



Saffron Walden & District
RIDING CLUB



WELFARE – OUR COMMITMENT AND POLICY

We take the safety of children and young people very seriously. They are the future of our industry, and we all have a duty of care to safeguard their welfare. After all, they should be able to enjoy sport and recreational activities like horse riding in a fun, safe environment and be protected from harm.

Together with the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) we've developed a Safeguarding and Child Protection policy. We have appointed officers to ensure that it is implemented throughout our industry and provide a support system for Club and Centre Welfare Officers. This will allow anyone to report concerns they may have about poor practice or possible abuse.

As the UK's leading horse welfare charity, the BHS also acts as an umbrella body to process disclosure checks with the Criminal Record Bureau, Access NI and Disclosure Scotland, a service we offer to all recruiters in the horse community.

We also oversee the BEF Clubmark accreditation scheme designed for clubs or centres with junior members.

BHS Courses

Whether you're a member, employer or instructor you will understand the importance of your role in protecting children. We offer training courses in Safeguarding and Child Protection all around the UK.

They outline the roles and the responsibilities of our member organisations in their duty of care towards young people. This includes guidelines on protecting young people and promoting good practice within the Horse Industry.

For general enquiries please contact BHS Lead Safeguarding Officer on 02476 840500 or cpleadofficer@bhs.org.uk.

If you have a concern

The BHS encourages those who participate, volunteer and work in equestrianism to report any concerns they may have about a child or young person. Any concerns can be reported via your club/centre Welfare Officer or directly to the BHS.

If a child or young person is in immediate danger or needs medical attention, 999 should be called. Serious concerns can be reported to Child Protection Units within local police forces, Children Social Care Services or Local Safeguarding Children's Boards.