

# Equestrian Safety Adviser Volunteering Opportunity

The BHS strives to make a difference for horses by providing advice and support for owners, riders and guardians. Help us to educate others about equestrian safety and spread the BHS Safety messages in your area. If you are passionate about equine safety and will enjoy supporting and educating others to make a difference, this could be the volunteer opportunity for you!

## Who are we looking for?

This opportunity may suit you if you:

- have a desire to educate and support others to improve equestrian safety
- enjoy researching local safety issues
- are a good communicator with great listening skills
- are keen to extend your own equestrian safety knowledge
- enjoy liaising with other local community and voluntary sector groups in your area
- are computer literate and have access to a personal email address
- want to belong to a local network of other BHS volunteers

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## What's in it for you?

As a BHS volunteer Equestrian Safety Adviser, you will be helping to improve safety for all equestrians in your local area. You can expand your own skills, knowledge and experience and be part of a strong team of like-minded volunteers.

## Example activities of a volunteer Equestrian Safety Adviser

We aim to minimise equestrian safety issues through education, and our volunteers provide suitable up to date advice, guidance and support to equine owners and enthusiasts in their local area liaising with the HQ safety team. We know people have differing amounts of time available, and so there are many ways in which you can help, for example:

- promoting Dead Slow campaign messages in your local area
- arranging or supporting a local Road & Rider Safety talk
- raising awareness on the latest advice on a topical issue
- encouraging others to report incidents and near misses via the 'Horse i' app or website
- be a first point of local contact for non-emergency safety issues
- supporting the work of Safety team by researching local public sector/police contacts and sharing with Safety team
- encourage education and participation in the Ride Safe Challenge Award
- contributing to and networking with other local volunteer teams and committees
- seeking opportunities for the Safety Team to give talks and presentations to local non-equestrian groups/organisations
- promote road safety awareness to local equestrians, yards and other voluntary organisations

## **What help will you receive?**

You will also be able to call upon the technical support, guidance and resources from the dedicated Safety Team at Head Office, whilst the Volunteer Support Team are always on hand to help and assist throughout your personal volunteering journey with us. You will have local support from BHS regional staff, other Equestrian Safety Advisers in your region (if available) and your local BHS volunteer team/committee.

## **Commitment**

We commit to providing all the necessary BHS guidance and resources. We provide regular updates on safety legislation changes and information on our safety campaigns. You do not have to pay for any BHS training or resources, and you can claim necessary travel expenses for carrying out your volunteering activities.

You will need a computer or tablet and access to the internet/email. It is helpful if you have the ability to travel around your local county/district area (for meetings and events).

## **Interested and want to know more?**

Contact our Volunteer Support Team on [volunteer@bhs.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@bhs.org.uk)

Ready to apply? Click for our [online application form](#).