

THE 
FELL PONY
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Nicola Chippendale's consistent Greenholme Hot Rod was champion at Westmorland County Show. Sired by Greenholme Diego, dam Greenholme White Rose, this typey gelding regularly takes the top spot when shown in hand.

Photo by Sinclair Photography



Diana Slack and Raisbeck Casino visited Orton C of E Primary School at Hallowe'en last year to introduce the children to a Fell pony. Here, Sue Millard was asking them to point out "three bits of the pony that are very hairy."



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Dates for 2020

4 April - Fell Pony Society AGM, Orton Market Hall, Penrith. Cumbria, CA10 3RU

3 May - Festival of Fells Spring Show, Rodbaston Equestrian Centre, Rodbaston Drive, Penkridge, Staffordshire, ST19 5PH.

3 May - Dorset Fell Show, Moreton Equestrian Centre, Dorchester. DT2 8RF

9 May - Fell Pony Society Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Penrith. CA11 0HB

30 May - (Saturday) Fell Pony Society Midlands East Support Group- Sandringham Show, Sandringham Estate, Norfolk.

7 June tbc - Fell Pony Society South Cumbria Show, Crooklands, Kendal. LA7 7NU

28 June - Derbyshire Fell Pony Show, Barleyfields EC, Etwall, Derbyshire, DE65 6HT

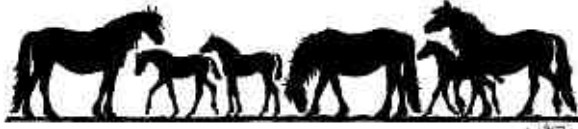
2 August - Fell Pony Society Breed Show, Dalemain, Penrith. CA11 0HB

13 September - Fell Pony Society Southern Show, Berkshire College of Agriculture, Maidenhead. SL6 6QR

1 October - FPS Magazine deadline, Autumn 2020

31 October - Fell Pony Society Annual Show and Sale - NWA J36, Crooklands, Kendal. LA7 7FP
<http://www.nwauctions.co.uk/>

14 November - NWSG Foal & Youngstock Show, Inglewood EC



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Chairman's Report

“To promote and advance the education of the public in all matters concerning the Fell Pony Breed” is one of the main objects of the FPS. To this end a number of events are run most years.

The Fell Pony Society Display Team present their educational historical pageant at various events throughout the summer. The Society has arranged visits to several Primary schools in Cumbria enabling pupils to meet a Fell pony and learn about how they live in their native environment.

There is also a "Learning with Fells" scheme open to any member. Participants are invited to visit working Fell pony studs in Cumbria to learn how the ponies are kept on the fells. Various study days are organised, often in conjunction with other equine societies, where the breed standard and way of going of the Fell pony are explained.

Further details are available on the website for anyone wishing to take part in any way. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in organising these activities.

The results of the FPS Breeders' Trophy, awarded on the positions gained in the in hand classes at the Stallion and Breed Shows and the Southern Show in 2019, are as follows:-

- 1st Greenholme
- 2nd Boutime
- 3rd Wellbrow
- 4th Townend
- 5th Murthwaite
- 6th Carrock

44 Prefixes were eligible, which is almost as many as previous years not affected by vaccination requirements. Congratulations to all those involved but, in particular, the Greenholme stud who also won the HOYS award for gaining the most points for Fells in their classes. Also Wellbrow whose stallion Heltondale Mountain Mist II won the HOYS award for the leading Fell pony sire for the second time. Sadly this stallion died in 2019 but with nearly 180 offspring he will be a contender for many years to come.

Increasingly in recent years I find people bemoaning the passing of “traditional” Fell ponies, usually meaning a smaller type carrying more feather. I have been involved with Fell ponies for about 50 years and I don't believe this to be the case.

Most Fells, then, were at least 13.2 and carried straight silky feather which hung straight down from below the knee to cover the coronet band. Few had feather that hid the pasterns and the cannon bone.

