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WES TRAIL AWARD SCHEME

The Society's Trail Riding Award Scheme is open only to members of the Society

The Scheme is very simple - any WES member who hacks out for pleasure (training and schooling do NOT count) in a western saddle can record their hours and qualify for an award. The horse does not have to belong to the rider, but must be ridden in a western saddle.

- The scheme is subject to a once only payment of £40.
- Participants can download a log sheet from the **WES web site** (www.wes-uk.com) on which to record their hours spent hacking. If you do not have access to the internet forms can be obtained from **David Hudspeth, Old Police House, 14 John's Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts., NG12 2GW**
- Subject to ratification* the following awards will be made:
 - **75 hours:** Commemorative certificate.
 - **150 hours:** Commemorative certificate.
 - **250 hours:** A certificate plus an inscribed silver belt buckle* supplied by Montana Silversmiths, subsidised by £50.00 from WES funds, the price to be confirmed at the time of purchase.
 - **500 hours:** Certificate plus option to purchase trail award merchandise embroidered with the Trail Award Logo obtainable from WES Merchandising.
 - **1,000 hours:** Option to purchase a Trail Award Jacket, embroidered with the Trail Award Logo, obtainable from WES Merchandising, together with 1 year's free membership of the Society.



** To qualify for the silver belt buckle and other benefits claimants must have maintained continuous membership of the society since joining the scheme. In the event of membership lapsing for any period the claimant's participation in the Trail Riding Scheme will be deemed void. Rider records must be submitted to the Society on an annual basis when requested. Clothing supplied will vary depending upon the fashion as the time of request.*

For details of the WES Trail Awards Scheme, please contact David Hudspeth, Old Police House, 14 John's Road, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts., NG122GW

WES MERCHANDISE

**For a wide range of
clothing with the WES
embroidered logo
please visit the**

**TOTAL CLOTHING
SHOP**

WWW.totalclothingshop.co.uk/wes

WES WEBSITE

**Please visit the WES
website for
information on the
Society, details of
shows clinics, etc.**

www.wes-uk.com



Society Information

Council Members			
Position	Brief Job Description	Name	email
Chairman:	Spokesperson and figurehead of the society.	Ann Hughes	wesmembership595@sky.com
Secretary:	Manages council, organises meeting etc.	Debbie Langford	debbie@ferndown-com.co.uk
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Area and County Representatives

Area rep. names are in **BOLD**, County rep. names are in *bold italic*

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Society Approved Judges

The following is a list of members holding WES judging cards.

(Prob. = Newly approved judges who are required to stand alongside existing judges for at least one show before accepting a judges appointment).

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NB. (Bob also holds NRHA.DE, and judge emeritus for AQHA, APHA, NCHA & NRHA)

WES Judges Committee

The following Judges are members of the WES Judges Committee:

Mick Carder (chair),
Bob Mayhew,
David Lloyd,
Scherie Dermody



Society Approved Instructors

The following is a list of WES Approved Instructors

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From the Editor

Welcome to issue 104 of the WES News. This issue has had a slightly prolonged gestation period because of last-minute changes caused by COVID. The main change is that the AGM has been cancelled, which meant removing AGM related material from the magazine. As you can see from the chairman's report she wrote it before it was necessary to cancel the AGM, and I have changed the relevant paragraph.

Also as a result of COVID, there have not been many shows or other activities since the last issue of the magazine. This of course has meant there were no show reports, etc. to include in the magazine, so this issue will look a bit different to the normal ones.

A big Thank You all those who have contributed to this issue, without your efforts it would have been even thinner than it is.

I hope everyone is managing to continue to enjoy their horses in these difficult times, and is also staying safe.

Chairman's Report

*By
Ann Hughes*

It never ceases to amaze me the time and effort that some of the reps put into their roles. During this more than difficult year, I have seen some great ways that they have tried to keep members from missing the clinics and shows too much. I can only say, a huge well done and thank you.

The virtual show seems to have attracted quite a bit of outside interest as well as members, a good few new members and dozens of new applications on the Facebook Discussion page. I hope that all members enjoyed having something to work at, no travelling, no stabling and less stress being able to do it from home, the feedback will be a great help for us to have things to work on over the winter. A huge 'thank you' must go to Louise Hunt for organising the show as well as running her youth projects.

