



Celebrate the WDBA's 20th Birthday!



Thank you for renewing your membership; we're delighted to see so many of you continuing to support the WDBA. Having a strong membership is vital for the WDBA to be effective, so please encourage your friends to join and help us to fight for safer, more easily accessible off-road access. At £10 for Individual membership, it's excellent value for money.

We're delighted that, finally, Surrey County Council are about to give us approval to fund the resurfacing of Bridleway 423 on Rickford Common. The middle section of this Bridleway has been in disrepair for many years, so this is great news. We've not been so fortunate with Bridleway 413 on Sheets Heath, where once again we've had a funding application rejected.

With the 2012 Olympics fast approaching, let's hope the weather improves and the international athletes get to see how wonderful the UK looks in the sunshine! Many of our Bridleways and Permissive Horse Rides are as muddy as they would be in the winter — let's keep our fingers crossed for an Indian summer!

Thanks to the University of Surrey our Pleasure Ride on 9 September will include the lovely open farmland owned by the University that adjoins the Hogs Back. We hope to see you and your friends there!

Jo Haward, Chairman



Tracks Cleared in Wood Street



Thanks to WDBA members **Debra Woodmason, Nuala Crampin, Philippa Wright, Jo Haward, Linda Pike, Richard Pike, Lisa Wright, George Moore** and **Caroline Diliberto**, who back in February spent a couple of hours in glorious sunshine in Wood Street clearing trees and undergrowth from the permissive horse ride on Oaks Hill, and the Christmas Pie route.

Congratulations to **Nuala Crampin** for winning our first Clearance Working Party Tombola! For your chance to win a voucher for free entry into a WDBA event, come along to our next track clearance day in October!

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Bridleway 413 which links Sheets Heath with Stafford Lake, is even more impassable after our dreadful summer. Regrettably, our applications for funding to The Lottery, St. Modwen, and the Community Foundation for Surrey have all been rejected. We continue to investigate means of funding the restoration of this bridleway, and are now considering applying to Natural England's Paths for Communities funding scheme.

The Pirbright Heathland Restoration Scheme.

This has gone very quiet — I believe that funds are not available to carry out the restoration at present. This means that there are no restrictions on riding on the area.

Brookwood Farm Country Park. The huge development proposed here, and adjoining Country Park, are on hold while issues over a nearby Site of Special Scientific Interest and Special Protection Area are resolved.

Wood Street – Lisa Wright (07776 301845)

Wood Street Village and the surrounding commons deserve their Green Belt and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty status. The area is lush and green, with beautiful woodland and stunning meadows. Although the rain keeps falling as I write, I'm thankful for the greenery. However, I'm hoping that the glorious sunshine has returned by the time you're reading this, as we do need to get the hay harvested to keep our horses fed this winter.

If you'd like to enjoy our beautiful Surrey countryside, then enter the WDBA's Pleasure Ride on 9th September and you'll have a fabulous day out! This year, by kind permission of the University of Surrey, the ride includes substantial parts of the wonderful open farmland along the Hogs Back. Entry forms can be downloaded from www.wdba.org.uk/events.

Normandy – Linda Pike (01483 811891)

Horse tracks in Normandy have not suffered from the unpredictable weather this year and surfaces are surprisingly good.

It was with some trepidation that a group of eight WDBA members accepted the challenge of performing a riding display at the Normandy Jubilee Fete in June. However, it proved to be great fun and was much enjoyed by the spectators.

During the display, we collected donations for the Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Service. The Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Trust is a registered charity established to relieve sick and injured people in South East England and surrounding areas by providing a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS). Responding swiftly to 999 calls, the Air Ambulance can deliver a highly skilled team of Specialist Doctors and Critical Care Paramedics to the patient at the scene.

Our donation was presented to this amazing charity at their base at Dunsfold Aerodrome. See page 3 for a full report.

Ash and Pirbright Ranges: *Horse riders require a permit to ride on the Ranges. For information on horse riding permits, contact Landmarc Support Services Ltd, HQ ATE, Longmoor Camp, Liss, Hants, GU33 6EL.*

Whitmoor – Caroline Diliberto (07799 826938)

Good news — in principle Surrey County Council (SCC) has given the WDBA approval to go ahead with funding the repairs to a section of Bridleway 423 on Rickford Common. We've obtained a quote for the work and submitted this to SCC, although due to a recent department reorganisation a new SCC contact wants to look at the track for herself before giving us the official, and final, ok. All being well, the work will be done during August, and we'll let you know the exact dates.

Also, a reminder that Surrey Wildlife Trust hope to mend the bridge on the Summer Ride on Whitmoor Common, so there may be some disruption while work is carried out. Should we hear of the dates of this work, we'll let you know.

Member's Benefits



Animal & Pet Food • Tack Shop • Country Store

Offers members a 5% discount



Offers members a 10% discount
Contact Malcolm on 01483 232324

Get Snapping this Summer!

There's still plenty of time to enter our photographic competition for a chance to see your photograph in print in our very own local calendar for 2013. Prizes for each category, together with an overall winner and runner-up, will be sponsored by the London Camera Exchange, Guildford, and other local businesses.

The best photograph in each class will feature on its own page in the 2013 calendar. There are 12 categories:

Pets	Wildlife	Family Life	Plants and Trees
Birds	Landscape	Local Event	Rivers and Ponds
Weather	Rural Crafts	On the Farm	Enjoying the Countryside

Your photograph must be taken within an approximate six-mile radius of Worplesdon village and posted to Marian Sage, WDBA Secretary, The Haven, 52 Glaziers Lane, Normandy, GU3 2DG to arrive no later than 1 September 2012.

