

Regional Welfare Adviser Role Description



Role Summary The British Horse Society Welfare Team are striving to make a difference for horses throughout the UK by providing advice and support for their owners and guardians.

As a Regional Welfare Adviser, you will be a fundamental part of that team, working with the staff at BHS HQ, supporting all of the Lead Welfare Advisers in your region and working closely with your fellow Regional Welfare Advisers.

What's in it for you As a Regional Welfare Adviser you will be helping to improve horse welfare through support and advice directly to horse owners as well as indirectly through your network of Local Welfare Advisers.

Main duties and responsibilities You will support and represent the Welfare Advisers in your region. Your role will involve:

- Being an ambassador for BHS Welfare;
- If requested, acting as a buddy or mentor to a fellow Welfare Advisers /prospective Welfare Advisers;
- Having regular contact with the Lead Welfare Advisers in your region, providing support and guidance as required, whilst keeping the BHS HQ Welfare Team fully informed;
- Assisting and supporting your Lead Welfare Advisers with the organisation of proactive welfare-based activities in your region;
- Attending, participating and submitting reports to the twice-yearly meetings at BHS HQ

Skills and Knowledge

- Supporting the recruitment of new Welfare Advisers in your Region. Essential
- Experience of being a BHS Welfare Adviser;
- Excellent communication skills – essential in your role supporting and liaising with Welfare Officers in your region;
- Be a real team player and willing to support fellow Welfare Advisers in your region;
- Have excellent regional knowledge, well established local networks and links with Local Authorities and other charities/other organisations e.g. RSPCA/WHW Field Officers.

Training and Support Your fellow Regional Welfare Advisers will assist you throughout your role along with your fellow Welfare Advisers and your Regional Manager. The Welfare team at BHS HQ are available at all times to advise you and will provide you with specialised support, guidance and training.

Resources You will need computer and email access and must be willing to receive email, telephone and written correspondence from the BHS, committee volunteers and organisations and individuals concerned about horse welfare in your area.

Your Commitment We ask all our Regional Welfare Advisers to commit to the role for a minimum of two years. Due to the nature of this role, commitment will vary and involve some evening and weekend meetings and visits.

The geographical location of where you live can have a significant impact on the number of welfare concerns you may be asked to assess. Some areas in the U.K have a higher population of horses than others.

You may be expected to travel a significant distance to attend training and attend your Regional Welfare Meetings.

How do I get involved? You must be an active welfare officer to be considered for this role. If a vacancy is available, please complete an enquiry form and the Welfare Team will contact you to discuss the role.

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