Area 6 put on one of the first 'attended' shows of the year, lots of happy smiling faces, it was a delight to see. Well done Mandy and team. Also very many thank you's must go to Bruce and Tina for hosting it, they deserve a medal for all the work that must have gone on behind the scenes to keep everyone safe. Many apologies if I have missed any other shows that have been held.

~~I am assured that the Holiday Inn is ready and able for the AGM to go ahead. They have already had many functions and say that all has gone smoothly so we do not need to worry about anything. It will be great if you could all come and join in, without your input and feedback we cannot function properly, so please come if you can. October 25th, 2pm.~~

Editors Note:

In view of the current COVID situation and recent increase in lockdowns it has been regretfully decided to cancel the AGM that was scheduled for 2:00 pm on October 25th



I must also thank our members for sticking with us through this unpredictable time, I hope you, your families and your ponies have come through to this stage healthy and we can look forward to a little more normality in the weeks, months to come.

Stay safe,

Membership Secretary's Report

*By
Ann Hughes*

Can you all keep an eye on your emails please, particularly check your spam folder, around the time your membership is due for renewal. It is now obvious that members are missing these emails and until the system has been used for a year or so, this is going to happen.

Watch out for emails from 'membermojo.co.uk/wes', the reminders start around a month prior to your renewal date, you do not need a password, you log in using your email address, this will take you to your page where you can amend any details and gain access to your card.

If you have any problems using this please feel free to email me your query at, wesmembership595@sky.com It is vital that your email address is kept up to date for this system to work properly. All your details are secure as members can only access their own page using the email that is registered to them, so avoids anyone else seeing the personal details of any other member.

If any member does not have an email address, I will send out reminders using snail mail, and payment can be made using Paypal, cheque or Bacs in the normal way.

As we move forward it has become the 'norm' for us all to use email or the internet in some way, as it is quick and cheap, most of the information that comes out will either be on our Facebook page, [Western Equestrian Society Discussion Forum](#), by newsletters from your area rep and the magazine using your email address and on the website at www.wes-uk.com. Not forgetting the magazine that Chris sends out 3 times a year, just send him your email address (cpa.thompson@btconnect.com) to receive it.

If you have a friend that you know does not use a smart phone or computer, perhaps you could pass on any news of events etc that they would possibly not hear about otherwise. I am sorry if a few of you are missing out on news because of this switch, but it is saving WES a fortune in post and time by turning to technology, I will be keeping the old system going alongside the new system though to keep a check on things.

Stay safe,

Rescheduled AGM

The AGM that was rescheduled for 2 pm on **Sunday 25th October 2020** at the Holiday Inn, Coventry, Junction 2 of the M6 has been **CANCELLED** due to COVID.

Area Coordinators report

*By
John Ayles*

The Area Reps Meeting scheduled for 11:00 am on 25th October has been replaced by a Zoom meeting.

Youth Officers report

*By
Louise Hunt*

As many of you know I have been running an Online Show series for the WES Youth riders, this is for any WES member Youth rider from the age of 1 - 18. Here are the results from the August show as well as the Hi- Point standings so far.

Youth Online Results

Showmanship

- 1st - Caitlin
- 2nd - Faith
- 3rd - Nancy
- 4th - Zac
- 5th - Georgina

Hi Point Standings

- Caitlin Holcroft - 23
- Faith Harnett - 21
- Nancy Cook - 17
- Zac Cheetham - 16
- Georgina White - 9
- Scarlett Eyles - 4
- Freddie - 3

Trail

- 1st - Zac
- 2nd - Nancy
- 3rd - Georgina
- 4th - Caitlin
- 5th - Faith

There were some really fabulous entries, and the youth riders are all working really hard. There is now an option to either do walk / jog or lope, and patterns are out now for the next Youth Online Show, entry deadline is 26th September. If you would like to take part or would like more Information email me via Louiseh2015@gmail.com

This will be the last show in the current series, but as this has been such a success and the feedback I've had is that you are enjoying these events I will be continuing with these as a regular event!

I am also looking into running a Youth Camp in 2021, as well as the Youth Pre Show Clinic before the National show in 2021 as well as a few other events planned (locations to be decided)!



Nancy Cook & Teddy Bear

Deadline for Next Issues

Here are the submission dates for the next issues of the WES News:

Issue 105 Friday 27th November 2020

Issue 106 Friday 26th February 2021

The Magazine will typically be published 1-2 weeks after these dates.

