

The Shire Horse Society



Heavy Horse Camp 2020

Information Booklet

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HEAVY HORSE CAMP 2020

Congratulations on deciding to attend Heavy Horse Camp 2020. Regardless of experience level there will be lots for you to try your hand at and lots of learning opportunities in a fantastic and friendly environment, where no question is too silly and no questions should go unanswered!

This booklet has been put together to try and help you organise yourself for camp and answer the frequently asked questions.

WHO WE ARE

The Shire Horse Society is the only charity dedicated to the protection, promotion and improvement of the Shire Horse.

Since 1878 the Shire Horse Society has been working to protect the breed, which was then known as the Old English Breed of Cart Horse. Over the years the Society has worked hard to ensure that the breed continues to grow and to maintain interest in these magnificent horses.

This has not always been easy. Following the decline of the use of horses in industry, transport and agriculture, with the rise of the motor vehicle and the mechanisation of farming, things seemed bleak for the Shire, and in the 1960's the Society had to take drastic action to reverse the falling numbers of Shires.

They have done this with great vigour and now the future of the breed looks good. A resurgence of interest in Shire Horses as both leisure animals and environmentally friendly transport has led to an increase in breeding numbers.

However, the Society is never complacent and there is always more work to do. The Society is constantly working to maintain high breed standards. Stallion inspections are mandatory before full registration in the Stud book is permitted.

The Society is also keen to promote awareness of the Shire's history and future. It does so by organising The Shire Horse Society National Show every March. The Show is the largest gathering of Shire Horses in the country and possibly the world, further details of the National Show can be found on this web site.

The Shire Horse Society is now located in new purpose built premises based at Shire Farm, part of the Rockingham Castle Estate and Park in Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Following termination of a historic administration contract and a thorough review of the options available to the Society it took the decision to run its own administration in 2013. A home was then established for the Society, the move to Rockingham Castle allows greater promotion of the breed to a much larger audience and engage the membership more actively.

The core objectives of the Society remain the same but we are able to widen the work undertaken to achieve these and educate and inspire the next generation of

Shire horse breeders. The new facilities allow a greater opportunity for membership participation and interaction with Society events.

Our new premises at Rockingham Castle is home to a number of high profile events such as the Rockingham International Horse Trials, Rolls Royce Enthusiasts Club Concours and Rally, Jousting and Medieval Living History Village, and the Rockingham Country Fair.

The Society believes that in challenging financial times it is ever more important to continue to promote the cause and the increase the need for charitable donations and active fundraising. The Society will use the move to increase public awareness of the Society's work and ultimately increase opportunities, and will enable the development of promotional activities with plans to hold Society open days in the future.

The move allows the Society to develop how it promotes itself to help increase awareness not just nationally but internationally. The venue provides the Society with its own dedicated facilities for office administration, open days, onsite training for all levels and of course the opportunity to be involved with existing events held at Rockingham Castle.

The Society is proud to have Her Majesty the Queen as Patron.

REFER A MEMBER/CONTACT A MEMBER

Without the support of our members, the Shire Horse Society would be unable to carry on and expand its work in the preservation, promotion and protection of the Shire Horse.

Please play your part in encouraging a New Member to join this year.

To encourage you to join remember full membership entitles you to the following:

FREE ENTRY to the National Shire Horse Society's Spring Show in March

FREE ENTRY to other nominated Society Events, Shows and Head Office Open Day at Shire Farm, Rockingham.

Register approved Shires in the Society's Stud Book and Grading Register at discounted rates

Compete for the Society's special awards at Affiliated Shows

Entitlement to voting rights at General Meetings

Qualification for election to the Council and for appointment to its key Committees

FREE ENTRY into Society Approved Centres

CONTACT US

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ROCKINGHAM CASTLE AND PARK
MARKET HARBOROUGH
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T: 01536 771 611

E: info@shire-horse.org.uk W: www.shire-horse.org.uk

CAMP LOCATION

The Camp is to be held at Arena UK, Grantham, NG32 2EF

The Venue has electric gates, please press the out of hours buzzer if you arrive after 6pm, if you need to leave the site in the evening an exit code for the gate can be given to you by one of the organisers of the camp.

Directions are available to download on Arena UK website or on

www.heavyhorsecamp.co.uk

PAYMENT

Now you have paid your deposit what are the next steps?

1. Please ensure you have filled in an online booking form which is on the booking page on www.heavyhorsecamp.co.uk
2. The final balance of the Camp MUST be paid in full by the end of March 2020, you can set up a monthly standing order to the Shire Horse Society is this payment option is easier for you than paying the full amount in one go. Please call the office on 01536 771611.