Entries must state the class and location together with your name, address and telephone number. Your photograph will need to be available in electronic format if it is selected for the calendar.

Entry forms available to download from www.wdba.org.uk/news or call Marian on 01483 811778.

Jubilee Riding Display Raises Money for Surrey Air Ambulance

Eight WDBA members accepted the challenge of performing a riding display to music at the **Normandy Village's Jubilee Celebration Fete** in June. Riders embraced the Jubilee theme and sported red, white and blue attire as well as preparing a few words about the link between their horse and our Queen. The ride started with all eight horses and riders performing a short display to music. This was followed a marvellous dressage display from **Tracey Smale** on Ronnie and a very lively and exciting ride from **Jo Haward** on Zara, an incredible Jubilee-themed pas de deux from **Lorraine Holloway** on Hamlet and **Georgie** on Emmett. Finally, **Steph Roulet** wearing a beautiful Spanish dress and high heels rode her amazing Paso Fino mare. The other riders were **Maggy Jennings** on Spenser, **Karen Lawson** on Pete and **Linda Pike** on Moko.

During the display, we collected money for the **Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance Service**. Our donation (as yet uncounted) was presented to this amazing charity at their base at Dunsfold Aerodrome.



2012 Dates for Your Diary

- Sun Sept 9** Pleasure Ride, Wood Street
- Sun Sept 30** Unaffiliated Dressage, Merrist Wood
- October*** Track Clearance
- October*** Metropolitan Police Mounted Branch, Imber Court
- Tues Nov 20** AGM

Visit www.wdba.org.uk/events for confirmed dates and entry forms.

* Date subject to change.

Events You Don't Want to Miss!

The Pleasure Ride at Wood Street on 9 September is an 11-mile ride that includes the farmland and woods leading up to the Hogs Back. We're grateful to the University of Surrey for allowing us to use its land to help give our popular ride a fantastic new route. We hope to see you and your friends there. Download entry forms from www.wdba.org/events.

Dressage — Why not give dressage a go? There will be the same mix of classes as last year – Walk and Trot, Prelim, and Novice – with the same friendly and fun atmosphere. If you'd like to try dressage, then this is the perfect opportunity. Download schedules and entry forms from www.wdba.org/events.

Track Clearance — Does a track near you need some TLC? If you have a path in mind and/or would be interested in joining a track clearance working party during October, or would like more details on what's involved, contact Philippa Wright on wdba1992@msn.com.

Quiz Night — We hope you and your friends will join us for a fun-filled evening at St. Mark's Hall, Normandy. We're celebrating our 20th birthday, so it'll be a good night!

WDBA Life Membership

For several years, WDBA member **Anne Swabey** has generously allowed WDBA members to use a section of her field next to the Aldershot Road so that they could have an off-road route to access the Ranges from School Lane. In recognition of Anne's long-standing commitment to WDBA members we're delighted to award her Life Membership of the WDBA.

On behalf of the membership, many thanks for your support and generosity, Anne.

WDBA Online



For the latest news on bridleways, events and entry forms, visit www.wdba.org.uk

And you can now find us on [Facebook](#)





A Busy Year for the WDBA

So far, our events have raised over £1,000 this year. As funding becomes harder to obtain, we're increasingly relying on our events to raise the funds necessary to carry out our important work. Please support us. You can do this by helping at an event, taking part in an event or simply passing the word on to your friends — the more the merrier!



In June our Riding Display at Normandy Village's Jubilee Fete was a great success.



The Fit or Fat Ride in April basked in glorious sunshine, and we had a record number of entries who enjoyed a fabulous course.



Members thoroughly enjoyed the Natural Horsemanship demo and clinics with natural horsemanship practitioner, Paul Gallagher.





National Equestrian Crime Database Continues Its Fight Against Equine-Related Crime

Crime in the equestrian community is on the increase, with horses and equestrian-related items costing many thousands of pounds with much of this being unidentifiable once it has been stolen. For a long time there has been a pressing need for a reliable, secure solution.

The National Equestrian Crime Database (NECD) is an internet-based system that allows you to upload serial numbers, microchip numbers, passport numbers, chassis numbers, post codes, and if your item does not already have a number, it will generate a unique serial number which can be stamped into leather or painted onto your item. You can also upload pictures and a description of your horse or other item.

Once registered, your horse/item can be searched against using a web-enabled mobile phone or the 'Check-It' box on our home page. This is completely free of charge and you do not need to be a member to do a search. The police, port authorities, auction houses, in fact anyone anywhere in the world can instantly establish if the item has been stolen. If it has, they will be told the date of the incident, the phone number of the police station dealing with the crime and the crime reference number. If it has not been stolen, they will be given a description of the horse or item and informed that the horse or item has not been reported as having been stolen. They will NEVER be given your address or contact details. If they need to contact the owner, they can do so via the NECD by asking the NECD to pass on their contact details.

The NECD system also allows members to send alerts via text message to all registered members within 10 miles of their location to warn about criminal or suspicious activity in the locality or such things as loose dogs, slippery roads, etc. This service is completely free of charge.

Equestrian Officers from all 43 UK police forces have been trained in the use of the NECD system.

The NECD's system is highly secure and is certified to ISO 2701-2005, the highest data security standard available. All of the data resides in a secure commercial data centre and it is NEVER downloaded to any form of portable device such as a laptop. Only you can see your data (provided you keep your password secure).

Membership is £10 per year and you can unsubscribe at any time with no penalties.

Please visit www.necd.org.uk and watch the Video/Virtual Tour. You can also call the NECD on 0800 0199044, however you might need to wait for a call back as they're all volunteers.

If every equestrian registered their horses and equipment, thieves would never be able to sell your stolen property. Help the NECD to empower you by signing up NOW!

