



# **NEWSLETTER**

## **JANUARY 2024**

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## ● Secretary Report -

Happy New Year, on a very damp January night. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and Santa brought you everything you wished for - Topaz got a rosette display board in anticipation of our future events together; Kate said it is not big enough!

By now, everyone who re-joined before the end of December has been told by BRC that their membership has been recognised. (5 times in my case) I can confirm that those are on the Sport80 portal; please have a look and tell me your thoughts.

Well done to those who joined directly with Sport80, I believe it was straightforward. Again, I would appreciate your feedback.

I can access lists of all current and lapsed members on the platform, but one problem I have noticed is (unlike the previous system) it is impossible to differentiate between juniors and seniors. Therefore, please can juniors have their correct DOB added to their portal?

According to another of my lists (I have many) we still have trophies/cups that have not been returned from the 2022 AGM. Please get them to a member of the BHRC committee. Thanking you in advance.

The committee are having their first meeting towards the end of January with lots of things to discuss and lots of plans to be made; let me know if you have anything specific in mind and we will do our best to accommodate you. I may manage to organise the fun ride we had planned for 2020!

## ● One Day Camp -

As you may have heard at the AGM, we are hoping to hold a one day camp next year (possibly more than one!!!!)

Jill Perrior has kindly offered us the use of her wonderful yard, with a magnificent arena. It will be similar to the one day camps held when covid restrictions made life difficult.

Probably during the Easter period so late March early April.

We hope to have three or four different activities through the day, possibly things you may not have had the opportunity to try or something you have tried but with a Blackdown Hills variation!!!!

You will be asked to bring your own packed lunch and any feed you deem needed for your horse.

The main emphasis will be on having a fun day with your horse and other like-minded club members.

Details will be announced in the New Year on the club Facebook site so keep your eyes open and I hope to see you there. *Sylvia*

## ● Membership -

As previously stated, as from 1st January, membership to BRC will be made via the Sport80 online platform.

<https://britishridingclubs.sport80.com>

If you need any further help click on the support icon when on this page:

You will still have the same membership options, but joint/family is slightly more complicated as BRC don't offer this option, it works as follows -

Senior - £30.00

Junior - £26.00 - PLEASE PUT CORRECT DATE OF BIRTH

Joint/family - child £21.00 - **this can only be used in conjunction with a full paying senior**

Joint/family - senior - £25.00 - **this can only be used in conjunction with a full paying senior**

## ● AGM -

I am still waiting for the return of some trophies from the 2022 AGM. Please return them ASAP so that I can update my records.

## ● Junior Co-ordinator -

Dear Juniors

My Name is Vicky and I will be your Junior co-ordinator for 2024.

For those of you, who do not know me, I am Maisie's Mum, Maisie is 14 and we have both been with the BHRC for about 5 yrs now.

I would be very grateful, if you could have a little think, about what you would like to get from our club, also any training, events, camps, presentations, lectures etc, We have some incredible instructors that include, dressage, flat work, poles and jumping.

I am here to help and arrange fun things for all our juniors, however some input from you all would be much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all at our AGM, but please email me any idea's you have on [vicky@daresdowntackshop.co.uk](mailto:vicky@daresdowntackshop.co.uk) - Many thanks, Vicky xx

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**Daresdown Tack Shop, owned and run by Committee member Vicky Henderson -**

**All BHRC members get a 15% discount at Daresdown Tack Shop, (excluding feed and 2nd hand) - Website [www.daresdown-tackshop.co.uk](http://www.daresdown-tackshop.co.uk) - 07762247046**

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## ● Just Jem Rosettes -

I am happy to take any unwanted/spare rosettes you may have and I will transform them for club use. It doesn't matter how tatty they are, or that you don't want to part with all your firsts and seconds.

