

The
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Society

Riding By Your Side

AN OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY
FOR 2023





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Vice-Patron's Introduction

During 2023 I was particularly pleased to attend three events which showcased the positive impact the Society's work makes to the equestrian industry and the public as a whole.

In March, my visit to Summerfield Stables, a volunteer-run BHS Approved inner-city Riding School demonstrated how one community-focused establishment can embrace such a wide variety of initiatives, ranging from the pioneering Career Transition Fund to promoting the simple pleasure and benefits of building a bond with horse or pony through Pony Stars and Changing Lives through Horses. Many congratulations to the Society on creating and developing the Career Transition Fund, which assists learners to progress their equine careers and add to the skills of an industry in such great need of qualified coaches and grooms.

In August, the educational and career themes were further emphasised as I attended an Equestrian Career Insight Day at Aberdeen Riding Club. This included several interactive training sessions based on the Society's coaching qualifications within the Professional Pathway.

Finally, in November, I observed candidates preparing for the Performance Coach BHSI certificate at Ingestre Stables. I met many enthusiastic students and staff, who were supporting the Society's qualifications and the importance of encouraging talented, enthusiastic new coaches to achieve their qualifications.

With such evidence of a forward thinking and caring organisation, it is encouraging that the Society has continued to grow its membership, increase the reach of its charitable activities, and aims to broaden its inclusivity. I congratulate the Society's trustees, executive team, volunteers, and supporters for their commitment to the equine cause and for the achievements outlined in this year's annual report.





 HRH The Princess Royal at Ingestre Stables



Chair's Statement

Everyone involved in the Society's work is striving as hard as ever to deliver the Society's charitable objectives, and bring to the fore the special experience of the horse-human bond.

Our focus remains to generate impact where it is most needed and as you read through our Strategic Report you will certainly be impressed by the sheer breadth and complexity of our range of activities.

During 2023 our Access team reached the notable landmark of registering its 3,000th definitive map modification order application. Whatever deadline is decided by government for the extinction of recognised routes, our determination to identify and preserve ancient routes and rights of way on the definitive map is bearing fruit with another 500km saved in 2023.

The Safety team remain the very model of partnership working and collaboration. The strength of our multi-agency work in this area is evidenced by the local impact of Close Pass operations and increased signage in accident hotspots – while also having a very clear and consistent voice in national discussions and debates. All this while working hard to raise awareness of the Highway Code changes for vulnerable road users agreed in 2022.

The Horse Care and Welfare team has increased its level of direct support, guidance and advice and continues to deliver on the spot treatment and care through its clinics and health days. With two significant equine campaigns – awareness weeks for strangles and dental issues – plus supporting vital work into equine grass sickness, their programme of work in 2023 is comprehensive and mind boggling.

In terms of participation, British Riding Clubs has carried out a comprehensive review of its



There is a clear connection between education, qualifications, training and coaching and the needs of the industry.

operations and implemented positive changes to both the administrative and competitive elements of its activities, all geared towards an improved service for competitors.

Assistance and support are the key words regarding our Approved Centre Scheme. Post-pandemic recovery has been vital and we continue to gradually increase the number of BHS approved establishments and offer advice and business support through our network of dedicated managers. There is a clear connection between education, qualifications, the provision of training and coaching and the needs of the industry. The Career Transition Fund, assisting learners through equine career pathways, has gone from strength to strength in 2023, and continues to grow its impact in 2024.

Alongside this initiative the Education team, in liaison with our awarding organisation, BHSQ, continues to strike the balance between

innovation, qualification development and the requirements of quality control and the discipline required in offering regulated qualifications.

Perhaps the personal highlight of the year for so many who attended was the showcasing of the impact of our Changing Lives through Horses programme at Saddlers Hall in June. The assembled audience were impressed and moved by the stories of those young people who had faced and overcome challenges in their lives through their interaction with horses. The numbers of participants continue to rise and we are constantly approving new centres and accrediting new coaches to deliver this literally, life-changing initiative.

