



SOUTH HANTS PONY & HORSE PROTECTION GROUP

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Who are we?

South Hants Pony and Horse Protection Group are a registered charity manned by volunteers who are dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of neglected, abused and unwanted equines in the South Hampshire area. The group was formed in 1977 primarily to campaign against the tethering of horses and ponies on Portsdown Hill in Portsmouth. As a result of its efforts, a by-law was passed to prohibit this practice and the group consequently became involved in the rescue of equines affected by the legislation. After initially relying upon the goodwill of people who were prepared to let us borrow their stables and grazing, Portsmouth City Council allowed us to occupy five acres of former tip land at Copnor. We became a registered charity in 1990 and by the early 1990's we had expanded our rescue work to such an extent that it was clear that we needed our own land. The group's founder Hilda Holmes sadly passed away in 1985 and had left her estate in trust for the care of her beloved horses and through her generosity, our current site in Curdridge was purchased.

What Do We do?

From initially providing sanctuary for the horses and ponies that were rescued in Portsmouth, the numbers we were asked to take were so great that an adoption scheme was devised so that we could help as many equines as possible with our limited land and resources.

Depending on our numbers in residence, we take in neglected, unwanted and abandoned horses and ponies with the aim of re-homing them to loving homes. We also keep a register of horses and ponies whose owners have to part with them but do not wish to sell them on, and we try to match these with applications who want to adopt a horse through the group. We liaise with the police and other animal rescue organizations to assist in their / our welfare work and we are a member of the National equine welfare council - a body that provides a united voice on equine welfare matters to the government and to the equine industry as a whole (for more information visit www.newc.co.uk.)

Where do we do it?

We have an 8 acre site in Curdridge - next to Silverlake garage on the Botley / Wickham road. Other than on Open Day the site is only open to visitors by appointment (see the number above.)

How can you help?

We hold a number of fund raising events this year, including tack sales, Open Day, quiz nights etc. However we also rely heavily upon the support of the public by way of donations, sponsorship and voluntary help. The following are some of the ways in which you could help us:-

Become a member - see separate details

Sponsor a pony - see form for details

Give us some of your time - help is needed with the daily care of horses and ponies on site. There is always plenty to do in the way of land management, gardening and general maintenance. We try to have designated 'work days' during the better weather. Please call for further details.

Tack, feed and bedding - If you have any items surplus to requirement but wish to put them to good use please let us know.

Fundraising - As well as supporting our fundraising events how about doing something different yourself? Here are some ideas:-

Sponsored event such as a ride, walk, cycle, silence, slim, beard/hair cut etc the options are endless!! We can provide you with sponsorship forms and literature about the charity.

Do a table top/ car boot/garage sale- we have plenty of saleable items donated by need people to attend events and sell them for us

Donate old ink cartridges and mobile phones (see poster) - we can raise funds by recycling old ink cartridges and mobiles. Please collect as many as you can and either take one of the pre-paid envelopes or drop them to us at Oaklands.

Easy fundraising and Easy Search- raise money by shopping on line or searching the internet. Please ask for a leaflet.

Please let us know if you can help us. Thank you.

For more about the group you can find us at www.southhantspony.org.uk

