



Have you 'herd'?



Here to listen...

Our annual volunteering survey is now open — and it takes less than 10 minutes! As a thank you, you can choose to enter a prize draw to win one of four £25 Amazon vouchers.

Our volunteers are at the heart of BHS. Your time, passion and commitment drive much of what we do. You champion our work, support our communities and help us achieve our charitable aims — and we're truly grateful.

Since the last survey, we've:

- Launched our Strategic Plan 2025–2027
- Updated volunteer policies and handbook
- Rolled out volunteer email addresses
- Introduced a new governance and meeting structure
- Improved technology and flexible ways to connect.

Now we'd love to hear from you. Your feedback helps us build a volunteering experience that's enjoyable, meaningful and rewarding. By completing the survey, you'll help shape the future of BHS volunteering.

The survey is completely anonymous, and all responses are confidential. Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

With best wishes,
Your volunteer support team.

[Fill in the survey](#)

Be an ambassador

Do you love chatting with people in the equestrian world? Want to help spread the word about the support our charity offers? Join **Yard Ambassador**, our new volunteering outreach task.

We're looking for friendly volunteers who can visit local non-approved yards and centres to share information about BHS and how we can support them. This helps us to build connections across the equestrian community.

It's a flexible, low-pressure task that'll make a real difference in raising awareness and helping more people access support when they need it.

If you'd like to get involved or learn more, we'd love to hear from you!

[Register here](#)



10 years of Dead Slow

Next month, we're marking the 10-year milestone of our road safety Dead Slow campaign, reflecting on how together we're championing safer roads for equestrians.

Keep an eye out — more details will be shared with you shortly about how you can get involved in

this campaign! With your help, we can reach more people and critically, continue our mission of making road users aware of what to do when they encounter horses on the road.

Thank you for your support. We couldn't continue to do the work that we do to protect equestrians on the road without you.



Say 'cheese'!

We're refreshing your photo mosaic that celebrates you — our wonderful volunteers! Some of you may remember this original mosaic, created back in 2022, which is always a draw when on display at our show stands and out and about. It's time for a refresh to include our new and current volunteers.

We'd like photos of you either with a horse or carrying out your volunteer role. Or, you can get creative and pose with something like a statue, toy horse or a white horse on a hillside if you want — just something horsey or volunteering-themed!

If you sent your photos last year, don't worry, these will be included in this mosaic.

[Upload your photo](#)

E-learning update

We have two new recordings of previous webinars that you can watch free of charge using your BHS volunteer email address.

- Beyond mud fever — skin conditions of the lower limb
- No Pain? Check Again dental webinar.

If you'd like to access these webinars, please email volunteer@bhs.org.uk.



Event volunteering opportunities

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

Thursday 14 May–Sunday 17 May | Royal Windsor Horse Show | [Get involved here](#)

We're asking for up to four hours of your time, either a morning or an afternoon, to help serve refreshments to visitors and ask for donations. We need people who can chat to anyone, all with a smile. You'd be on your feet most of the time, and branded clothing will be provided. Don't worry, there'll always be someone on hand to help you!

Saturday 23 May | Northumberland County Show | [Get involved by emailing claire.maddison@bhs.org.uk](mailto:claire.maddison@bhs.org.uk)

We're looking for volunteers to help on our stand, supporting with safety demonstrations, for either a full or half day. You'll get a ticket to the event and travel expenses (within an agreed distance). Training will be given and there'll be support on the day.

Scotland:

We're looking for volunteers to steward at checkpoints on our ride routes. These are lovely friendly days out, meeting other volunteers and visiting wonderful venues in Scotland. A full briefing will be provided at the start of the day. To get involved with our Scotland volunteer opportunities, please email Julie.Hanna@bhs.org.uk.

- Saturday 25 April | BHS Scotland Ride | Scottish National Equestrian Centre, Oatridge, Ecclesmachan, West Lothian, EH52 6NH
- Saturday 2 May | BHS Fife Ride | Teasses Estate, Ceres, Fife, KY8 5PG
- Saturday 9 May–Sunday 10 May | BHS Scotland 60th Anniversary Celebration Ride | Balmoral Estate, Ballater, AB35 5TB.

“I need help!”

Our support guides for BHS volunteer email addresses have been expanded, including how to change your settings to stop meeting invitations disappearing from your inbox once you've responded.

Your resources



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.

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
- Have a suitable horse aged 4+, in training with a registered trainer
- Ride out regularly with a registered trainer.

This might sound like a lot, but don't worry, we'll be supporting you throughout your journey.

To register your interest or simply find out more, email fundraising@bhs.org.uk. The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 31 March**.

Nominations are now open for our 2026 Trustee Elections

Our Trustees play a crucial role in helping to plan the charity's strategic future. A diverse and well-qualified Board is essential in securing our future success.

Do you have the skills and expertise that will complement those of our existing Trustees and help us make a positive, lasting difference to the lives of horses and equestrians?

We have three positions available for election in 2026:

- Specialist Trustee — Safety
- Specialist Trustee — Volunteering and Communities
- Specialist Trustee for Business — IT, Digital and Projects.

In the event of an election, voting will open at 9am on Friday 5 June and close at 12pm on Thursday 9 July. You'll be contacted with details on how to vote closer to the time.

If you require any technical assistance, please contact Civica Election Services, the organisation supporting the nomination process by emailing support@cesvotes.com or calling [+44 \(0\)208 889 9203](tel:+44(0)2088899203).

To find out more or submit a nomination, please click the button below. The deadline is **12pm on Thursday 26 March**.

Visit our nomination site



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