The quality of feather, as with bone, was what was seen as important, not the quantity. Frequently masses of coarse feather goes alongside round bone. I remember the late Peggy Crossland telling me 'too much feather hides too many faults.'

Many old photographs bear out these points: for example, this photo (*opposite*) which shows one season's trophies for this pony, Townend Flash II, in the early 1970's.

Peter Boustead

From Our President

I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous 2020 although I feel sure that it will be a challenging one following our exit from the European Union but as Fell pony people we will embrace the changes ahead.

I attended the sale of ponies at J36 Kendal at the end of October and was pleased by the quality of ponies forward. Some of the prices were very encouraging and I hope you are all happy with your purchases.

Many congratulations must go to all Fell ponies and owners who qualified to represent the breed at HOYS and Olympia. It was a great acknowledgement to be given a separate class for Fell ponies at HOYS and an appreciation of all the hard work that goes into turning out a fit, gleaming pony for the show ring. Well done to you all.

Last year the Equine Influenza outbreak caused lots of problems for our show organisers and resulted in our annual foal and young-stock show, normally held at Newton Rigg, to be cancelled. As our final show of the season this was a huge disappointment but many of you were having such a wet autumn that showing was the last thing on your mind. That wet autumn has continued through into winter and land conditions currently are very wet. The nights are getting lighter but the wind and rain is making it difficult to believe spring will soon be here.

Hope to see you all at the AGM on 4th April.

Barbara Bell



Letters to the Editor

Dear Sue,

You happen to be the editor, and the author, of the newsletter/article I am making comment on, but nevertheless:

Dear FPS,

I greatly enjoyed the article in the most recently distributed edition of the FPS Newsletter, titled 'Fell Commons and Rights to Graze Fell Ponies', written by Sue Millard. What a succinct and clarifying article on what often times is a very befuddling topic! This will be a welcome resource which I can refer to when answering questions from Fell Pony breed enthusiasts here in the States.

Best wishes,

Melissa Kreuzer

Dream Hayven Farm Fell Ponies

Thank you. The contents of the Autumn 2019 issue will be made available on the FPS web site when this Spring issue is 'put to bed' with the printers.

Ed

Dear Editor, Sue,

It must be a great joy and relief to all breeders with grazing rights and hefted herds to know W.S. Potter v Natural England (Appeal) court case of last Autumn has had the conviction removed, (causing a precedent?). Bill remains a man of unblemished character and can now retire in peace and enjoyment with Isobel. I'm sure all his contacts and friends in the Fell Pony World join me in congratulating him on the outcome. So many individuals supported him.

However, as a past Councillor it's sad the FPS as a whole couldn't remember its objects and legal purpose which of course is "3.1 to foster and keep pure the old breed of native pony which has roamed the Northern fells for centuries."

Good luck to all members who may find themselves in similar positions, watch the 'misguided powers that be' with endless cash, (our taxes) fritter it on mindless ideas.

Regards,

Judy A Hill

Shepparton Stud

We would like to explain the role of the Fell Pony Society Council in the matter you refer to. They did not respond to the legal case because it had nothing to do with Fell pony rights. Natural England maintained Mr Potter had breached grazing regulations on two SSSI sites, Birkbeck Fell and Crosby Ravensworth Common, and had caused damage by the use of farm vehicles and the supplementary feeding of sheep. Council share your relief and joy that he has been exonerated.

FPS Council

Letter to the FPS Magazine

I believe and hope I speak for every Fell Pony Breeder either big or small, far away or near, when I say that the Fell Pony Breeders Association has always supported Bill Potter and his family, so we are relieved and pleased with the verdict that all convictions relating to the grazing of Fell ponies were removed and that common sense has prevailed in their legal battle with Natural England, who accused him of grazing without their consent his 24 ponies on the 1,800 acre Birkbeck Common on which he has had grazing rights since the 1960s.

