



Volunteers Newsletter 2025



Are you who we're looking for?

We're looking for volunteers to help at our show stand at some of the big events across the country this autumn. Are you that person?

What would this look like?

The ask would be approximately a four-hour shift, morning or afternoon, helping our staff engage with the public, promoting volunteering with BHS, selling our merchandise and generally having some fun!

If you live within a one-hour drive of any of the amazing events below and could spare us a few hours, we'd love to hear from you.

Horse of the Year Show | Wednesday 8 October – Sunday 12 October | The NEC and the NEC Arena, Birmingham, B40 1NT

What you get:

- A ticket and car pass for the show you'll be helping at, and you'll have plenty of time on your arranged day to have a look around
- Reasonable travel expenses paid
- A branded gilet while you're on the stand.

Volunteering times are **9am–1pm**, **1pm–5pm** or **5pm–9pm**. If you think this is right up your street, please email Jeanette at jeanette.parkes@bhs.org.uk saying what event, days and times you'd like to do.

BRC SEIB Insurance Brokers Combined Championships | Saturday 27 September – Sunday 28 September | Washbrook Farm, Aston-le-Walls, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 6RT

Mostly horse-facing, manual handling roles, so some experience is desired but not essential, and it'll involve carrying and lifting poles. For more information or to register your interest, please email merlin.perlo@bhs.org.uk.

Bramham Pleasure Ride | Saturday 11 – Sunday 12 October | Bramham Park, LS23 6LT

Duties will be marshalling — standing or sitting (in your car or you're welcome to bring a chair) at a point on route, directing riders which way to go. Cold drinks and snacks are provided, but you'll need to bring a packed lunch. Please contact sasha.whitaker@bhs.org.uk if you're interested.

Ride Out UK Chatsworth Pleasure Ride & East Midlands volunteer get-together

We're inviting volunteers to support our upcoming pleasure ride in the stunning surroundings of Chatsworth Park. We're also hosting a relaxed East Midlands volunteer drop-in & get-together during the event!

We're looking for help with:

- Marshalling
- Car parking
- Meeting and greeting competitors
- Post-event tidy-up.

The new East Midlands Regional Manager, Sasha Whitaker, will be attending and is keen to meet as many of you as possible. Even if you're not volunteering on the day, you're welcome to drive in through the iconic golden gates anytime between **11am and 3pm** to enjoy the beautiful scenery, meet other volunteers and connect with the East Midlands team, whatever your role. This is a great chance to chat, share ideas and enjoy some light refreshments. Bring your questions, suggestions and stories, Sasha would love to hear them!

You can expect:

- Nibbles
- A glass of Bucks Fizz
- A welcoming atmosphere.

All volunteers involved with the pleasure ride will also receive lunch. To help with catering, please RSVP by **Friday 27 September** to sasha.whitaker@bhs.org.uk.

Volunteer at Horses Inside Out demo

Thursday 19 September | Vale View Equestrian Centre | Volunteering time 3pm (TBC) – 11pm approx.

We're looking for a friendly and enthusiastic volunteer to help run our stand at the Horses Inside Out demonstration at Vale View Equestrian Centre. It's a fantastic opportunity to engage with attendees, promote the campaign and represent our volunteer community.

The stand will be themed around the **Suitably Mounted** campaign, featuring our weighbridge and a fun competition guessing the weight of the additional things a horse carries apart from their rider!

Volunteer requirements:

- Arrive from around 3pm (time to be confirmed) to assist with set-up
- Stay after the event ends at 10pm to help with strip-down
- Be happy to chat with visitors and encourage participation in the competition.

If you're available and would like to be involved, please get in touch with Sasha Whitaker at sasha.whitaker@bhs.org.uk.

Evening talk with Kate Ashbrook

Thursday 25 September | Online | 6pm–7pm | Free to attend

Don't miss out on your opportunity to join us for an evening talk with **Kate Ashbrook** from **The Open Spaces Society**.

Kate has been general secretary of the Open Spaces Society, Britain's oldest national conservation body, for 41 years. She's also been president and chair of the Ramblers, vice-chair of the Campaign for National Parks and the Dartmoor Preservation Association and is the patron of the Walkers are Welcome Towns Network.

Kate will talk about the history of the Open Spaces Society and its present-day campaigns, focusing on where the Society and BHS collaborate and how they can support each other. She'll be pleased to answer questions and have a general discussion about the work of the two organisations.

[Book here](#)





Wetherby and Newbury BHS Charity Race Days

Friday 31 October and Thursday 6 November | £75 per ticket for adults, concession available for children

Cheer on your favourite fundraisers at our Charity Race Days at Wetherby and Newbury before enjoying a two-course lunch and sitting back to watch the jump season kick off.

Our jockeys have taken on months of tiring training to pass a gruelling fitness assessment in preparation for this moment — making it to the starting line for an exhilarating challenge of a lifetime — a mile race on the flat!

There'll be an auction and a raffle after the race to continue the fundraising fun. So, join us for a winning day out, while raising money for BHS's vital work across welfare, access, safety, education and participation. **For horses. For people. For life.**

Friday 31 October | Wetherby | [Buy tickets here](#)

Thursday 6 November | Newbury | [Buy tickets here](#)

Access dates for the diary

We'd love to see you at one of our North or North West region volunteer access conferences. Join us to chat about all things access and rights of way while catching up with other volunteers and our BHS team.

Bookings are free of charge for both events.

- Sunday 12 October | [North Access Conference](#) | The Sill, NE47 7AN | From 9.30am | Bookings close on 29 September 2025
- Saturday 1 November | [North West Access Conference](#) | Margaret Haes Riding Centre, BL8 4NX | From 9.30am | Bookings close on 19 October 2025

Have a query about either of the events? Email Reanne, our Access Field Officer for North & North West: reanne.benson@bhs.org.uk.

Save the date

- 23 October | An evening with BHS Access and Safety teams
- 20 November | An evening with Meghan Bonner — Engaging with the planning system to benefit equestrian access

Work with us!

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

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