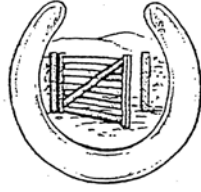


**LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND
BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION**



Rides: Rules & Information 2018

**All entrants MUST be LRBA members before commencing any Ride
The Ride Entry Form contains an application for membership**

Ride Fees

ADULT MEMBERS £10. UNDER-18 MEMBERS £5

Adult NON-MEMBERS wishing to join LRBA + Ride: £10 membership + £10 Ride Fee.

Under-18 Non-members: £10 membership, 1st Ride free.

Membership renewal due by 31 March each year.

Completed Entry Form + cheque + stamped addressed envelope MUST be received by Ride Organiser no later than ONE WEEK before day of Ride so Ride Maps & Notes can be posted.

Late entries might not be accepted.

Entries may be closed if the parking area is full. **WOULD-BE ENTRANTS WHO TURN UP WITHOUT NOTIFICATION WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RIDE ORGANISER.**

Please date cheques with date of Ride if sent well in advance.

Cheques are banked after Ride.

Some Rides have special fees. Check current Rides Programme before completing Entry Form and writing cheque.

Any parking fee is usually payable on the day. This will be made clear in the Ride Notes.

See back page for LRBA's Aims + Bridleways Code

On checking in you MUST deposit with the Ride Organiser an **EMERGENCY ENVELOPE** with your name on the front and containing the arrangements you have made for getting your horse home if you are injured.

Please re-claim the envelope at the end of the Ride.

Please bring the horse's passport and **SHOW** it to the Ride Organiser.

Rules are written in bold and contain the word **MUST**

ENTRIES:

Each Rider **MUST** fill in *and* sign an Entry Form before starting their Ride. This confirms that they have read and will abide by our Ride Rules *and our Bridleways Code*.

Directions to Venue/Ride Notes/Map are sent out from 10 days before the Ride to those entering in advance.

By law you **MUST** bring your horse passport with you and **SHOW** it to the Organiser.

(Does not apply to those hacking to the Ride.)

CANCELLATION: You **MUST** notify us if you cannot attend a Ride you have entered. If it is a last-minute decision on the day please do so by text. If you cancel *before* your Ride Notes are posted your cheque will be returned or destroyed. If we cancel the Ride all cheques will be returned or destroyed.; any fees paid by BACS into the LRBA account will be refunded.

START TIMES: Please obey the 'earliest arrival' and 'vacate Venue' times given in the Ride Notes. (See *INSURANCE*)

LOCAL RIDERS: At most Rides local riders can join/leave the route at their nearest point without riding to the Venue first. Ensure the Ride Organiser knows you are doing this **BEFORE** the Ride starts. **ALL** such riders **MUST** wear Hi-viz whilst riding to/from and participating in the Ride. They are expected to visit the Venue to clock in and to collect their rosette.

MEMBERSHIP: Members **MUST** produce a current membership card at Rides.

New Members should allow 3 weeks for receipt of membership card etc. If you wish to do another Ride in that time please refer the Ride Organiser to the Organiser of the Ride at which you joined.

INSURANCE: You are responsible for providing Accident etc Insurance for you and your horse. Any substitute driver (see SAFETY 1) **MUST** hold the relevant licence and insurance to drive your vehicle.

Our Public Liability Insurance applies to members whilst on the Ride and at the Venue, but only between the times given in the Ride Notes.

LRBA accepts no responsibility for accidents to riders or their horses whilst riding the route, either on the Ride or subsequently. LRBA accepts no responsibility for parked vehicles.

FINDING YOUR WAY: Our Rides celebrate Rights of Way and other permanently available routes but we often enjoy private links kindly opened for us on the day, and the Venue is usually on private land. The maps/info provided for each Ride will make the situation clear. You are welcome to return and re-use the public parts of any Ride. Ask the Ride Organiser about alternatives to private links and parking.

To comply with our OS licence, the Map (but not the Notes) **MUST** be handed in at the end of the Ride. Mark the route on your own copy of the relevant OS map/s.

PLEASE LEAVE THE VENUE CLEAN & TIDY

TAKE ALL YOUR LITTER HOME - INCLUDING HORSE POO !