Bill Potter was originally convicted, at Carlisle Magistrates' Court in September 2018, of breaches of section 28E (1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, in respect of Birkbeck Common and Crosby Ravenworth Common. He was fined £1,320 and ordered to pay costs of £15,000, which was a complete overload for an elderly man after 5 years of considerable pressure over legal action by Natural England since the round up of his ponies on Birkbeck common in December 2013. He then had to wait another 11 months to have his convictions quashed by a Crown Court judge and the fine set aside after he reached an out of court settlement with Natural England. In the report of the case in the *Telegraph* newspaper the Countryside Alliance had said that Natural England was using a sledge hammer to crack a nut.

Bill Potter, a genuine Cumbrian farmer who wishes to keep breeding his Greenholme Fell ponies, is very grateful indeed he didn't have to go through the stress of a 3 day trial, as it had all gone on long enough. Bill Potter now looks forward to his retirement with Isobel and to still see his ponies on the common.

The aim of the Fell Pony Society, as well as keeping a studbook is "to keep pure the old breed of native pony which has roamed the Northern fells for centuries". The Fell pony should be allowed to remain roaming the upland fells but this is under threat from an unlikely source called "Conservation grazing" as according to Natural England grazing is an activity that damages SSSI sites. During Bill Potter's six-year battle they claimed his herd was eating too much grass on a protected common. Natural England keep making the statement that they are supportive of Fell ponies but then they say too many animals in the wrong place can damage upland habitats. Expert reports obtained on Birkbeck Common on behalf of Bill Potter refuted Natural England's allegations.

Natural England seem to forget the Fell Pony is an endangered species, especially the Cumbrian fell bred pony which is rarer now than the Giant Pandas and just as important grazing on their native heath as the Pandas eating the bamboo in China's forests.

Libby Robinson. Chairwoman of the FPBA.

A statement by Natural England was reported on p82 of the Autumn 2019 issue of the Magazine: "Natural England are supportive of Fell ponies as an important part of the cultural heritage of the area and for the conservation benefits they can bring through appropriate grazing. However, too many animals in the wrong place can damage upland habitats." Natural England have previously stated, in 2014, that they wish to see the Fell pony "continuing in good numbers to ensure their genetic conservation." They also recognise that "in the right circumstances, and in appropriate numbers, pony grazing can have beneficial effects on the vegetation mix on upland commons".

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Editorial

My husband goes in to Westmorland General Hospital on the 5th February to have a new knee 'installed', so I am having to start editing early to fit the Magazine around him!

Please note that for the Autumn issue the copy deadline continues to be 1st October. Remember I'd like your show results set out with one placing per line, a nice simple format - no tables, tabbed layouts or multiple columns, thank you. Please send photos separately from the text, as it all gets resized to fit the A5 size of the Magazine. If you need a how-to-do it set of instructions, email me and I will send it to you.

Sue Millard, sue@dawbank.co.uk

Secretary & Treasurer's Report - Spring 2020

The number of foal registrations has decreased from 2018 with a total of 300 registered to date (compared to last year's total of 336). Membership for 2019 totalled 1093 which is almost the same as the previous year.

The HBLB have yet to confirm the grant for 2020, but we have been advised that it will be the same award as last year.

As you will see from the accounts included in your magazine, the accounts are showing a loss in the last financial year. However, just to remind members, the Society received a substantial bequest in the previous financial year from the late Miss K A R Carlaw. Included in this was a legacy for the upkeep of her 2 Fell ponies. If we remove the amount of £9600 from the expenditure, the amount paid for the upkeep of these 2 ponies up to 31 October 2019, we see a more realistic figure of a loss, as £4672. Income from subscriptions and registrations remains very similar to the previous year but the Society has purchased several high cost items during the year including a tent, plastic posts and a microchip stick reader, as well as upgrading the office computers. The Society is very grateful for donations received from members during the year as well as generous sponsorship received for the shows in 2019, and continuing Royalties from the sale of the 'Carltonlima Emma' Breyer model, to date totalling over £13,500!

I would like to thank Council for their support, and also, for all their hard work, Chris, Carol and Elizabeth, my colleagues in the office.