TIMETABLE

For those early birds who have already booked, a timetable will be uploaded on to the website, please check the website for it.

A session booking form link will be sent out to everyone that has booked on camp for you to choose your sessions, this will be a link sent by email and available on the website, please fill it in, it is all online so no need to post anything back to the Shire Horse Society. Please note your lesson times will be confirmed to you at a later date (if you have chosen to have any lessons).

CONTACT

1. Shire Horse Society for any payment queries 01536 771611
2. Accommodation Bookings – Contact accommodation in list below direct
3. Nearest Vet to Arena UK – Tower Equine Vets - 01778 591082
4. Nearest Farrier to Arena UK (these are just from the farriers registration council website, we do not know them)
 - a. James Holiday 07531271182
 - b. Daniel Bennett 07811377856
 - c. Michael Plant 01476 530229
5. Any other Camp questions - info@shire-horse.org.uk
6. General Chit Chat about Camp 2020 – Facebook Group – Heavy Horse Camp 2020
7. Contact on the Thursday and for duration of Camp (numbers available nearer the time)
 - a. Caroline – [REDACTED]
 - b. Denise – [REDACTED]
 - c. Pip – [REDACTED]

INSURANCE

All horses attending including loan horses must have 3rd party liability, and all people attending should have 3rd party liability either via their horse insurance or independent insurance if a loaner.

British Horse Society Gold Member public liability insurance covers both the loaners and campers horses. Those borrowing horses are also covered if they are British Horse Society Gold Members. If your horse has its own insurance policy please check with your insurance provider that you are covered, to borrow someone else's horse.

<https://www.bhs.org.uk/membership>

PASSPORTS / VACCINATIONS

Please can you ensure you have your horses' passport with you, it is a DEFRA requirement for your horse to travel with its passport.

All horses must be vaccinated for Flu and Tetanus, the horse should have received its second vaccination at least 10 days before Heavy Horse Camp or be up to date with its annual booster.

ARRIVAL & STABLES

Most who are attending the camp have opted to arrive Thursday afternoon, if you are not attending for the duration, you can arrive at any other time.

Stables will be allocated to those bringing horses, you will need to provide your own hay and feed, the bedding in the stables is shavings, these can be purchased at Arena UK or you may bring your own. A plan of who is in which stable and in which barn (they will be named) will be located outside the stable blocks, and uploaded on to the camp website.

Those who are borrowing horses please note that you should have the same horse for the duration of the camp, and we would like to suggest that you assist the owner with all aspects of the horse's care, including mucking out and filling haynets, the loaner will provide all the all the equipment required for the loan horse. Those who are having a loan horse will be sent out an additional questionnaire to enable us to allocate the most suitable horse.

Those arriving Thursday afternoon

Settle your horse in and head to the indoor arena to meet everyone and meet your allocated horse and your loaner for the duration.

Those arriving Friday or Saturday Morning

Please come and find one of the organisers or helpers prior to unloading your horse, so we can ensure you go to the correct area for unloading and parking up. Please note breakfast is at 8am and first sessions will start at 9am.

ACCOMODATION

You are able to camp on site in your lorry, horse trailer, caravan or tent. Electrical hook up is available, for which there is an additional charge.

Lorries and trailers will be in the horse box park, tents and caravans are in a separate camping area (on grass) and there is electric available there too.

There are showers available which may be unisex but each is in a cubicle of its own with a door. There are separate male and female toilets.

There is a list of local accommodation included in this pack, please quote Arena UK when booking it. A list is also available on the Arena UK website.

BAR & CATERING

Thursday evening you need to provide your own dinner, however if there are enough people interested Arena UK would provide a hot meal which you can purchase (please let us know in advance so this can be arranged).

Breakfast

For those booked in on camp a bacon roll or vegetarian option is provided with a cup of tea for breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Lunch

You will need to provide your own lunch, the bar will be open for lunch and food can be purchased from here.

Dinner

For those booked on camp an evening meal is provided on Friday and Saturday, your helper or partner is able to purchase food separately and join in with everyone else.

Evening entertainment has been laid on and this is open to all to join in.

Breakfast time on Friday, Saturday and Sunday – 08:00

Evening Meal on Friday and Saturday – 18:30 to 19:30

First Session start time – 09:00

HELPERS & PARTNERS

Please note that helpers or partners not permitted to attend any of the camp sessions unless they have been booked in for taking part. There will be plenty of helpers available should you need an additional hand in the session. The bar will remain open for helpers/partners to sit in or they are welcome to go for a walk around the grounds.

