



The BHS Volunteers E-News

2023 Training Dates

We have a bumper crop of training opportunities for you over the next quarter:

- **Social Media Marketing Essential**: Specially designed for volunteers who contribute to social media, covering good practice, content generation, sign-off process for photos and images and available resources.
- **GDPR and what it means for you**: Everything a volunteer needs to know with real life volunteer examples.
- **BHS Events - What You Need to Know**: This training covers both online and in-person events, from how to make the most of presenters and venues, dodge the pitfalls of online booking and social media, as well as hints and tips to maximise your success.
- **Introduction to BHS Volunteering**: An online induction or refresher including an overview of the Society and will answer some common volunteer questions, including expenses, training and GDPR. Available to all volunteers.
- **Access training** is a great way of learning all about the law and issues around your rights to ride and carriage drive. These are free to attend for volunteers, if you are interested in attending one of these sessions, please contact molly.bannister@bhs.org.uk. We offer three levels of training:
 - Level One is an introduction to highway law in England and Wales. Available dates:
 - Sunday 8 January
 - Sunday 19 February
 - Sunday 26 March
 - Level Two builds on the foundation Level One, covering changes to rights of way and evidence of unrecorded bridleways and byways in England and Wales. Available dates:
 - Sunday 29 January
 - Level Three considers more advanced law and its application in more complex situations. It also looks further at user evidence and modification order applications. Available dates:
 - Sunday 5 March

Volunteer Email Address Update

We've now issued email addresses to over 650 volunteers across 8 of the 13 BHS regions and should complete the rest during January.

Once we've issued emails to all our existing regions, we'll change our processes so that new volunteers will automatically receive a BHS email as part of their induction. We'll also be able to start the next phase of the project project, setting up access to MS Teams and BHS Wise (online training platform) for volunteers.

If you have any issues setting up your email address, please join one of our regular Email Support Sessions so our IT team can help. Use the button below to book a session.

[Book an email support session](#)

Share your thoughts



Bristol University are conducting a survey to better understand the management, ownership, population and welfare of horses, ponies, donkeys and their hybrids in England and Wales.

This is part of a collaborative project with the RSPCA, Human Behaviour Change for Life (HBCL) and University College Dublin (UCD). They're looking to hear from people involved in all aspects of the equestrian sector. The survey closes at midnight on Tuesday 31 January.

[Complete the survey](#)

BHS Annual Awards



We had a fantastic day at our annual Awards last month celebrating our volunteers and supporters at Newbury Racecourse. Joining forces with our Charity Raceday we raised over £21,000 and had a great celebratory day.

If you want to nominate that special person for our 2023 Awards, look out for when nominations open in May.

[Read more](#)

Thank you



Finally, we'd like to give you all a huge pat on the back and just say thank you for all the amazing time and effort you, our volunteers, dedicate to helping us as we work to make a better place for horses and riders.

We'd like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas.



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