Please submit your reports, articles, etc. in Word or as an email, with pictures and Graphics as JPG files. If you are sending in an advertisement, please send it as Word or a graphic so it can be resized as necessary to fit the available space

Finally, please do not wait until the last minute to send items to me. Receiving 8-10 Area Reports plus any articles on the final day runs the risk of something getting lost in the rush. Indeed, this issue was delayed for a day by a very late report from an Area Rep. It very nearly did not get included.

If you have a report or an article, please send it to me as soon as you have done it. My email address is cpa.thompson@btconnect.com Thank you



Cover Picture

Area 7 enjoying a socially distanced trail ride in Sherwood forest. No sign of Robin Hood and his Merrie Men though, presumably they were self-isolating.

Notice of WES Annual General Meeting



Notice of Annual General Meeting and Proposed
Agenda

October 25th 2020

CANCELLED



Virtual Competition Results

By
Louise Hunt

Ranch Horse Classes – Judge Bob Mayhew

Entry Number	Competitor Name	Horse Name	Placing
Little Britches & Youth			
18	Nancy Cook	Teddy Bear	1 st
29	Faith Harnett	Figgy	---
Novice Rider			
8	Camille Geisz	George	1 st
6	Alison Cheetham	Chamfron Paloma	2 nd
34	Jennifer McFarlane	Connor	3 rd
26	Magdalena Chwedorzewska	Gringo	4 th
14	Diana Bunyan	Foxy	5 th
25	Magdalena Chwedorzewska	Mosly Bea Smart	6 th
9	Joyce Markham	Dees Artful Fox	7 th
13	Diana Bunyan	Marley	8 th
28	Phyllis Drummond	Blue Taboo	9 th
100	Seraya Sigsworth	Izzy	10 th
5	Francine Whitehead	Texas	11 th
Novice Horse			
8	Camille Geisz	George	1st
22	Sandra Loder	Check N Tuff	2 nd
Amateur			
31	Kim Briggs	RQH Electric Tartan	1 st
27	Cezary Chwedorzewski	Mosly Bea Smart	2 nd
2	Rhiannon Hickman	Shining On Me	3 rd
Open			



Horsemanship Entries – Judge Louise Hunt

Entry Number	Name of Competitor	Horse Name	Placing
Little Britches / Youth			
18	Nancy Cook	Teddy Bear	1 st
29	Faith Harnett	Figgy	2 nd
3	Freddie Sparkes	-	3 rd
Walk / Jog			
19	Diana Meryl	Mr Jamie Fish	1 st
6	Alison Cheetham	Chamfron Paloma	2 nd
41	Mel Way	Azzura Beau	3 rd
4	Lara Mackendrick	Wilden Sundance	4 th
12	Tracey Garton	Ima Smooth Leaguer	5 th
15	Claire Ritchie	Little Freckles Shine	6 th
11	Caroline Burrowson	Charlie Brown	7 th
13	Diana Bunyan	Marley	8 th
14	Diana Bunyan	Foxy	9 th
17	Claire Ritchie	Cheyenne Medicing	10 th
36	Naomi Sutton	Uno	11 th
32	Mel Brown	Ober Shining Star	12 th
16	Lesley Hastie	Ruberslaw Perfect Sue	13 th
2	Rhiannon Hickman	Shining On Me	DQ
21	Beverley Jeavons	Rocky Strait Ace	DQ
30	Emma Barret	Toby	DQ
Novice Rider			
26	Magdalena Chwedorzewski	Gringo	1 st
28	Phyllis Drummond	Blue Taboo	2 nd
24	Phyllis Drummond	Ayasma Of Saltcreek	3 rd
8	Camille Geisz	George	4 th
25	Magdalena Chwedorzewski	Mosly Bea Smart	5 th
34	Jennifer McFarlane	Connor	6 th
5	Francine Whitehead	Texas	7 th
38	Seraya Sigsworth	Izzy	8 th



Entry Number	Name of Competitor	Horse Name	Placing
Novice Horse			
8	Camille Geisz	George	1 st
Amateur			
31	Kim Briggs	RQH Electric Tartan	1 st
27	Cezary Chwedorzewski	Mosly Bea Smart	2 nd
8	Camille Geisz	George	3 rd
Open			
23	Vicky Easton	Smart Snipper Chic	1 st
Unaffiliated			
6	Alison Cheetham	Chamfron Paloma	1 st

Oregon USA Fires

By
Chris Thompson

You may have read, or seen, news reports about the fires burning on the west coast of the USA. Looking at the news pictures from 5000 miles away it is easy not to realise how big the fires really are. Basically an area about the size of Wales is alight. Smoke from the fires has been detected across the USA and has reached Europe

So what is it like for the people who actually live there?