The only exception is if the camper has to have a helper to assist due to special requirements, this can be discussed and arranged in advance so that their assistant is included in the session list so presenters know when all are present.

FACEBOOK GROUP

There is a Heavy Horse Camp 2020 Face Book group, you can ask questions and chat with other members of the group, general information will be shared on here.

SUNDAY SHOW DAY

On Sunday there is a show to put in to practice what you have learn, classes will take longer than usual as you are given help and feedback during the class, and you will also have help on hand in the morning.

Classes will be decided nearer the time based on your requirements and what you would like to take part in.

Please note we would like everyone to stay till the end so we can take a group photograph with the horses in it.

TRADE STANDS

There may be a limited number of trade stands available on the Sunday, these details are yet to be confirmed.

SESSION CHOICES

Shortly you will receive a link to fill in your provisional session choices, we need your choices back as soon as possible to finalise the timetable and adjust the sessions if required to accommodate all your requests.

You will also be asked what level you are for chosen session, please also state if nervous / anxious, and what level your horse is at for driven or ridden sessions.

We will issue a plan with where each session is being held within the venue nearer the time.

Sample Check List of Horse Items to Bring:

Bale band

Boot lace

Bridle, saddle, everyday numnah and show numnah, girth

Cart / Implement

Driving Harness / In Hand

First Aid Kit

Grooming Kit

Hard Feed

Harness where applicable

Hay / Haylage (monitor over a weekend how much your horse eats and bring that with you plus a little extra)

Horse's Passport

In hand showing bridle / halter

Indoor fleece

Leather cleaning kit

Mounting Block

Mucking out essentials

Plaiting kit

Platform / Step Stool

Raffia

Scissors

Shavings

Show collar and rope

Spare headcollar and lead rope

Tack Cleaning equipment

Washing out kit

Water bucket

Wood flour

If you are not bringing a horse, the loaner will provide the horses equipment, we also have spare braiding sets available for practice sessions, and some step up platforms for braiding with

Sample Check List Of Human Items To Bring:

Baby Wipes

Bedding

Comfortable and suitable footwear

First Aid Kit

For Riders:

Gloves

Heavy Horse Camp Hoody / Polo

Jodhpurs

Phone Charger

Riding boots

Riding hat conforming to current standards PASO15

Showing clothing (smart show jacket, jodhpurs/breeches shirt tie show boots)

Showing clothing (smart show jacket, shirt, tie, pants and show boots)

Sleeping bag

Snacks for wagon

Lunch items

Tea / Coffee making items

Teddy Bear

Toiletries

Towel & flip flops for the onsite showers

Warm clothes

Waterproofs

Whip/cane

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Allington
Grantham,Lincs, NG322DH
01400 282574

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Belton Woods Grantham

Belton,
Nr Grantham Lincs
NG32 2LN
01476 593200

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Belvoir Bed & Breakfast

Long Ln, Vale of Belvoir, Barkestone
NG13 0HQ
01476 870336

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Houblon Inn

Oasby Nr Grantham Lincs
NG32 3NB
01529 455215

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

The Manners Arms

Croxton Road, Knipton, Grantham,
NG32 1RH
01476 879 222

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Kelling House B & B

17 West Street, Barkston, Grantham,
NG32 2NL
01400 251 440 or 07771 761 251

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

The Paddock

Peacock Farm, Redmile Notts
Ng31 0GQ

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Thorns Farm S/C B&B

Thorns Lane, Barrowby
Grantham, NG32 1EQ
Tel: 01476 590 923

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Premier Inn

Harlaxton Rd Grantham NG31 7UA
0870 850 0329

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Travelodge A1

Gonerby Moor, Grantham, NG32 2AB
0871 984 6077

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

The Thatch

Bottesford Notts NG23 0AA
01949 842330

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Welby Arms

Allington Grantham Lincs
01400 281361

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

Woodside Farm

Vale of Belvoir Barkestone-Le-Vale
NG13 0HQ

01476 870336

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

SITE MAP

Entry is via gate A, please drive straight down the track with the barn stables on your left, parking is where horsebox parking is written on the map. Your horses will be stabled in the barn stables, and sessions will take place in the Indoor arena, indoor arena collecting ring the covered collected ring, barn stables and the two breakout rooms situated between the indoor area and the small collecting ring attached to the indoor arena. You will need to go upstairs to access the breakout rooms. We also may use the outdoor arena 2.