Best wishes

Katherine Wilkinson

From the Office

- Registration / Passport application forms cannot be downloaded from the website, they are only available by applying to the office. Do not photocopy the form. Please read the guidance notes carefully prior to completion of the forms. Any forms incomplete or incorrectly completed will be returned. Try to avoid sending the application close to the deadlines.

- The new Equine Identification regulations require the applications for foal passports to arrive with the Society within 6 months of birth or 30 November whichever is the later. However in addition to the above, FPS regulations require applications to be received by no later than 31 December (irrespective of age) or the application will be treated as late and will require late registration fees and confirmation of the sire and dam by DNA.

- DEFRA legislation

Owners must ensure that the following details in the passport are at all times up-to-date and correct:

- a) Food chain status, within 14 days from the date in Section II part ii or Section IX part ii.

- b) Alterations eg adult colour, addition of a microchip, castration etc

c) Ownership, within 30 days of the transfer (a legal requirement in England with penalties for non-compliance). This also applies to dealers, who only possess the horse for a short period of time.

d) Notification of death, within 30 days.

- Compulsory Microchipping - With effect from 1 October 2020 it will be a legal requirement for all horses in England to be microchipped (this applies in Wales from 12 February 2021 and in Scotland from 28 March 2021).

When your vet implants a chip for the first time, the barcode label should be placed in the passport with the stamp and signature of the vet beside. The owner should either send the passport or a scanned copy of the passport to the Society as soon as possible so that the records can be updated.

- Passports issued prior to 10 June 2004 that have not been updated with a 'section IX' page (usually the back page) are no longer valid. In these cases owners need to apply for a new passport which must be treated as a duplicate passport application, this includes the completion of a new passport application form with a vet signing to confirm the microchip number. Council have agreed that a voluntary contribution of £5 per passport be requested to cover cost incurred by the Society including return postage. If a passport arrives in the office without a section IX, it cannot be returned, a new passport must be applied for and the original will be destroyed, transferring any vaccination records over as applicable.

- DNA & FIS Testing - All samples for the purpose of DNA typing and FIS testing must be taken by a vet, in the UK a vet who is a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), the vet must check the identity of the pony against its passport by scanning the microchip number. The samples should be sent to the lab by the vet and not left with the owner for dispatch. The results (certificates) of any samples not taken by a vet will not be accepted.

- Change of Address and/or Name - Don't forget to let the Society know of any change in your address or name. There is no need to send passports in for updating if this is the only change. Simply record the new details on the next unused line on the 'Transfer' page in the passport and write beside "Change of Address and/or name" beside the date.

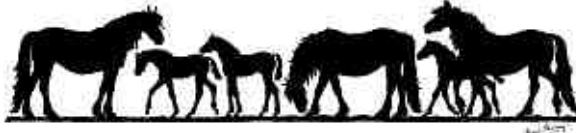
Katherine

VOLUNTARY DNA TESTING OF FILLY FOALS

Council have agreed the voluntary DNA typing (not FIS) of filly foals from 2020 for 5 years. The Society will pay for the DNA kit.

If you are interested please contact the Society Secretary, email secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

After 5 years the trial will be reviewed and all depending on take up may continue for a further period.



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Fees & Charges

<i>All fees in £ sterling (GBP)</i>	UK		Overseas	
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
To Register Colt or Gelding - registrations received to 30 November	£10	£20	£15	£25
To Register Filly - registrations received to 30 November	£15	£30	£20	£35
To Register Colt or Gelding - registrations received 1 - 31 December	£20	£40	£25	£45
To Register Filly - registrations received 1 - 31 December	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50	£100	£55	£105
Transfer of Ownership (UK)	£10	£20	£15	£25
Transfer to Gelding	FoC	FoC	FoC	FoC
Register a Prefix				
- UK Rate	£45	£55	£60	£70
FIS test kit	£40	£50	£45	£55
DNA kit	£50	£60	£55	£65
Duplicate Passport (does not include cost of parentage test)	£50	£60	£55	£65

Fell Pony Society Bank Details

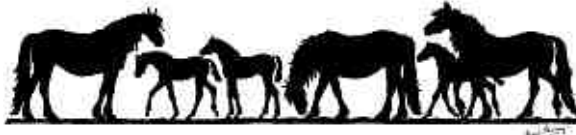
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Bank: Lloyds, Penrith. Address: 5 - 6 King Street, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7AP.