Well, I have friends who live near Eugene in Oregon, USA, and I asked them how they were and this is what they said.

We are OK right at present, but we are all packed up and ready to move, both the horses and us if the winds change.

We have the truck loaded with hay, feed staged, a place for the horses to go and all our critical documents set, and go bags packed, in case we have to evacuate

The Holiday Farm/McKenzie fire is about 13 miles from us. The smoke is horrible and I wear a mask when I am outside.

You can follow this link to see the fire spread

https://caltopo.com/map.html?fbclid=IwAR32nY1kb8m8ZsGVUu9-XaBT05DlsR0cB61JdqN3LJnddqRI61bI1Wmnn2g#ll=44.08463,-122.66441&z=10&b=hyb&a=modis_vp%2Cwxd_wspd-01

At a recent press briefing it was said that in 3 days Oregon has seen twice as many acres burn as we usually have in a year, using a 10 year average. The Sheriff indicated that they are comfortable with the current evacuation zones.

We are a few miles outside of them, so I think we will be okay.

They have a tentative containment date for the fire is 29th October, so we are in for a long haul <https://eu.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2020/09/07/oregon-wildfires-lionshead-beachie-creek-fire-mount-jefferson-wilderness-opal-creek-jawbone-flats/5737812002/>



This is the view from my friend's back porch. See if you can spot their American Barn stables in the smoke haze

In addition to their own health they are worried about the impact on their horses who are breathing this in.



Imagine seeing this across the river from your house/yard. This is the McKenzie River Fire burning east of Eugene on the shores of the McKenzie River near the Leaburg Dam.



Sun catching the smoke from the McKenzie River fire



At least there is blue sky above though

This not only puts our problems due to COVID into perspective, but it also makes me wonder how prepared we are for an emergency. E.g.

Do you have an evacuation plan for your horses and other animals in the event of fire, flood or other emergency?

Do you have an evacuation plan for home, e.g. Do you have a list of important documents to take? where would you go? Are all your important documents on your PC backed up remotely?

If your house is going to be flooded on the ground floor, can you move things upstairs? If so what would you move?

Preparing emergency plans and check lists is really beyond the scope of this magazine but is a useful exercise to do, but only when you don't need one!!



American Paint

By

Stephanie Goodacre

American Paint

Let's discuss the hairy issue of colour
a subject where the UK and US really differ
Does a deep rift exist between our nations
a different history tinting the lingo's variations.

Take the word 'coloured' which here describes
any combination of black or brown with white.
Why this has come about is strange turn of fate
I prefer the terms piebald or skewbald of late.

Black is always black but white is mostly grey
brown is clearly chestnut or 50 shades of bay.
Roan boasts a mix of white hairs in the coat
Strawberry or blue are the types mostly sought.

We're all okay with dun, check for dorsal stripe
yellow, red or mouse with black points to boot
that's mane, tail and legs right up to the hocks.
Some horses have stars, stripes, snips or socks.

Let's gallop through the US equine lexicon
cremello, perlino, grullo, and buckskin
Sorrel please instead of common chestnut
appaloosa's less leopard more blanket spot.

Oh charming palomino, pale and golden
with dazzling white mane and tail flowing
through my childhood dream of the wild west
leading on to native pinto, America's best.

So describing her coat my horse passport says
pinto, painted, okay, so lets get this straight
not 'colored' but splashed like cookies and cream
Bailey's a dun tobiano, my American dream.

(If yours isn't listed here, then over to you
see if you can add another verse or two)

Stephanie Goodacre August 2020

Just walk beside me

By
Chris Thompson

Brego made me smile recently

It was too windy to ride safely so I was long reining him in the school, and dodging bits of tree that were blowing around.

After about 30 minutes I let my concentration slip and this allowed him to turn in towards me.

I spent a frustrating time trying to get him out again. Every time I walked to his rear with the reins in my hands he turned to face me

After a while I gave up and walked off, he just followed at my side. The long reins were slack between us so he was free to go, yet he followed my every move. I stopped, he stopped, I backed up so did he, I turned, so did he, etc.

