

Volunteering opportunities, share your story and more

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Have you 'herd'?



A message from Sally McCarthy, our Specialist Trustee for Volunteering and Communities

I'm Sally, and I'm delighted to be taking on the role of Specialist Trustee for Volunteering and Communities.

BHS has been part of my life for many years, and I love being able to give something back to an organisation that delivers such a positive impact for both horses and people. Volunteering has always been close to my heart, I've previously served as a Trustee and I was honoured to be Chair of the Board for three years.

I'm taking over from Gill Longhurst, who's reached the end of her term as a Trustee. Many of you will have met Gill over the years and I'm sure you'll join me in thanking her for her dedication and hard work. Her leadership has helped shape major changes to how we support volunteers, helping more people to make a difference.

While we've made great progress, there's still much to do. As we continue to embed our new ways of working and develop our regional and nation-wide teams, we must focus on building a sustainable future. This means attracting and welcoming new volunteers, supporting existing volunteers and making sure the opportunities we offer are rewarding, flexible and relevant.

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we achieve as a charity. Together, we can continue to grow our impact, strengthen our communities and make sure that the incredible contribution made by volunteers is recognised and celebrated in meaningful ways.

Sally McCarthy,

Specialist Trustee for Volunteering and Communities.



Volunteering opportunities

As the show season continues, we need your help at events across the regions and nations. Please keep an eye on your monthly e-news as events will be added each month.

September:

Sunday 6 September | ROUK Ride at Drumlanrig Castle | Dumfries & Galloway | Email julie.hanna@bhs.org.uk to get involved

Thursday 17–Sunday 20 September | Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials | Blenheim Palace | [Express your interest here](#)

Volunteers needed to help on our main stand or to run the hobby horses area. Morning or afternoons, with priority to local volunteers.

**Sunday 6 September | Kielder Carriage Drive
| Email claire.maddison@bhs.org.uk to get involved**

There are plenty of roles available, including parking and marshals, with priority to local volunteers and packed lunch provided. The first carriages are

expected to set off around 10am, meaning an 8.30am start for the team. We expect the drive to take around three hours, so there may be time to have a look around the Vintage Car Rally, taking place at Kielder Castle.

Sunday 13 September | Kielder Centenary Ride |
Email claire.maddison@bhs.org.uk to get involved

There are plenty of roles available, including parking and marshals, with priority to local volunteers and packed lunch provided. This will be a full day, with the first riders setting off at 9.30am, meaning an 8.30am start for the team.

Sunday 13 September | Euston Estate Ride |
Email lucy.gooderham@bhs.org.uk to get involved

There are plenty of roles available, including parking and ride marshals, with priority to local volunteers. This will be a full day, with the first riders setting off at 9.30am, meaning an 8.30am start for the team. Lunch will be provided.

Sunday 27 September | ROUK/BHS Ride at Titwood Equestrian, Kilmaurs, Ayrshire | Email julie.hanna@bhs.org.uk to get involved

October:

Saturday 3 October | Ride Out UK Weston Park Ride & Drive | Weston Park, TF11 8LE | Email andrea.jackman@bhs.org.uk to get involved

Plenty of roles available including parking and check in marshals, route stewards and more. Lunch will be provided.

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October | Bramham Pleasure Ride |
Email amy.clements@bhs.org.uk to get involved

Marshals needed. Lunch will be provided.

All volunteering offers are on a first come basis.

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Moments that matter – share your story

#ForTheFeeling

We want to celebrate the incredible work happening across our regions and we need your help!

We're inviting volunteers to share their stories and experiences to be featured on our regional pages. Whether it's a moment of connection, achievement or simply the joy horses bring, your story matters.

So, if you have a story that you think should be shouted about, please let us know so we can showcase the impact our volunteers make within their community.

Share your story



We're recruiting!

We're actively promoting recruitment for the following roles. Do you know someone who might be interested? Please share with your contacts.

The roles:

- Access and Bridleways Officers in Wales and South East/London
- Education and Events Officers in the South West
- Safety Advisers in Devon/Cornwall and the East of England
- Horse Care and Welfare Advisers in the West Midlands and the North of England

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BHS email addresses

When sending emails from your BHS account, please remember that an official BHS signature is added automatically for you. To help keep communications professional and consistent, and to protect your personal information, there's no need to add your own signature or personal email address.

Keeping BHS communications within BHS email accounts also helps us meet our data protection obligations. This is reflected in our guidance for [using your BHS email account](#).

Please try to check for emails at least every month, to make sure you don't miss any important communications. If you're a Welfare Adviser, then it's important that you check at least every other day in case a concern has been sent to you.

We'll be getting in touch with you if you've not looked at your email account recently to check that everything is working. If you're having issues, please contact Melanie Jarvis melanie.jarvis@bhs.org.uk.



What really happens at a public inquiry

Thursday 24 September | 6.30pm–7.30pm | Online

Ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes at a public inquiry? Join Director of Access, Mark Weston; Head of Access, Will Steel and Access Field Officer (Yorkshire), Mark Corrigan, as they walk through the process and share real experiences.

[Book now](#)

Upcoming training

The popular event safety training for BHS volunteers has been fully updated for 2026. The course is for anyone involved in event organisation and volunteers are required to complete this training every three years if they're responsible for carrying out event risk assessments.

This course is suitable for volunteers who are new to event safety and those who are in need of refresher training.

Each course involves two sessions of two hours. Completion of both sessions are necessary to complete the training. Dates for training are:

- Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 October | 7pm–9pm
- Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October | 10am–12pm

Important: the booking will only show the first date, but you'll be automatically booked on for both dates in that series.

[Get your space](#)

Work with us

Have you ever thought about working for BHS? All vacancies are shared on our website, just follow the link and take a look.

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