Sort Code: 30-16-28. Account number: 00254896.

BIC LOYDGB21572. IBAN GB 86 LOYD 3016 2800 2548 96.

All bank transfers should be in English pounds sterling and any charges should be paid in the country of origin. Also, our bank makes a charge for the receipt of an electronic transfer from overseas, so please add £2 for transactions up to £100 and £7 for transactions greater than £100. Please ensure that you use your name as the reference when sending a payment by bank transfer.



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Membership Fees

Type of Membership	UK	Overseas
Full	£25	£35
Associate	£15	£25
Junior	£15	£25
Family	£50	£65

Council have agreed that due to increases in postage, in particular outside of the UK, membership rates will increase as above for 2019 memberships et seq.

The range of overseas membership types has been extended to mirror the UK types, with an additional charge to cover the cost of overseas postage.

An associate member is unlikely to own a pony and therefore will not wish to take advantage of the pony related privileges of membership.

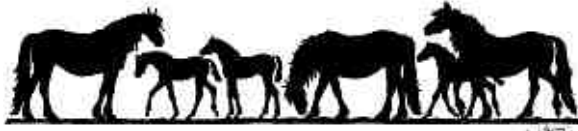
Family membership may be applied for by married or co-habiting couples and their children under the age of 18 years, all residing at the same address. The two adult members enjoy the rights and privileges of full membership, and the children the rights and privileges of junior membership. Full details are in section 2 of the Articles of Association. Please note that Family membership does not apply to adult couples without children; in these cases the membership is for 2 Full memberships (separate membership forms required).

Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually.

No member is entitled to vote for the election of Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February or to vote at an EGM / AGM if his/her subscription has not been paid by the date of the meeting. You must have paid your annual subscription, and received and signed your membership card, BEFORE the Annual General Meeting, to be eligible for any vote at the meeting. Please have your membership card ready to show on arrival (AGM, 4 April 2020).

If subscriptions have not been received by the time we send out the Spring newsletter, a reminder slip is enclosed. Alternatively, members can arrange to pay their subscription by standing order on 1 January each year; or pay by bank transfer.



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FPS Stallion Licensing

	To include DNA* & FIS kits	If already FIS tested**
UK member	£120	£80
UK non member	£240	£200
Overseas member	£125	£85
Overseas non member	£245	£205

* If already DNA typed please apply to the office for appropriate fees.

** If already FIS tested, proof will be required - either sight of Certificate or confirmation from a relevant laboratory, eg AHT, that the colt/stallion has been tested. If a laboratory other than the Animal Health Trust is used, a letter will also be required from the vet who took the sample, confirming that the identity of the pony was also checked. If a laboratory other than the Animal Health Trust is used, a letter will also be required from the vet who took the sample confirming that the identity of the pony was also checked.

FPS Member Directory & The FPS Sales List

Listing in the Member Directory on the web site is purely voluntary, and free. The Directory page is http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/member_dir.htm

If you wish your details to be added please complete the form online. Please remember to update your details with any changes when appropriate. Listings will be removed if current FPS membership lapses.

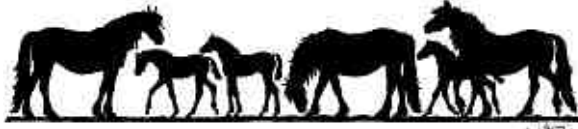
The Sales list of Fell Ponies for sale is
http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/sales_list.htm.

THIS SERVICE IS FREE TO MEMBERS. Each advertisement is shown for 3 months. The fee for non members is £10.