SAFETY: FOR YOU, YOUR MOUNT, AND OTHER PEOPLE

1. On checking-in you **MUST** deposit with the Organiser an **EMERGENCY ENVELOPE** with your name on the front and containing the arrangements you have made for getting your horse home if you are injured. You **MUST** also **SHOW** your horse's passport to the Organiser. Please re-claim the **ENVELOPE** at the end of the Ride.
2. **ALL** riders **MUST** book in **PERSONALLY** without their horse so they can be briefed and receive their (appropriately sized) Hi-Viz.
3. Under-18s **MUST** ride with an adult. The Parent/Guardian **MUST** sign the entry form and initial the name of the accompanying adult rider.
4. Riders should wear correctly fitted hats to current BHS recognised standards. Hats **MUST** be fastened when mounted.
5. Riders **MUST** wear the LRBA Hi-Viz provided *outside* their other clothing: local riders joining in part-way round **MUST** wear their own Hi-Viz.
6. Horse schooling or training aids of any kind **MUST NOT** be used on Rides.
7. All horses on the Ride **MUST** be ridden as they leave the Venue at the start of the Ride.
8. Each rider or group **MUST** have a switched-on mobile phone + the Organiser's mobile number.
9. Any rider with a medical condition or rare blood group etc should carry this information on them during the Ride. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure they and their horse are fit enough to take part in an LRBA Ride. If there are factors that would impede your ability to follow stewards' instructions, could you please notify the Organiser when checking in.

**IF A RIDER IS INJURED & NEEDS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, TELL THE ORGANISER, THEN RING 112 FOR
AMBULANCE IF NEEDED.**

10. In the event of both horse + rider being injured the Organiser may have to call the nearest vet. This may not be the same as the horse's usual vet. LRBA will **NOT** be responsible for any fees incurred.

**The Organiser may stop any rider from participating in a Ride if, in their reasonable
judgement, the rider or horse should not start or continue**

LRBA does its best to ensure routes are as safe as local conditions allow but riders must keep alert for normal bridleway hazards. Many routes will have gates which you will need to open/close.

SPEEDS: Organisers want to be sure of your safe return, so please:

- Aim for a *minimum* speed of 4 mph - an active walking pace.
- Latecomers may be asked to ride a shorter route.

LRBA's AIMS

1. To preserve and improve, and where possible extend the Counties' bridleways and byways.
2. To work towards the establishment and publicising of a network of bridleways, byways, tracks and quiet roads, including permissive routes, that will enable horses to be ridden (and driven wherever possible) away from traffic.
3. To hold social, educational and fund-raising events, including Rides, for members.
4. To endeavour to ensure that the needs of the horse and rider are considered in any planning approvals for new roads, housing or other developments, Country Parks or recreational provision.
5. To encourage and educate riders in the responsible use of the network so that the Counties' Rights of Way, recreational and permissive routes, and the land they pass over are respected, and also to promote good road safety practice.
6. To work or consult with the British Horse Society, the County, Unitary, District and Parish Councils in the Counties, as well as farming, conservation, access and leisure organisations and any other national, regional or local bodies, to achieve the Association's aims.
7. To negotiate with landowners and others for the creation or extension of permissive bridleways for use by the public generally or exclusively by Association members.

LRBA'S Bridleways Code

Please follow the Code whilst on Rides and at all other times

- You go onto land to exercise a Right of Way – not to exercise your horse all over the farmers' fields. Keep to the designated line. Care for the land.
- Animals thrive best in a calm environment. Do not disturb stock any more than you have to – go slowly.
- Close any gate you open, even if you have to get off to do so.
- Ride within your 'stopping distance'. Other riders, walkers or cyclists, may be just around the next bend.
- Give other users as much room as you can. Walkers are often wary of horses.
- **Do not 'bomb' past other riders.** Ask if it's OK to pass, then go slowly until you're well past.
- Do not damage timber or hedgerows by jumping.
- Saying 'thank you' costs nothing; be courteous; acknowledge courtesy. Bad behaviour gives a bad impression of ALL riders.
- What your horse drops, fertilises! What you drop, pollutes! Take your litter home.