## ● Merchandise -

Gillet's £42.50

Polo t-shirts £17.50

Saddle cloths - £45.00

Long sleeve Polo's £22.50

Rugby shirt. £25.00

Hoodie £22.50

Bum bags £9.00



**ALL ORDERS TO DEANA, PLEASE.**

## ● Training -

All details are on the 'events' page of our website - [blackdownhillsrc.co.uk](http://blackdownhillsrc.co.uk)

<b>Training Cancellation Policy</b>
<b>Full Payment is required to confirm your place, and must be received 1 week before the rally date please.</b>
<b>Later entries will be accepted if space allows.</b>
<b>Payments via BACS or cheque posted to organiser. Payment online - please quote your surname and date of the event/training you are paying for.</b>
<b>There will be NO refunds for withdrawals unless the space is filled from a waiting list or a late entry</b>

## ● Dressage Restrictions -

From September 2021, the following will be put in each BHRC dressage schedule -

“RESTRICTED: Combination of horse and rider not to have been placed 1<sup>st</sup> **where there were 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> placings or more”** ( this only applies to Open competitions, not 'members only' competitions)

## ● Dress code -

For all BRC competitions.

Hats

Hats which meet the current BRC standard must be worn with a harness properly adjusted and fastened. Skull caps must be worn with a silk.

Body Protectors

If worn, must meet the current BRC standard

Jodhpurs and Breeches

White, cream, beige, navy, or black breeches or jodhpurs may be worn.

## Boots

Long riding boots designed for riding are to be worn. Short riding boots with gaiters of the same leather and colour may be worn. Suede half chaps may be worn providing they are of identical colour to the boots and have no decoration or tassels of any sort.

## Jackets and Shirts

Jackets or smart fitted waistcoats must be worn including a tweed jacket with a coloured stock or collar and tie. White stocks, white American collar or white shirts with collar and tie may be worn.

## Hair and Jewellery

Hair should be neatly secured and should not hang lower than the shoulder

## Gloves

Gloves must be worn in ALL dressage competitions. Gloves are optional although they are recommended for show jumping.

## Whips - **ALL** jumping

One whip is permitted and must be between 45cm and 75cm and must not be weighted or feature a hard point at the end. The end of the whip must be padded. The 'pad' must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface (which includes embroidery) and be made of a shock absorbing material throughout its circumference. No substitute for a whip may be carried.

## Whips - dressage

One whip of any length is permitted for all BRC dressage. Whips must not be used in a way or be of a length that disturbs other riders and may not be picked up if dropped during a test. If a whip is shorter than 80cm then it must be padded.

The 'pad' must be smooth with no protrusion or raised surface (which includes embroidery) and be made of a shock absorbing material throughout its circumference. No substitute for a whip may be carried.

The full BRC rule book can be viewed online - [brc.co.uk](http://brc.co.uk)

## ● Contact numbers

**Chairwoman** – Kate Hopper, Pleasant House, Clayhidon, Cullompton, Devon.  
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## ● Data Protection -

If you have ticked the box on your membership form - **'I do not give consent'** - for your photo to be used on our Facebook page, website and newsletter, please can you introduce yourself to the organiser at each BHRC event you attend. Whilst every effort will be made by BHRC not to use your photo, images of members in backgrounds may at times be unavoidable and BHRC cannot take responsibility for third parties taking and using images.

## ● Making a BHRC payment -

It would help Deana, our treasurer, enormously if you included the following information on your BACs payments.

- ❖ If you are paying for flatwork training try to include 'flat/date (of the event)/surname'
- ❖ If you are paying for jumping training it is 'jump/date/surname'
- ❖ Lectures are 'lecture/date/surname'
- ❖ Rallies - 'rally/date (of the event)/surname'
- ❖ Membership - member/surname

# • Health and Safety -

If you travel alone to events with your horse, we suggest you download something like the form below and put it in a prominent position in your horsebox/car whilst you are riding. Due to data protection laws, committee members cannot readily access your details from the BRC database. We also suggest you consider wearing a medical armband, especially for cross country training.

## I.C.E.

### In Case of Emergency

My Name is \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Medical Information*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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My Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

*Medications I take*

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*In Case of Emergency PLEASE Notify*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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**A rider wearing a ROYAL BLUE arm band is hard of hearing** - BRC handbook

**RED** - Red ribbons signify a horse kicks.

**GREEN** - A green ribbon means that the horse is inexperienced.



**BLUE** - It is helpful for stallion handlers to put this colour ribbon in their horses' tail, especially if you have a mare as it warns you to stay away.

**WHITE**: White ribbons are helpful for letting others know that this horse is for sale