

Erme Valley RDA

Offering opportunity by opening doors

We hope that everyone has managed to enjoy some of the lovely weather and you are all staying well. We have been extremely busy at the Brook with so few people able to help, we still have things to do including finishing off painting the poles, putting in the extra electric needed for the life skills centre and re organising what was the green room (any that went in the old green we realise what a big job this is!). On top of all this continuing to keep up with Covid guidelines, relevant new advice, one way systems, regular cleaning, purchasing of sanitisers and necessary extra paper work ... the list goes on. Thank you to all those that have been able to help so far.

AGM

The virtual AGM was a huge success thank you to those that made the effort to join in and made it possible. Last years directors were voted in, we had reports from Chairman and Rider representative and treasurer, thank you Sue for all your hard work. All these reports and accounts are available at the Brook or can be sent if you would like to see them. As you know usually we do presentation of trophies and awards which will be awarded as soon as we are able to do so. Please could you make sure that last years trophies are returned to Peggy.

Horses

All the horses are doing really well, two of them are still enjoying placements away from the Brook. Albert has found a lovely new home we are very grateful for all the hard work he did for us and felt he deserved to introduce a new family to riding living on a lovely farm. The team at the Brook are enjoying having some riders back with us since June. We are still looking for a 14.2hh and a 16hh. Please keep your ears to the ground!

Planned Return

We were one of the first groups to meet RDA and government guidelines enabling us to restart - thank you to those volunteers and coaches that have made this possible. So far we have 25 riders and we hope to increase this gradually from the middle of September to October half term dependent on the Covid situation and government guidelines. Regrettably we are not able to invite all riders back at this stage.



IMPORTANT NOTICES

We know at this time it is really important for people to stay in touch with others, however please bare in mind that our guidelines for social media contact and use remain the same.

Please remember the safeguarding officers are Peggy and Sophie -do not hesitate to pass on any concerns or queries in regard to social media or contact.

We are planning to organise this into two waves.

First wave: 21st September

Second wave: 28th October

Please contact peggy if you feel ready and able to return and you have completed the following. This may change dependent on volunteer availability.

What you need to do:

Rider and volunteer Covid forms need to be returned.

Inductions forms will be done on your first visit.

If you are a rider who needs a side helper they need to be from your household and trained.

Your times may have to be altered and you will be given a slot that is **not flexible** due to keeping numbers down on the yard to allow social distancing to still take place.

Volunteers -Please let Peggy know if you are able to come back (We miss you!).

Due to the nature of what we do please be mindful of your own social distancing, and making sure you DO NOT attend if you show any symptoms or feel at all unwell. This is a risk we just cannot take and we want to remain open.

Thank you to those that entered Janes Sunflower competition, Well done to Ella for her winning contribution!

The committee 2020 -2021

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