However, the organisation cannot keep moving forward at such a pace without commensurate improvement to its systems, business information and infrastructure. 2023 saw the commencement of fundamental strands of work around digital transformation, customer insight and brand development, equity, diversity and inclusion, and developing and supporting our amazing volunteer network. These, together with formulating our overall Strategic Plan for 2025 to 2027, will aim to future proof the Society and enable it to have greater capacity and capability to grow, influence, and make an even greater impact.

I am delighted that we can report so positively on our financial position. The Society has been able, in each of the last five years, to make the decision to earmark funds out of in-year surpluses and create designated funds to support projects to maximise charitable impact and to improve our infrastructure. And though our membership numbers continue to grow steadily, and revenue from membership and the associated gift aid remains the current bedrock of our finances, we are always seeking ways to diversify and increase other sources of revenue.

We have keenly awaited the results of this years trustee elections which were announced in

July 2024. We are very pleased to retain Karen Silcock as Generalist Trustee with Financial Knowledge for a second term of three years and to welcome Samantha Gregory as our newly elected Generalist Trustee. In so doing we extend our sincere thanks to Kerryn Haynes for her knowledge, experience and immense contribution during her three-year term as Generalist Trustee. Many thanks to all our candidates for their support of the Society and for their participation in the trustee election, which remains one of the cornerstones of our governance structure.

We were delighted and greatly honoured to be recently informed that The British Horse Society has received the Royal Patronage of His Majesty King Charles III. His Majesty becomes the second monarch to be Patron of the BHS, with the Royal Patronage first awarded by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1952. We continue to be extremely grateful for the support and engagement of our Vice-Patron, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal. The heartfelt connection both His Majesty and Her Royal Highness demonstrate for their horses and the wider equestrian community clearly communicates and confirms how important horses are in society.

I hope you enjoy reading the following pages and join me in thanking our trustees, volunteers, members, supporters, sponsors, partners and the whole executive team for their collective efforts in delivering another successful year.



Sally McCarthy
Chair of Trustees

The Board of Trustees, which also acts at the Board of Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, presents The British Horse Society's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023. In doing so the trustees have adopted the provisions and guidance of all relevant legislation and standards.



2023

At a Glance

Summary and highlights



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

£16,106,000

Total income increased by 5.9% from £15,202,000 with membership revenue, gift aid and education activities being the main contributors to that increase.

£5,905,000

Undesignated reserves at the year-end


£16,209,000

Expenditure grew from £14,262,000 to £16,209,000. A significant proportion of that increase is due to increased activity within designated funds

★ SOCIETY KEY HIGHLIGHTS

 **122,223**
Total members

An encouraging net growth of 3,536 members

 **3%**

Growth in UK membership

 **1,500+**
Volunteers

An increase of 100 new volunteers

 **1,000**

Changing Lives through Horses (CLtH) supported 1,000 children and young people – an increase of 63% on 2022

 **103**

Total number of centres able to deliver CLtH – up 47% from 2022

📍 ACCESS

32 

Ride Out UK pleasure rides held across the UK

DMMO Project
2026 applications
submitted

3,000 

🎓 EDUCATION

5,267

Educational units taken

Increased by 4% from
5,078 units in 2022

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Rideathon
CHALLENGE

£31,000

raised towards the Ride Out Fund through Rideathon and Ride Out UK events with the support of Horse and Country TV

443

vouchers
issued for
Stage 2 and
3 through
the Career
Transition
Fund



🛡️ SAFETY

4,205

incidents
reported via
the Horse i
app in 2023

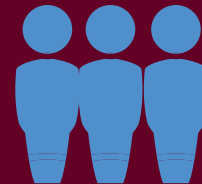


3,427

The Horse i app was
downloaded 3,427 times

7

career conferences at
colleges throughout the UK



attended by
936
students

Working with Nottingham
Trent University to produce
a mindfulness film for drivers
to reduce stress and help
drivers pass horses safely



70

people attended
Equine Coach
taster days



FUNDRAISING


£65,000 

to support our campaigns raised by the 21 sponsored riders and auctions held at our charity race days



Charity partner at the Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials in 2023



Collaborated with the University of Buckingham to evaluate the long-term benefits of CLTH and horse-human interaction

HORSE CARE AND WELFARE



1,915

owners educated through our Horse Health Days and Stable Mate Days, which involved 2,093 horses

935 

new welfare concerns handled by the front-line team. These concerns involved over 2,300 horses

 **12,600**

Horse Care and Welfare Helpline Coordinators responded to over 12,600 enquiries providing advice and support on a wide range of care and welfare topics.

