



BHS Approved Centre Scheme Benefits



Why become a BHS Approved Centre?

We are British Horse Society

All BHS Approved Centres are members of a world-renowned scheme that recognises high standards of care for both horses and riders.

By joining us, you'll become a member of the BHS family and be part of a supportive community of 600 approved centres across the UK. Our centres include ridings schools, liverys, facility centres, pony party providers and equine activity centres.

As an approved centre owner, you'll have access to a Business Support Manager who can help and advise you on a range of matters. We work together with equine businesses to offer them one-on-one support and help them flourish. You'll also enjoy numerous benefits, all of which add value to your centre.

Being an approved centre will make sure you stand out from the crowd. It'll give your clients peace of mind, knowing they've chosen a centre that's welcoming, inclusive and provides the highest standards of safety and care for both horses and riders.



I feel being part of the BHS gives credibility as being a well-run centre, with the focus on horse care and wellbeing at its heart.

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Tailored support



The help and advice available are very helpful and you feel more of a community not just by yourself.

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Lily Lodge Equestrian Centre

As a BHS Approved Centre, you'll have access to multiple benefits including a dedicated Business Support Manager who is on-hand to help you with anything you need, including:

- Issues with business rates and local authority licensing
- The implementation of recreational awards such as Pony Stars, Challenge Awards, BHS Professional Pathways and assessments
- Advice on how BHS Approved Riding Centres can take part in the annual Riding Schools National Championships
- Practical support for providing staff with access to BHS funding opportunities
- Guidance for new centres with inspections & document submission
- Information about the Changing Lives Through Horses programme which aims to improve the lives of disengaged young people

You'll also be kept informed with the latest industry updates and issues of interest in the equestrian sector from government bodies and the British Horse Council.

Member benefits

Further benefits of being a BHS Approved Centre include:

Access to tool kits and templates: receive risk assessment guidance, contract templates, and expert help with local authority and health and safety inspections.

Community support: join our BHS Approved Centre Facebook group and connect with like-minded individuals. Share ideas and engage in discussions with other centres.

Access to online coffee morning discussions: participate in our regular interactive sessions to explore topics such as VAT, fundraising and participation in BHS awards, among other useful topics.

Helpline assistance: benefit from access to free expert advice on legal matters, tax enquiries and VAT queries through our range of telephone helplines.

Enhanced visibility: be included in the BHS Approved Centre website directory and increase your centre's business potential.

Opportunity to attend business workshops: attend our annual development workshops to hear from industry experts and connect with other centre owners, fostering growth and collaboration.

Participate in our Second Chance rehoming project: provide a rescue pony with a new home and increase your horsepower affordably.



Discounts and funding

As a BHS Approved Centre, you'll receive complimentary BHS Gold Membership as well as exclusive savings, discounts and offers from the following companies and schemes:

BHS Assessments: receive **25%** off BHS Assessments for your coaches and grooms to support their professional growth.

BHS Centre Coach & Groom Scheme: enrol your team members in our Accredited Centre scheme at no cost, elevating their skills and your centre's standard (subject to eligibility).

EC Pro: receive a **20%** discount on the equestrian management system designed to streamline your centre's operations.

Gallop Equestrian: access high-quality equestrian gear at competitive trade prices.

Livery List: boost your visibility with a **20%** discount on all standard and featured listings on the UK's leading directory of equestrian establishments.

Outshorse: enjoy a **10%** reduction on equestrian office management support, enhancing efficiency at a lower cost.

Agaso: make the most of comfortable, innovative and hard-wearing breeches with a **10%** discount.





Business opportunities

Below is some information about what business opportunities are available to you as a BHS Approved Centre. You'll be offered access to programmes, campaigns and competitions to help grow or diversify your centre while supporting and developing your staff and volunteers.

Join Changing Lives through Horses: help disengaged young people aged 5-25 develop life skills & further qualifications through engaging with horses.

Become a BHS Assessment Centre: raise your centre's profile and position it as a hub for equestrian excellence by hosting Stage 1 assessments & apply to become an assessment centre.

Offer BHS Education Programmes: develop skills, foster passion and engage riders of all ages with initiatives like Pony Stars, Horse Explorers, Leadership and Challenge Awards.

Offer our Riding Centre Assistant Award: provide valuable support and training for volunteers, enhancing their development and recognising their contributions to your centre.

Access to the BHS Approved Riding School Dressage League: showcase talent and skill when competing in this prestigious league via E-Riders.

Take part in the National Riding School Championships: participate in our popular annual event which celebrates talent, camaraderie and equestrian passion.

Legal support with Law Assure

Your BHS Approved Centre status will entitle you to access the following legal support:

Free 24/7 legal helpline

Receive round-the-clock advice for any legal situation, whether it's regarding an urgent issue, a preventative measure, or ongoing support.

