



News

Update

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Hi,

Just wanted to make contact, to check everyone is well, coping and enjoying the weather, and pass on what we have been up to. Since we have been in lockdown the way we live our lives has changed dramatically. I would like to thank all the people who have offered help and support - without you I don't know where I would be. The yard seems empty and very quiet without you all here.

The Riding School has been at Bowleys Barn Farm now just over two years, time has flown by so quickly. As many of you know the farm is owned by the Paget Estate (unfortunately I have not won the lottery yet! I am forever hopeful and I'm in to win it.) We have put a lot of time and MONEY into making it the place we have today, with more improvements still to come in time.

From having a busy life teaching and doing all our voluntary work with RDA to just about surviving in three weeks. Horses and ponies are all well and not just time-consuming - they seem to enjoy eating everything. We have had a few people send donations to buy feed, carrots, cat food (for the new cats Marmaduke and Monty) which has been really appreciated. Ruddington RDA Group have sponsored April for 13 weeks. Charlie's livery is being paid by Wenlo RDA group. The carrots have been paid for 4 weeks and a few other people have continued to transfer their lesson money each time without having a lesson. The liveries help out when they are down to do their horses - one kindly purchased a week's supply of feed when they fetched her horses' - and a few Wenlo Volunteers come in to do a shift or two. I can't thank people enough for their generosity and kindness.

As the weather has been very kind to us the fields have dried out, grass has started to grow in the fields not just in the garden. Three of our horses have now been turned out for the summer at night, this helps with less mucking out, less bedding to buy. All the horses are ridden on a regular basis to stop them getting too fat and lazy. As there is no one small enough to ride Frankie he is lunged for his exercise. They are all spending a few hours out in the field. All ready to restart lessons when lockdown is lifted.

Are you or do you know someone who would be willing to help by making a donation towards the running costs of the horses and ponies? Or maybe sponsor a pony or a leg? The following gives a little information on costings.

To donate towards their keep

A bag of carrots cost £2.50 - we use 6 or 7 bags per week.

A bag of Happy Hoof Chaff costs £11.20

A bale of hay costs £50

A bale of Straw £20 a bale of Shavings £6.50

A set of Shoes £70 this is done every 6-8 weeks

Or Sponsor your favourite horse or Pony

A full horse £50 per week

Or be a part sponsor by sponsoring a leg @ £12.50 per week

If you can help in any way please call us on 01509 646361 or text the mobile 07860 245675 or email dawnwhitmore@hotmail.com

We know many of you are missing the horses and ponies and the volunteers and helpers, as we miss you all too. Thank you for your time reading this. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter, for now stay at home and stay safe. We will see you again after lockdown is over.

Kind Regards

Dawn

§ All the Horses and Ponies