



RIDES: RULES & INFORMATION 2022

The Ride Entry Form contains an application for membership.

RIDE FEES

ADULT MEMBERS £15.

ADULT NON-MEMBERS £20. ALL UNDER-18s £5

Adult Non-members wishing to join LRBA + Ride: £10 membership + £15 Ride Fee

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

Membership renewal due by 31 March each year.

Completed Entry Form + payment, either by post (with a stamped addressed envelope) or online MUST be received by the Ride Organiser no later than ONE WEEK before Ride so the organiser knows whether the ride has enough entries to proceed. 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.

PAYMENT: by cheque or BACS. See Entry Form. PayPal: see www.bridleways.com

Please date cheques with date of Ride. (Cheques are banked after Ride.)

Some Rides may have special fees. Check current Rides Programme.

Any parking fee is usually payable on the day. See Ride Notes.

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

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

Unclaimed envelopes will be safely destroyed.

Please bring the horse's passport and tell the Ride Organiser where it is located in case of emergency. You do not need to show it.

See back page for LRBA's Aims + Bridleways Code

Rules are written in bold and contain the word “MUST”

Each Rider **MUST** fill in *and* sign, or if online, tick, to confirm they have read an **Entry Form before starting a Ride.**

This also confirms that they have read and will abide by our *Rides: Rules & Information, any additional COVID-19 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 travel with your horse passport, if bringing your horse by vehicle.

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 or emailed your cheque will be returned or destroyed. If we cancel the Ride all cheques will be returned or destroyed. Any fees paid by BACS or PayPal into the LRBA account will be refunded.

START TIMES: Please obey the ‘earliest arrival’ and ‘vacate Venue’ times given in the Ride Notes. (as public liability *INSURANCE only applies between these times.*)

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:

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 Ride Organiser of the previous Ride at which you joined. You will still be able to take part in the Ride at the members’ rate.

INSURANCE: Our Insurance only covers Public Liability for riders whilst on the Ride and at the Venue, and only between the times given in the Ride Notes. You are responsible for providing Accident and any other Insurance for you and your horse. LRBA accepts no responsibility for accidents to riders or their horses whilst riding the route.

Any substitute driver **MUST** hold the relevant licence and insurance to drive your vehicle.

PLEASE NOTE: If a vehicle break-down occurs **TWO** rescue vehicles may be used and most companies, including motor breakdown associations, will require **TWO** people: one person to accompany the horse and another one to accompany the vehicle whilst taking them home.

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.

PLEASE LEAVE THE VENUE CLEAN & TIDY.

TAKE ALL YOUR LITTER HOME - INCLUDING HORSE POO at the venue !

SAFETY: FOR YOU, YOUR MOUNT, AND OTHER PEOPLE

1. On checking-in you **MUST** deposit your **EMERGENCY ENVELOPE** with the Organiser. You **MUST** tell the organiser where your horse's passport can be located.
2. **ALL** riders **MUST** book in **PERSONALLY** without their horse so they can be briefed.
3. Under-18s **MUST** ride with an adult. The Parent/Guardian **MUST** sign the entry form and name and initial the name of the authorised adult rider.
4. Riders should wear correctly fitted hats to current BHS recognised standards. Hats **MUST** be fastened when mounted.
5. Hi-Viz must be worn; Riders must provide and wear their own. While the pandemic continues we will not offer LRBA 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 Ride.
8. Each rider or group **MUST** have a switched-on, fully charged mobile phone + the Emergency number for the day.
9. Riders with a medical condition or rare blood group etc are advised to carry this information on them during the Ride. Riders **MUST** 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, you **MUST** notify the Organiser when checking in.

IF A RIDER IS INJURED & NEEDS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, TELL THE ORGANISER, THEN RING 999 or 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. There may be cows and/or horses in fields.

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.

SAFEGUARDING: LRBA's Safeguarding Policy can be viewed on our website: www.bridlewayslrba.org.uk Click on About Us, then Constitution, then Safeguarding.

If a rider feels a Safeguarding incident has arisen, they should contact: safeguarding@bridlewayslrba.org.uk

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 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.
4. 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.

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.