It reminded me of the old saying:

Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.
Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.
Just walk beside me and be my friend.

Sometimes if you are walking him in hand and get too far ahead he will stop, and wait for you to come back and walk next to him.

The North York Moors

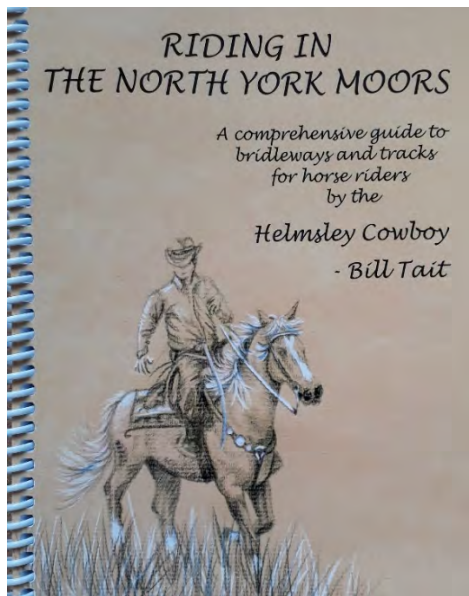
By
Bill Tait
The Helmsley Cowboy

Bill's book is out! 😊 He's drawn on his decades of experience to produce 'Riding in the North York Moors', over 100 pages of directions illustrated by hand-drawn maps.

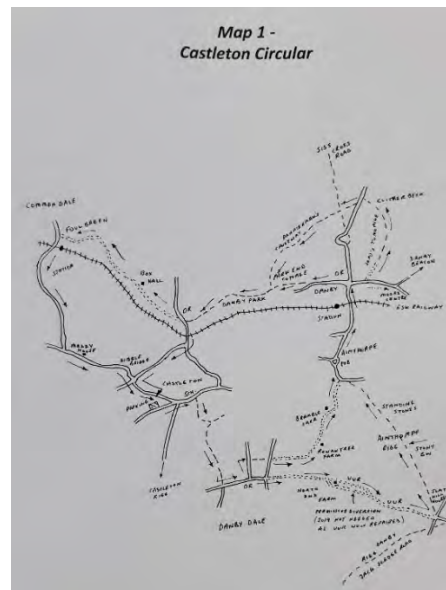
With dozens of routes to choose from and notes on the best sections of the bridleway network as well as where to take care, this handy reference guide will help you plan day-trips or longer rides in this beautiful National Park. There is information also on where to park and get refreshments during or after your ride.

The book costs £9.50 (£12.50 including p&p). You can order yours via the link below. Both Bill and Janet will have copies with them when they lead rides over the next few months.

<https://www.rideyorkshire.org/book-by-the-helmsley-cowboy/>



The front cover of Bills Book



One of Bill's maps



Bill Tait and his trusty steed



Bailey's Custom Elite

By

Stephanie Goodacre

I am put upon
I am to sit upon
somewhere in between
equine and human
I have a tree inside me
to hold shape
to support weight
surely you can see
I am custom made
elaborate patterns
stamped into fenders
silver conchos
studding my skirts
deep seated for comfort
I am a show-piece
with confident swagger
heavy shouldered
sheepskin padded
fastened in place
with cinch and latigo
made for roping
reining, cutting
lonesome sunsets
trails so slow
sturdy stirrups
for loping off
gliding to
a sliding stop.

Stop and look, all saddled up
I am more than just an equine seat
astride dashing paint-horse Bailey
I am your western custom elite.

Christmas is coming

By
Chris Thompson

Nobody knows what sort of Christmas it will be this year, but I suspect that we will not be allowed to gather in large family groups, or spend it with friends, even if we are socially distanced.

Some WES members had bought my daughter's Christmas cards before. Some even have had her make a bespoke card featuring their horse. If you want to do this it takes some time, but you would have a unique card to send to your friends.

Her range of cards and other things can be seen on her Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/VerityThompsonIllustration/?ref=page_internal

Here are a couple of examples of her equestrian themed Christmas cards





Area Round-up

Area 1

Grampian and Highlands

By

Kathy Briggs

Area 2

Gwynedd, Clwyd, Cheshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire

By

Lesley and Michelle Surguy-Price

Area 3

Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire

By

Sarah Hamlin

Area 4

Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear

By

Jo Powell

Area 5

Lancashire, Merseyside, Yorkshire, Greater Manchester

By

Christine Outram

By now I expect the whole of Area 5, and maybe WES, will know the role of Area 5 Rep has been taken over by Margaret Kemp. She has stepped in again to ensure the Area stays alive and well and I hope she will get lots of support from you all. It is a big job for one person even with Margaret's wealth of experience so I know you will help where you can as many of you have helped me. Discounting Covid 19, Area 5 is a busy area with lots of good, committed riders supporting lots of training events and three shows a year. It was getting difficult to find free dates to put requested events on which has got to be a good thing.