An increase **↑ 22%** of over 2022



2,101
passports processed



owners supported by our Friends at the End volunteers and staff

11 

StableMates days held supporting

180 owners and riders

Strategic Report

After a few years of being in post-pandemic recovery, 2023 was a much more settled and positive 12 months, both financially and in terms of activities.

This allowed us to return to being as proactive as possible across all areas of work and across each of our regions and nations.

This Strategic Report outlines last year's achievements, all of which reflect our dedication and commitment to supporting horses and those who care for them.



BHS MEMBER:

Being a member and having access to advice, support and guidance is invaluable. You are just there and it's fabulous.







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Enabling Access

We achieved a number of major successes in 2023 with our Access Field Officers responding to over 400 consultations.

While our Project 2026 team continues to lobby for the cut-off date of 2031 to be repealed, 491 applications were submitted last year, saving approximately 500km of equestrian routes from disappearing. Thanks to our officer in Yorkshire, we have registered a landmark 3,000th definitive map modification order application.

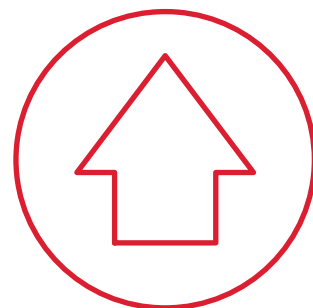
2023 saw the first full programme of in-person Restoring the Record training courses since

2019 – delivered by volunteers Sarah Bucks and Phil Wadey. Well-attended, well-received sessions were held in London, Cambridge, Birmingham and Nottingham. The vast majority of our 300 access volunteers were able to attend face-to-face events – and the Scottish conference celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003, which gave equestrians an equal right of responsible access to the outdoors.

Our Access Fighting Fund had successes concerning routes in Surrey, Somerset and Yorkshire. The fund also helped to secure a successful outcome against Cornwall Council, following its refusal to register the Society's definitive map modification order applications.



Ride Out UK has helped save 500km of equestrian routes from disappearing



RIDE OUT FUND SUCCESS

The Binsted Bridleway 62 is a key route in the area connecting to other major off-road links where off-road access is scarce, but in recent years the route had fallen into disrepair and was unusable throughout most of the year.

The bridleway has now been completely renovated with a new surface and improved drainage. This means the route can be used all year round by everyone. The renovation wouldn't have been possible without funding from the BHS Ride Out Fund, who along with other local and national organisations, provided the funds needed to bring the route back to its former glory.

Through the Society's ongoing membership of the Scottish Outdoor Recreation Alliance, we continue to collaborate with numerous bodies including Forestry and Land Scotland and Scottish Forestry.

In Wales, our work included playing a major role in bringing to fruition the Great Glamorgan Way, a magnificent network of linked horse and cycle trails.

In Northern Ireland, the Society continues to feed into the development of the Future of Green Spaces in Northern Ireland 2030 Vision and Action Plan.



Educating Equestrians

2023 saw an extensive review of our syllabuses. As a result, there will now be four options: general, dressage, eventing and showjumping. We also completed a full review of education policies and, consequently, a number of them have seen significant changes, namely:

- Malpractice and Maladministration
- Conflict of Interest
- Internal Quality Assurance
- Safeguarding
- Accidents at Assessments
- Inclusive Language.

Encouragingly, post-pandemic, there has been a steady growth in the number of BHS

qualifications being taken. This is best measured in the number of educational units - which have increased from 5,078 units in 2022 to 5,267 in 2023.

The Career Transition Fund supports people entering and progressing through the equine industry. The number of partner colleges offering equine education has grown from 21 to 29, boosting the number of students within the scheme.



