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**TO THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF:**

### **LRBA'S POLICY ON THE PROTECTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Association is very keen for young people to enjoy riding in the countryside and to learn the necessary skills to do so safely in the hope they will continue to enjoy this activity throughout their lives. For this reason our *Rides: Rules & Information* states in the Safety section: *Under 18s MUST ride with an adult unless their Parent or Guardian allows otherwise. The Parent or Guardian MUST sign the entry form and initial the name of the accompanying rider.*

But LRBA also has a legal duty to protect young people from abuse. One of the major potential sources of abuse are photographs published on the internet. Photos of young people riding or with their horses are very appealing.

LRBA's policy for protecting those who are under-18 on the day of the event **does not allow us to use – without permission from the Parent or Guardian – images taken by photographers authorised by our Executive Committee which will *identify* individual young persons, whether on our website or in any other publicity** (which could result in images on other websites). Of course, we have no control over photographs taken at our events by other people. A *Photography Permission* form is attached to this letter so you give or withhold permission.

We often, but not always, have a volunteer photographer at our Rides and other events, these photos go onto our website, [www.bridlewayslrba.org.uk](http://www.bridlewayslrba.org.uk) At Rides, photos are a mix of mounted and informal shots at the venue before riders start or when they relax afterwards. Normally we do not name riders when captioning photographs but there may be occasions when we feel this is required.

In order to avoid approaching you prior to each Ride or event, we propose that any permission you give – or withhold – lasts until the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. But you will be given the opportunity to alter it when memberships are renewed in January each year or, if necessary, you can contact the senior officers of the Association through the details on the website.

If you do NOT consent, photographs may be taken but we will do our utmost to prevent such images being made public by us, and the young person will be required to present themselves and their mount to the Ride Organiser before they set off on each Ride (or to the event organiser if it is a non-mounted event) so that a brief description can be noted.

If you are at all worried about any aspect of LRBA's safeguarding of young people, now or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes and thanks for returning the form to us.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Linford', written over a white background.

Roger Linford  
Honorary Secretary