The work involved was always rewarded when I saw happy riders. It wasn't always about getting a rosette but it was so good to see someone get their first rosette having watched their progress with their horse. So many of you always said "thank you", too and that in itself made it worthwhile. There was often more tangible rewards like flapjack, tray bakes Some of the riders I now know well and think of as friends. Some of the horses I would gladly have smuggled home but everyone knew where I lived!!

There are so many people, not all of them WES members, to thank for all their help and support I am not going to attempt to name them just in case I miss someone out but you all know who you are. Thank you to you all and I wish Margaret every success while Area Rep which I hope won't be for too long before someone else takes over the reins.



Area 6

*Avon, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Dyfed, Glamorgan, Gloucestershire, Gwent,
Herefordshire, Pembrokeshire, Powys, Worcestershire*

*By
Mandy Hawkins*

We managed to go ahead with one of our planned events this summer.....the Area 6 show was held at Valley View Ranch and Equestrian Centre on 15th and 16th August.

We had originally planned a pre-show clinic on the 15th but due to the rescheduling of the American Paint Horse Camp from earlier in the season we decided to just have the show instead, with one class of Freestyle Reining on Saturday evening and the main show on Sunday. We were joined by several paint horse members who decided to stay on for the show which was really nice.

We had 8 entries in freestyle reining.....who knew we had so many Freestyle reiners in Area 6?

It was a really fun evening with a great atmosphere and a variety of music ranging from Black Beauty, to disco, to The Beastie Boys and pretty much everything in between.

The early hours of Sunday morning brought some heavy rain but by the time we started the show at 10am it had pretty much dried up and remained fine all day, the thunder and rain started about 15 minutes after the last horse left the arena, so perfect timing!

We had to be sure to limit the number of people on site to comply with Covid regulations and make sure we had other measures in place such as hand sanitisers etc. so we had a small show team who worked hard all day to keep things going so smoothly.

Thank you to our judge Bob Mayhew and his clerk, and to our show team, Show Manager Bruce Lawrence, Announcer Tina Lawrence, Show Secretary Lynne Stanley, Ring stewards Ros Sheppard and Stephanie Oakley and Freestyle reining clerk Dani O'Brien for all your hard work. We had several members who were new to showing but the support and help given to them from other members was absolutely amazing.

Our next event is the Wes Area 6 Summer Camp originally planned for June but rescheduled for 11th to 13th September, this event was sold out within 2 days of advertising it but at the time of writing this there is one space available due to so a cancellation is if anyone is interested let me know quickly.

I have not had chance to reschedule the AGM or meet with the Wales members yet but I can assure you this is on my list as soon as I get a moment.

Area 7
Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire.
By
Vicky Easton

Area 7 has held two events over the last 2 months, both socially distanced of course.

The first was held on the 19th July at the Adventure Trail course NG23 7QL near Newark, with only 2 of us attending Mel Riley and myself Vicky Easton. It was jsut so good to be out doing something again!!



Mel Riley stepping up tyres

The second was a Picnic Ride in part of Sherwood forest from Dennis Stocks place at Calverton Notts.

There were 6 of us including of course Dennis (he knows the forest routes) his wife Audrey, myself Vicky Easton, Stephanie Goodacre, and Michelle and Gary Cutting. Audrey supplied coffee tea and biscuits!



A big thank you to Dennis for taking the time to escort us all in his busy period, It was rained off last time we tried to do this ride!

Nothing else scheduled as the moment. Hope lots of people enter the Virtual Show!!



Area 8

Berkshire, Isle of Wight, Kent, Surrey, Sussex

By

Jo Gallagher

Area 9

Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, Suffolk

By

Jo Turtle

Area 10

*Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire., Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire,
Warwickshire, West Midlands*

By

Sarah Cameron

Area 11

Borders, Central, Fife, Lothian, Tayside

By

Kayreen Jones

Area 12

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