

## Guide on how to run... An Escorted Ride

<b>Overview</b>	<p>To give riders the opportunity to ride out safely in an area that they would not normally ride with the knowledge that they don't have to navigate the route themselves. The ride would be led and escorted by someone who knows the route well.</p> <p>This guide should be read in conjunction with 'A Guide for Running an Event or Training for The British Horse Society'</p>
<b>Attendees</b>	<p>For safety and for riders to have a good experience the suggestion is that groups are kept small and should not exceed 6 riders per ride leader.</p>
<b>Resources</b>	<p>If you have sufficient ride leaders you could run one larger group or more than one smaller group.</p> <p>Ride leaders should be suitably experienced in leading a group safely and who know the route well.</p> <p>Safe parking area for the number of vehicles that will be attending.</p> <p>One helper at start point to be a point of contact in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>First aid kit.</p> <p>Event signs for people to follow from the road to parking area.</p> <p>On-line booking facility – contact your Regional/National Manager to set this up.</p> <p>Rosettes (if your ride is in aid of Ride Out UK, HQ will provide these)</p>
<b>Costs &amp; Charges:</b>	<p>There are few costs associated in running this type of event. You can consider whether out of pocket expenses for the ride leaders should be paid i.e. travel expenses for them to transport their horse to the event, volunteer travel expenses and this should be taken out of the proceeds of the ride.</p> <p>Suggested charge to participants would be £10 - £20.</p>
<b>Format:</b>	<p>A route that will take 1 – 2 hours to complete.</p> <p>All participants ride the route at the same time with the ride leader/s.</p>
<b>Safety:</b>	<p>A full written risk assessment of the activity must be undertaken prior to the event and submitted to <a href="mailto:EventSafety@bhs.org.uk">EventSafety@bhs.org.uk</a></p> <p>A qualified first aider as a minimum should be present and a fully stocked and in date first aid kit.</p> <p>Ensure you have emergency contact details of all riders to hand.</p>
<b>Covid 19</b>	<p>Your event needs to be Covid-19 compliant based on Government information at the time, such as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bookings may need to be online only.</li> <li>• Track &amp; Trace information collected.</li> <li>• Extra space for parking if needing 5m-10m between boxes.</li> </ul>

<b>Other Considerations:</b>	<p>Ensure at the point of booking that your participants know: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where to arrive.</li><li>• What time they need to be tacked up and ready to ride</li><li>• Whether there are toilets available.</li><li>• Whether there is water available for drinking/washing off or whether they need to bring their own.</li><li>• What speeds they will be riding at (walk, trot, canter)</li></ul> <p>Create terms and conditions for the ride – ask your National/Regional Manager for the master list from which you can chose the ones relevant to your event.</p> <p>Ensure your ride leader/s has the contact number of the helper back at base in the event of an emergency.</p> <p>Rosettes – not compulsory. If your ride is in aid of Ride Out UK, HQ will provide these.</p> <p>Ensure you leave the venue as you found it – close all gates, pick up litter etc. and thank everyone involved.</p>
------------------------------	---