



NORTH MIDLANDS RIDING FOR THE DISABLED REGIONAL ROUND-UP

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BIG RIDE, BIG SUCCESS!!



The 'Big Ride' came to the North Midlands on 22nd September at Beacon Hill Country Park near Loughborough led by Sam Orde, Riding for the Disabled Chairman. The day was chosen as Ashmount RDA Group were also celebrating their 35th Birthday. 24 riders with plenty of volunteers and supporters took part from RDA groups in Leicestershire and Derbyshire. All abilities enjoyed the ride in beautiful autumn sunshine, some walking, others trotting and cantering.



Everyone who took part got a certificate and rosette, even the ponies! all followed by refreshments together in the park – the perfect end to a 'Big' day out!



ASHMOUNT RDA BIRTHDAY FUN!



Ashmount Group celebrated its 35th birthday on September 22nd by taking part in the North Midlands 'Big Ride' with Sam Orde. Students from the school of the same name, which the group solely caters for, enjoyed 1km rides in Beacon Country Park, in glorious sunshine, followed by lots of birthday cake. They were joined by parents and governors, as well as special guests, including Nicky Morgan MP and founding members of the group.



NORTH MIDLANDS VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Shirley Kay from Cleethorpes & Grimsby RDA. Shirley recently retired after 30 years volunteering, having been there since the group was first set up.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR GROUP?

Would you like your group's news, events or activities shared with the region in the next newsletter? Please send pictures / stories to Matt by Friday 27th October - thank you!

RETIREMENT TIME

THANK YOU DI

After 14 years as volunteer and Chair of the Dovecote Farm Group, Di Farthing has finally hung up her lead rope. Di worked tirelessly as the Chair, volunteer coordinator and provided amazing cakes to keep the troops happy. So a HUGE thank you from us all.
DOVECOTE FARM GROUP



REGIONAL DRIVING REPS RETIRE

A very big thank you to Linda Cotterill and Jane Stretton from Springwood RDA, our Regional Driving Reps, as they retire from regional duties. Janet Viner from Louth Group is now taking on this role.

SILVERSTONE CELEBRATES

Northamptonshire Yeomanry Trophies are presented each year to various horse related charities, and Silverstone RDA were delighted when Danny Wilcox was awarded 2017 overall most improved RDA rider.

Danny is 25 years old and has been riding with the group since he was seven years old, rarely ever missing a week during this time. He has improved significantly this year and was extremely delighted to have won the prestigious trophy. His fellow riders, Jess Soper and Jacob Smith also received rosettes for their improved riding during the year.

You can find out more about Silverstone RDA at rdasilverstone@gmail.com.



AROUND THE REGION



Flossie from Lincolnshire Wolds RDA wins BS Junior Grade 3 Para League
Wilby RDA in action



Ruby arrives at Scropton RDA, donated by the Rotary Club



Hannah Payne RDA visit the Horse of the Year Show

NOMAD'S NOTES

Nomad is the North Midlands RDA Regional Mascot. Follow him on Facebook & Twitter. Here's a taste of what he's been up to lately...



Nomad took part in the Big Ride and is pictured here with the North Midlands Team. If you'd like Nomad to visit your group just get in touch with Matt.

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