throughout your role. Specialised support, guidance and training will come from your Access Field Officer and the Access team at BHS HQ who are available at all times to advise.

Example activities of a volunteer Regional Access and Bridleways Officer

- Supporting the recruitment of volunteer Access and Bridleways Officers in conjunction with local committees, your Access Field Officer and your Regional Manager.
- Representing Access and Bridleways Officers at Regional Committee meetings and events.
- Sharing best practice between different areas in your region.
- Supporting Access and Bridleways Officers to undertake their role in accordance with BHS policies and procedures.
- Providing summary reports for the Regional Committee and the Access Department
- Attending and contributing to the Access & Right of Way Advisory Committee (AROWAC) and providing a regional report to it twice a year.

Resources

You will need computer and email access and must be willing to receive email, telephone and written correspondence from the BHS, committee volunteers and organisations. It is essential that you have the ability to travel and it would be beneficial to have access to a vehicle that you can use in your role.

Your Commitment

We would like our volunteer RABOs to commit to a minimum one year term, although we understand that personal circumstances can change. RABOs contribute differing amounts of time to the role but an average of 1-1.5 days a month to the role split over meetings, events and administration tasks would be expected in the support of your Access and Bridleways team. Due to the nature of the role it will require some evening and weekend meetings and events. This will include attending your Regional Committee Meetings and AROWAC.

How do I get involved?

Contact Volunteer Support volunteer@bhs.org.uk or the Access Department access@bhs.org.uk

Notes: As Regional Access & Bridleways Officer you should normally have been an active Access and Bridleways Officer previously and should refer to the Access and Bridleways Officer role description for the specifics of that role.