Children taking part in some of our Pony Stars activities

246

Stage 2 Care,
Lunge, Ride



65

Stage 2 Coaching



100

Stage 3 Care,
Lunge, Ride



32

Stage 3 Coaching



The fund has also been used to support insight and training days. We've run seven career conferences at UK colleges – attended by 936 students – and we've piloted taster days with 70 people to promote a career as an equine coach. We have received great feedback on all these sessions and are now looking at further ways to get more budding equestrians involved in the future.

We've also held 13 Stage 4 training days (320 attendees) and three BHSI days (61 attendees), alongside successfully piloting theory training for Level 3. Managers from the regions and devolved nations played a huge part in the Society's education programme in 2023, attending 34 career-focussed events in total.



A BHS Accredited Professional coach putting their students (and horses) through their paces



FRAN NORTON, CAREER TRANSITION FUND RECIPIENT:

I would have struggled financially to access the necessary training and it's definitely helped speed up the process. I'll use the qualifications to continue to practise and promote the highest level of horsemanship and I really do think the BHS qualifications offer the best all round education for any equine professional.





Promoting Safety

Our Safety team has been determined to build on the partnerships that have been fostered over recent years and the Dead Slow campaign was once again a major part of the 2023 programme. Dead Slow not only educates drivers on how to pass horses safely, but also gives safety advice and information to riders.

Following on from the changes to the Highway Code for vulnerable road users in 2022, we've been working with local authorities, the police, road safety partnerships and driving instructors to increase awareness of the changes among drivers. Activities include attending many motoring and town centre events and we've received support from organisations such as Project Edward (Every Day Without A Road Death).

The Horse Incident Reporting System and the Horse-i app have been a truly vital part of the data that we supply to road safety partnerships and local authorities, highlighting hotspots for local action.



It was nice knowing that someone, somewhere had a log of these crimes and would try to do something that might educate future possible offenders and prevent these things from happening.

BHS member





We've continued our involvement with road safety partnerships, Road Safety GB, the police, fire and rescue services, and driving instructors. A critical part of this has been to work with local authorities to place Dead Slow signs at locations where there have been a number of near misses. Other initiatives included Road & Rider Awareness events, training for commercial driving companies and our 'Henry the Horse' programme. This interactive project educates 9- and 10-year-old children about how to walk or cycle safely past horses. It's been evaluated by RoSPA and has had superb reviews from parents, head-teachers and school children.

Our team has been instrumental in some significant forums: the APPG for Towing, Highways England Towing Group, PACTS (Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety) and the RoSPA Road Safety Committee. We've also been consulted by the Governmental Office of Product Safety and Standards regarding firework safety and equestrians.



Checking a horse's health and condition



Promoting Horse Care and Welfare

All manner of enquiries from members, horse owners and supporters continue to keep our highly qualified and knowledgeable Horse Care and Welfare Helpline coordinators busy. In 2023, they responded to over 12,600 enquiries, an increase of 22% over 2022, providing advice and support on a wide range of topics.



This team, together with our fully-trained 170+ volunteers, provided UK-wide coverage and in 2023 handled 935 new welfare concerns involving over 2,300 horses. In addition, 78 owners were supported through our Friends at the End (FATE) scheme during 2023 and a new training platform means that 20 new FATE volunteers were brought on board.

We continued to collaborate effectively with fellow national equine welfare charities World Horse Welfare, Redwings, Blue Cross, Bransby, The Donkey Sanctuary and the RSPCA on a variety of projects. We held 109 proactive events and activities through our Horse Health Days and Stable Mate Days, supporting, advising and educating 1,915 owners and involving 2,093 horses, right across the UK.



When to say goodbye is one of the hardest decisions to make as a horse owner



**ELAINE HASTY,
USER OF FRIENDS
AT THE END**

My experience with BHS Friends at the End has been incredible. A light came at the end of a very dark tunnel. After speaking to one of your Friends, I had my first clear month without the recurring nightmare of his death and the first beautiful dreams of our love and life. I could say so much more.

Thank you so very much, without your help I would still be in that nightmare instead of reliving the beauty Blue's life is.



In our role as an Identification Only Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO), we successfully processed 2,101 passports.

We ran a number of very successful awareness initiatives in 2023, covering strangles, teeth and equine dentistry, ragwort, diet, worming and hoof health across our social channels and the traditional media – including Countryfile, Horse & Hound and the Telegraph. We also continue to review the reason for the lack of suitably

qualified farriers to service more remote regions, working closely with the BHS Scotland team.

