



ROSSINGTON HALL RDA NEWSLETTER



What's Been Happening ...



Christmas 2025

CHRISTMAS CLOSING: Riding and horse care sessions will finish on Friday 19th December and start back again on Monday 5th January. There is a Christmas party with games and food for our participants on Saturday 20th.

As usual, some of our volunteers and coaches are taking it in turns to look after the horses over the holiday period again so a **BIG THANK YOU** in advance to them. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated team and really appreciate all their hard work and support.

The farriers came along and gave the horses and ponies a nice pedicure ready for the holidays.



They are also due their annual check by the dentist and this is happening during the Christmas break on 22nd December. Fingers and hooves crossed no problems will be identified!

We may have been a bit optimistic expecting a nicely resurfaced road as the potholes have mostly reappeared now. Hopefully more lasting improvements will be made soon. We also had problems with the car park again. The seaweed and drainage holes inserted previously seemed to help at first but, with all

the rain recently, the car park has still flooded a couple of times. NHC arranged for a company to come in and dig large channels and put in drainage crates. Unfortunately, the constant rain has also meant that the job is taking a lot longer than planned and we have had to cancel quite a few sessions.



Hopefully things will be back to normal in the new year and it will all be worth it in the end!

OTHER BIG THANK YOU's ...

To ... **Friendship Estates** for donating some very welcome HorseHage again this winter for Ernie and Albert. One half was delivered at the end of October and the second half is due in January.



Hay is now really expensive and with 8 hungry horses we go through a great deal over winter – if you can help by paying for a bale (£5 small bale or £35 large bale) please let us know.

To ... **All the families** who joined us for the Halloween Treasure Hunt on 25th October. We made it slightly more difficult than the Easter event and it did get a bit confusing, but it was a lot of fun. There were some great decorated pumpkins and costumes so well done to Ava for winning first prize.



To ... **Rachel Downs** (Makaton teacher) **Freya** (one of our participants) and **her mum Rachael + 9th, 12th and 39th Rotherham Brownies & 9th Rotherham Guides**. They held an evening event on 8th November and have been doing lots of fundraising on our behalf to raise an amazing amount of money.

To ... **Torne Valley** who very kindly invited us to be part of their Open Evening again on 13th November. As in other years, we helped with their free raffle, which had lots of amazing prizes, and received some generous donations from their customers.



To ... **Everyone** who came along and took part in our fundraising Quiz Night on 28th November, all those who bought raffle tickets, and to **Armthorpe Coronation Working Men's Club** for letting us hold it

there again. Although there were fewer people than last time it was a good evening and we managed to raise some money.

To ... **Champion Hire** for the loan of a heater again this year. As anyone who comes to us knows, it gets very cold in the arena during winter, so this is very much appreciated.

To ... **our coach Michelle** for all the time and effort she spends clipping our horses and ponies throughout the year. She even found time to give our trustee Craig a lesson on a very patient Pocket.



And lastly a **HUGE THANK YOU to EVERYONE** who has supported us throughout 2025 – by taking part in fundraising events, fundraising on our behalf, through grants and donations, buying or donating feed, adopting horses, volunteering, helping with maintenance and repairs etc. etc. We couldn't operate without all your continued support.

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and a Happy & Healthy New Year
to all our supporters, donors, adopters, trustees,
coaches, volunteers, riders and their families