Legal document templates

Create and customise solicitor-quality documents swiftly using our online tools.

Employment document support

Receive help to create employment agreements, employee handbooks, staff privacy notices, and work experience forms.

Online guides

Keep up to date with employment law through easy-to-understand online guides.

Document reviews

Have your legal documents reviewed by a regulated law firm to ensure compliance and instil confidence in your centre's legal standing.



Riding centre



As the owner of a riding centre, we understand how busy you are—That's where we can help. Our team of Business Support Managers are here to guide and advise on matters that are important to you. Whether you'd like to know more about our Pony Stars programme, need help in setting up a BHS Assessment or require marketing support, our dedicated Business Support Managers are there for you.

As well as receiving help and advice from our Business Support team, a BHS Approved Riding Centre will also have access to:

- Complimentary BHS Gold Membership
- Tools and templates to help ease your workload
- Savings, discounts and offers
- BHS funding opportunities
- Educational programmes including Changing Lives through Horses
- BHS qualifications and recreational awards
- BHS National Riding School Championships
- Initiatives like the Second Chance Rehoming Project
- The Accredited Centre Coach & Groom Scheme
- Online dressage competitions through E-Riders
- Virtual coffee mornings and workshops where a variety of topics are covered
- BHS Approved Centre Facebook group to share ideas and engage with other equestrian centres
- BHS website directory for centres
- Free legal helplines

Equine activity centre



As the owner of a BHS Approved equine activity centre, you'll have a dedicated Business Support Manager providing one-to-one advice and help.

Whether you'd like to know more about our Challenge Awards or our Changing Lives through Horses programme, we're here to support you.

As a member of our scheme, you'll not only have a dedicated Business Support Manager, but you'll also have access to:

- Complimentary BHS Gold Membership
- Tools and templates to help ease your workload
- Savings, discounts and offers from a range of equestrian companies
- BHS funding opportunities
- Free legal helplines
- Educational programmes like Changing Lives through Horses – non-ridden provision
- Recreational awards
- BHS qualifications
- Initiatives like the Second Chance Rehoming Project
- The Accredited Centre Coach & Groom Scheme
- Virtual coffee mornings and workshops where a variety of topics are covered
- BHS Approved Centre Facebook group to share ideas and engage with other equestrian centres
- BHS website directory for centres

Pony party provider



As a BHS Approved pony party provider, you'll have a dedicated Business Support Manager providing one-to-one advice and help.

Whether you'd like to know more about our Facebook group to advertise your pony parties or our Second Chance Rehoming project to offer a rescue pony a fresh start and a loving new home, we're here to support you.

A dedicated Business Support Manager is not all you will receive as part of your BHS Approved pony party status; you'll also have access to:

- Complimentary BHS Gold Membership
- Tools and templates to help ease your workload
- Savings, discounts and offers from various equestrian companies
- BHS funding opportunities
- Free legal helplines
- Pony Stars
- BHS qualifications
- Initiatives like the Second Chance Rehoming Project
- The Accredited Centre Coach & Groom scheme
- Online dressage competitions through E-Riders
- Virtual coffee mornings and workshops where a variety of topics are covered
- BHS Approved Centre Facebook group to share ideas and engage with other equestrian centres
- BHS website directory for centres

Livery yard



As the owner of a BHS Approved livery yard, you'll have a dedicated Business Support Manager on hand to help and advise on the matters that are important to you.

Whether you'd like to know more about our tools and templates to help save you time doing paperwork, or the offers and discounts you're entitled to, we're here to support you.

Together with your Business Support Manager, as a member of our BHS Approved livery yard scheme, you'll have access to:

- Complimentary BHS Gold Membership
- Tools and templates to help ease your workload
- Savings, discounts and offers from a range of equestrian companies
- BHS funding opportunities
- Free legal helplines
- BHS qualifications
- The Accredited Centre Coach & Groom Scheme
- Virtual coffee mornings and workshops where a variety of topics are covered
- BHS Approved Centre Facebook group to share ideas and engage with other equestrian centres
- BHS website directory for centres

Facility centre



As the owner of a BHS Approved facility centre, you'll have a dedicated Business Support Manager on hand to help and advise on matters that are important to you.

Whether you'd like to know more about our Accredited Centre Coach scheme or our online workshops and coffee mornings, we're here to help.