Our collaboration in partnership with the National Equine Welfare Council on the Impact of the Cost of Living report continues, and we have recently joined the Suitably Mounted Group committee (run by Dr Tamzin Furtado and Amanda Stoddart West) – a working group that aims to help tackle the issue of incompatible horse-rider combinations.



CltH supported more than 1,000 young people in 2023

Participation: Engaging and Supporting our Community



In 2023, we continued making strides across our British Riding Club National Championships and our membership. We're also pleased to see how much our Changing Lives through Horses programme has grown in just one year.

British Riding Clubs

2023 was a year full of change and progress for British Riding Clubs (BRC), and we ended the year with 351 clubs and 26,665 members.

Our National Championships and themed dressage competitions again proved to be hugely successful with more people than ever taking part. We revamped the official stewards weekend to include online learning and we held a record number of sessions in our winter online training series.

We'd like to thank our commercial sponsors for their continued support that allows us to offer so many opportunities for our members.

Changing Lives through Horses

Changing Lives through Horses (CLtH) continued to thrive in 2023, supporting 1,000 children and young people within the year – an increase of 63% on 2022. Furthermore, 33 centres completed their training, bringing the total number able to deliver CLtH to 103.

Highlights for 2023 included:

- Our first in-person CLtH Coach Conference since 2019, attended by 43 coaches and hosted by The Cavalier Centre.
- Securing programme funding from new charitable trusts and organisations.
- Our first Personal Development Qualification submissions from centres – with 11 participants achieving certification from Marros, Country Treks and Grove House Stables.
- CLtH champions speaking at an event hosted by The Worshipful Company of Saddlers.



After a few weeks at the stables with Changing Lives through Horses I saw my daughter's confidence increase – she had made new friends, talked excitedly about all that she was learning and couldn't wait to go back each week. She has been too anxious to go to school for over eight months. I could not believe the change in her."

FOUR WINDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE (LINCOLNSHIRE)

Approved Centres

Despite the challenges around recruitment and costs, we are delighted to report a 150% increase in centres joining the Approval Scheme compared to 2022.

With the aim of increasing engagement and inclusivity, 2023 saw the creation of new membership streams, such as Pony Party Providers. Other highlights included:

- Proprietor conferences in seven locations across the UK attended by 184 members.
- 16 participants from Level 1 Centres taking the Coaching4All qualification, allowing them to deliver the CLtH programme.
- 11 Stable Mate Days with over 180 attendees.
- Twice-monthly online coffee mornings with over 1,000 participants.
- Successful collaboration with the RSPCA and their rehoming scheme.



BHS Approved Centres help people discover the joy that horses can bring to their life



Increasing and Supporting Membership





BHS members become part of a community – one where everyone loves horses, and understands how rich a life with horses can be

Despite the pressures on people's disposable income and the comparatively gloomy economic outlook throughout most of 2023, we are really pleased to have successfully grown our membership.

We started the year with 118,687 members and ended the year with 122,223 - an encouraging net growth of 3,536 members which equates to a 3% increase.

We continue to strive to offer great value to our members and regularly review and benchmark our range of benefits. Given our membership qualifies for gift aid, we encourage every UK tax-paying member to sign up for this, both when they join and through subsequent communication. In 2023, our recovery rate against fees was consistent with previous years at 16%.



Education for me as a member is where I have benefitted the most. Having access to training and a network of likeminded equestrians to encourage you - it really made me feel I could achieve my BHS Stages 1 & 2 and I am thinking about doing my Stage 3.

BHS MEMBER



Our Amazing Volunteers

Our highly-valued volunteer community continues to grow and reached a fantastic 1,500 in 2023.

Volunteers are essential to the delivery of all our work across access, welfare, safety, education and participation, and all our teams thank them for their invaluable contribution.

During 2023, we focused on developing our Volunteer Strategy through researching and consultation – embracing all stakeholder groups, but especially our volunteers themselves. In December, the Board of Trustees approved the new strategy and vision. We want our volunteers to feel valued as an integral part of our team. We want to make sure that their contribution to our work is celebrated and rewarded.

