

*Exclusive BHS Ireland &
National Trust Pleasure Rides
BHS Ride Out UK
at Mount Stewart, Co Down*

BHS Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland

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Co Down***

Friday, 10 May – 6.30 to 9pm
Tuesday, 25 June – 6.30 to 9pm
Thursday, 18 July – 6.30 to 9pm
Thursday, 15 August – 5.30 to 8pm

This exclusive opportunity is available to BHS Gold Members only and marks the continuing welcome during 2019 of horse riding to Mount Stewart, Portaferry Road, Newtownards, Co Down.

The Londonderry family of Mount Stewart always had horses and ponies and they rode through the grounds at Mount Stewart on trails that were made for just that purpose. The National Trust is working to recover and renovate access to the estate by uncovering and renovating existing paths. In 2017 and 2018 we had access to approximately 3 miles of trail, and in 2019 we will hopefully have access to an additional mileage.

Pre-booking is essential with a maximum attendance number of 40 and pre-organised departure times. There is a strict code of conduct for this event, which is below.

Please complete the booking form with the required information and return to Susan Spratt with payment of £15 per horse and rider. You may pay by Paypal to s.irwin@bhs.org.uk.

Please Note that this event is not for lead rein riders.

For more information and to pre-book contact:

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY/Code of Conduct

1. Ride is limited to 40 BHS Gold Members ONLY
2. Strictly no refunds, except if the event is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
3. As BHS Gold members you will be covered by Third Party Public Liability Insurance.
4. On arrival all vehicles will be met at the entrance to Mount Stewart, please follow the signs and directions for car parking – please call at the Registration Point following parking
5. **Starting times will be staggered and a time will be allocated on booking**
First arrival time 6pm. First Ride out time 6.30pm, Second Ride out time 7pm,
Third Ride out time 7.30pm
Should be off-site by 9pm
Ride will be between 3 and 5/6 miles
6. Numbered tabards will be provided and must be worn. A £5 refundable deposit is required for each tabard.
7. This is a walk and trot ride (No cantering) due to the terrain. No lead rein, walkers or dogs allowed on this occasion for Health and Safety reasons.
8. Riders must keep to designated trails and approved areas at all times. Do not ride on cut verges nor poach up the surface. Please leave gates as you find them.
9. It is advised that riders take a mobile phone. An emergency contact number will be displayed in the Registration point.
10. All riders must report their return to the Registration point..
11. All horses and ponies must be no younger than 4 years of age.
12. Riders aged 14 and under must be accompanied on the ride by a responsible and suitably experienced adult.
13. The ride takes place on the National Trust Mount Stewart Estate. Riders are requested to respect the generosity of National Trust Ireland and must follow all direction signs and markers. Please respect the Estate and take all litter and droppings home.
14. Good riding manners are requested. Please note the tabard number of anyone causing difficulty to others and inform the stewards on the route or at the Registration point.
15. Horses should not be left unattended in the parking area or on the ride.
16. A correctly fitted and secured hat must be worn when mounted, leading or loading horses. Hats must carry one of the following current hat standards, PAS 015 (1998 or 2011), AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards), ASTM F1163, VG1 01.040 (2014-12), or Snell E2001 and should carry a BSi 'KITE' mark or the American equivalent, the 'SEI' mark. All hats should carry a 'CE' mark.
(For further information refer to <http://www.beta-uk.org/pages/safety/hats.php>).
17. Attendees must ensure tack is sound and properly fitted.
18. No stallions are permitted on this occasion.
19. The organisers and National Trust Ireland accept no responsibility for damage to any rider, persons, horses, vehicles or property whatsoever the cause.