Being a BHS Approved facility centre not only gives you a dedicated Business Support Manager but also grants you access to:

- Complimentary BHS Gold Membership
- Tools and templates to help ease your workload
- Savings, discounts and offers from a range of equestrian companies
- BHS funding opportunities
- Free legal helplines
- BHS qualifications
- The Accredited Centre Coach & Groom Scheme
- Virtual coffee mornings and workshops where a variety of topics are covered
- BHS Approved Centre Facebook group to share ideas and engage with other equestrian centres
- BHS website directory for centres

Centre feedback

Being BHS Approved means clients can have full confidence in my yard, knowing their horse or pony will receive the highest level of care and that the horse's welfare is a top priority. It also means we stand out as a yard that adheres to the high standard set by the BHS.

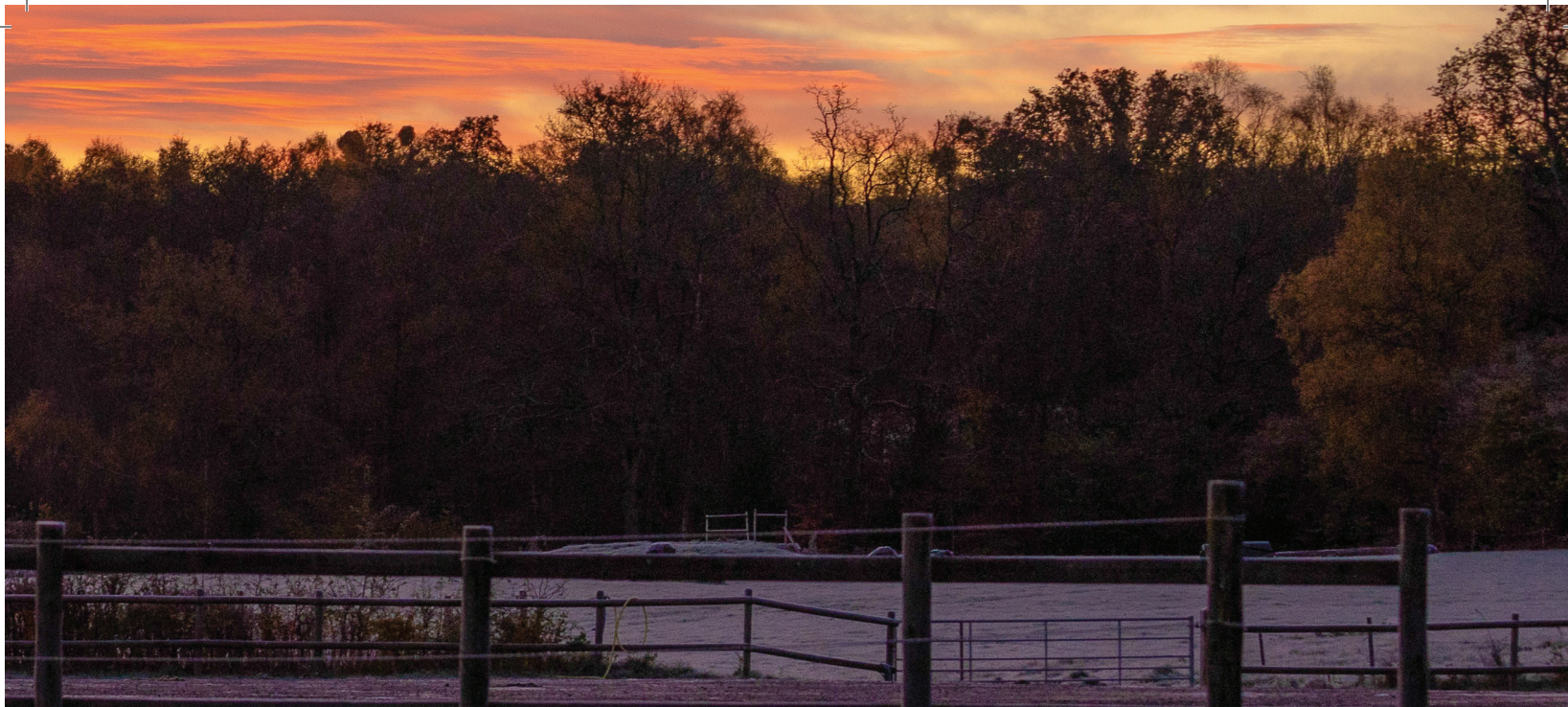
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Being able to offer quality products to clients (Pony Stars, Challenge Awards and Changing Lives through Horses) makes a huge difference in credibility and standard of perceived professionalism.

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Over the past couple of years, the introduction of having contact with Regional Business Support Managers has been really useful. The BHS Approvals department does offer a great deal of support.

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Pinkmead Farm Equestrian Centre



The support to the business in difficult times is second to none. Oonagh and her team are pure gold. The prestige that comes with being BHS Approved is recognised by many and it's super important that proprietors have a shoulder to reach out to when it's needed.

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