As part of the new strategy, one of our priorities is to update how we work with volunteers. We want to appeal to a wider range of potential volunteers and to reach people from more diverse backgrounds.

We're always very grateful for all the support, time and effort our volunteers give, and it's great to be able to thank many of them in person. As well as our annual awards ceremony at Newbury, we presented 82 awards at regional shows. This allowed us to thank and recognise volunteers who couldn't travel to the main event.





It's amazing. I mean, I don't feel I deserve anything, particularly because it's just nice to do. It's a very rewarding thing to do. I must be one of the few people in my group of friends who gets excited about sorting out a bridleway, which seems very odd to non-horsey people. But yes, I get very excited about it and enthusiastic, I thoroughly enjoy it.

GINNIE

For the past 21 years, Ginnie has worked as a volunteer and secretary on the committee of the Mendip Bridleways and Byways Association (MBBA). Her work has transformed MBBA into one of the most successful bridleway associations in the UK. She received the BHS Access Award in 2023.



A volunteer helping out at a Horse Health Day



BHS volunteers working to clear a bridleway





Raising Funds

In 2023, we continued to increase the contribution from charitable trusts, granting bodies, individual donors and legacies. We're grateful for every penny that we receive.

Our charity race days are an immensely popular feature in our calendar and we again staged these events at Newbury and Wetherby in November. The real heroes of these days are, of course, our amateur jockeys – who raised a fantastic £65,000 in 2023.

The Society's Ride Out and Rideathon campaign raised £31,000 last year, and our national, regional and county committees generated £250,000, an impressive increase of 16% year on year.

Other significant initiatives and activities in 2023 included:

- Being charity partner at the Blenheim Palace International Horse Trials
- The Changing Lives through Horses team's collaboration with the University of Buckingham on research into the long-term benefits of horse and human interaction
- The joint funding of the equine grass sickness research (conducted by the Moredun Foundation in Midlothian).



Our Ride Out and Rideathon campaign raises money each year to help protect and restore off-road routes across the UK



CLtH has a huge impact on the lives of participants, but wouldn't be possible without donations and funding from trusts



We can't thank the staff at Bryanston enough for the help they have given us in support for our daughter. The changes she has made since starting the Changing Lives through Horses programme have been amazing. She is more confident and her anxiety levels have improved already.

Before starting the programme, she suffered with crippling anxiety and constantly worried that something bad would happen to the family. Nothing seemed to help until we found the Changing Lives through Horses programme.

She is finding joy in doing other things too, which for the past year or so she hasn't been able to.

She is now back in school for some of the week studying towards her exams. Last year, I couldn't even get her out of the car to go into one lesson... or some days even out of the house.

We will be forever grateful for this opportunity..

BRYANSTON SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE (Dorset)



Looking After Our Team and Central Services

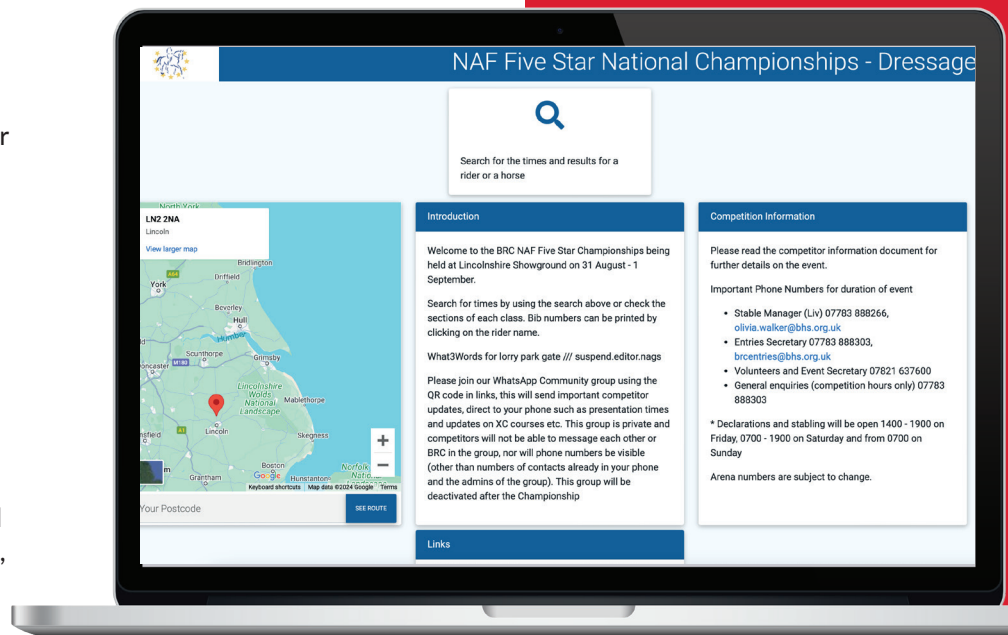
Our digital transformation continues, improving systems and further developing our website.



