



Have you 'herd'?



Our 2026 volunteer handbook is here

Plus — updated guidelines to help you feel supported every step of the way.

We're delighted to share that our fully revised volunteer handbook is now live! Created with you in mind, it brings together everything you need to feel confident, informed and supported while volunteering.

Inside, you'll find:

- Clear, easy-to-follow guidance
- Helpful tips for day-to-day volunteering
- Updated policies and practical information
- Signposts to where you can find extra support whenever you need it.

Alongside the handbook, we've also launched our [volunteer team guidelines](#) to support the new meeting structures.

Policy updates: health, safety and expenses

We've made significant updates to our health and safety policy as well as our expenses sections. We kindly ask all volunteers to read this carefully and make sure you're familiar with the key points. Keeping everyone safe, volunteers, staff and the people we support, is at the heart of everything we do and your awareness is essential.

Thank you for your time, care and commitment. It makes an incredible difference and we're always here to make sure you feel supported in return.

If you have any questions or feedback, we'd love to hear from you!

Your policies



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. It's unforgettable — but it's tough, and it does ask a lot of you.

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

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- Have a suitable horse aged four+, in training with a registered or point-to-point trainer
- Ride out regularly with a trainer.

If you thrive on a challenge and want to do something extraordinary for a cause you believe in, this could be your chance to step out of your comfort zone and into the starting gate.

To register your interest or simply find out more, email fundraising@bhs.org.uk.



Congratulations Dr Phil Wadey

Our past Chairman and current Access Volunteer, Dr Phil Wadey, was recently honoured in the New Year's Honours list, being awarded an MBE.

We simply couldn't do what we do without people like Phil, who work tirelessly every day to make the countryside more accessible for everyone. Over a remarkable 35 years with BHS, from Trustee to Chair of the Board, Phil has submitted more than 350 DMMO applications, helping to add 34 miles of new equestrian routes to the definitive map. An extraordinary achievement!

As co-author of *Rights of Way: Restoring the Record* and a driving force behind the registered charity Patchetts Green Bridleways Trust CIO (PGBT), which champions equestrian access throughout Hertfordshire, Phil's impact is far-reaching. His dedication has also been recognised with several prestigious honours, including the 2022 joint Horse and Hound Volunteer of the Year and the 2019 BHS Award of Merit, to name a few.

Phil shared what this recognition meant to him. "It's all about giving people the chance to ride out — enjoying fresh air, riding a horse or pony, or driving a horse-drawn vehicle and being able to do so as much as possible off the roads."

Work with us!

Ever thought about working for BHS? All our vacancies are shared on our website. Follow the link and take a look.

[View our job vacancies](#)



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