The new online membership platform for British Riding Clubs

We introduced a new online membership platform for British Riding Clubs as well as moving to a new live scoring and results system for club events and competitions.

During 2023, we undertook a major research project into how the society is perceived which will help us plan for the future. We also commissioned two new bespoke show vehicles, which have been used at events across the country, from major shows to our Horse Health Days. These vehicles help showcase our brand and highlight the work done across access, education, safety, participation and horse care and welfare.



Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted £000	Designated £000	Restricted £000	2023 Total £000	2022 Total £000
Income and endowments from:					
Donations, legacies and grants	290		529	819	709
Charitable activities:					
Membership subscriptions	12,552			12,552	11,909
Examinations and other fees	1,221		10	1,231	963
Events	761		10	771	905
Other trading activities:					
Trading income	191			191	263
Advertising	295			295	311
Commission received	6			6	6
Other income:	143		5	148	126
Investment income	93			93	10
Total income	15,552		554	16,106	15,202
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	646		17	663	725
Charitable activities	14,146	939	461	15,546	13,537
Total expenditure	14,792	939	478	16,209	14,262
Net income/(expenditure)	760	(939)	76	(103)	940
Net gain/(loss) on investments	182			182	(129)
	942	(939)	76	79	811
Designations and fund transfers	(665)	667	(2)		
Net movement in funds	277	(272)	74	79	811
Fund balances brought forward	5,628	2,592	1,135	9,355	8,545
Fund balances carried forward	5,905	2,320	1,209	9,434	9,356

Read our full financial statement at [bhs.org.uk/annualreport](https://www.bhs.org.uk/annualreport)

About The British Horse Society

The British Horse Society is a charitable company incorporated in England. It does not have a share capital and is limited by guarantee. The company is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator.

▶ **OUR VISION**
Every horse is respected, protected and enjoyed by knowledgeable, caring people.

▶ **OUR MISSION**
We are the charity dedicated to knowledge and encouraging people and horses to enjoy life together.

▶ **OUR VALUES**

Horses First

The horse is at the heart of all we do

One Team

We collaborate with and value our employees, members, supporters and partners

Respect

We are inclusive and deliver with respect, integrity, dedication and passion

Supportive

We support horses and people to enjoy life together safely

Excellence

We strive for excellence in everything we do

Article 2 within the Society's Articles of Association outline the following charitable objectives:

- ▶ To promote and advance the education, training and safety of the public in all matters relating to the horse;
- ▶ To promote the use, breeding, wellbeing, safety, environment, health and management of the horse for the public benefit;
- ▶ To promote community participation in healthy recreation involving the horse;
- ▶ To promote and facilitate the prevention of cruelty, neglect or harm to horses and to promote the relief, safety, sanctuary, rescue and welfare of horses in need of care, attention and assistance; and
- ▶ To promote and secure the provision, protection and preservation of rights of way and of access for ridden and driven horses over public roads, highways, footpaths, bridleways, carriage ways, public paths and other land.

For the Full Trustees Report, including the Society's status and charitable objectives, please visit bhs.org.uk/annualreport.



A woman with blonde hair, wearing a white headband and a blue puffer jacket, is smiling warmly at a dark-colored horse. She is holding the horse's muzzle with her gloved hands. The background is a blurred stable interior.

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