The list is updated with fresh adverts as they are received. There is a printable form on the web site to guide you when writing your advert. Please send it to:

FPS Sales List, Bank House, Boroughgate, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6XF.

To use either of these services you can also e-mail the FPS Office, secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk. The Society's electronic banking details are on page 12 of this magazine.



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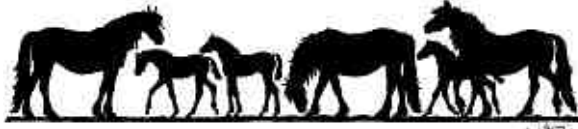
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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Fell Pony Society will be held at Orton Market Hall, Orton, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 3RJ, on Saturday 4 April 2020 at 1.00pm for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions which will be proposed as Special Resolutions.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

The amendment to Clause 2.5.4 as follows:

Family Membership conveys upon ~~its~~ up to two adult members the rights and privileges of Full Members and upon its Junior Members the rights and privileges of Junior Members.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

The addition at Clause 6 as follows:

6.5 PROXY VOTES

6.5.1 Members eligible to vote are entitled to appoint a proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend, speak, and vote at a general meeting of the Charity. A proxy can only be appointed using this procedure.

6.5.2 Appointment of a proxy does not preclude the Member from attending the meeting and voting in person. If a Member appoints a proxy and attends the meeting in person, the proxy appointment will automatically be terminated.

6.5.3 A proxy does not need to be a member of the Charity but must attend the meeting.

6.5.4 To appoint as your proxy a person other than the Chair of the meeting, insert their full name on the proxy notice where indicated. If you sign and return the proxy notice with no name inserted, the Chair of the meeting will be deemed to be the proxy.

6.5.5 Where the appointed proxy is someone other than the Chair, the Member is responsible for ensuring that they attend the meeting and are aware of the Member's voting intentions.

6.5.6 If no voting indication is given, the proxy will vote or abstain from voting at their discretion

6.5.7 To appoint a proxy a hard copy of the proxy notice must be completed and signed by the member and sent to the Secretary prior to start meeting

6.5.8 Any power of attorney or any other authority under which this proxy notice is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy notice.

6.5.9 If you wish to change or revoke your instructions, you can submit another notice or notify the Secretary.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

The amendment to Clause 7.1 (iv) as follows:

Family members over the age of eighteen years on 1st January of the year of the meeting ~~at the date of the meeting.~~

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

The amendment to Clause 8.5.4 as follows:

No written canvassing other than ~~the~~ a statement published in the FPS magazine ~~nomination form~~ shall be permitted.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL

The amendment to Clause 11.1 as follows:

Notice of the meetings may be validly sent by email. ~~It shall not be necessary to give notice of a meeting to a Council meeting who is absent from the United Kingdom.~~

The amendment to Clause 11.7 as follows:

All ~~cheques and orders~~ for the payment of money from such account shall be ~~signed~~ countersigned by ~~either the Secretary or the Treasurer and~~ by one Council Member within one month of the payment.

MINUTES

The amendment to Clause 12.1 as follows:

The Council shall keep Minutes ~~in books kept for the purpose:~~

OFFICERS

The amendment to Clause 16.3 as follows:

any Secretary so appointed may be removed by the Council ~~subject to compliance with any applicable legal requirements.~~

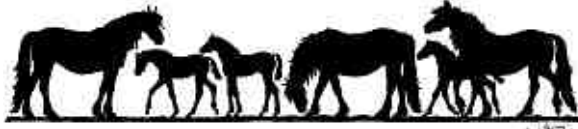
The amendment to Clause 16.4 as follows:

any Treasurer so appointed may be removed by the Council ~~subject to compliance with any applicable legal requirements.~~

For context, a link to the current form of the Memorandum and Articles of Association can be found here: <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/regulations.htm>

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting - Memorandum and Articles of Association

5.2 The accidental omission to give notice to, or non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Company No 3233346

Registered Charity No 1104945

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held at Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ on Saturday 4 April 2020
following the EGM scheduled for 1pm, see page 16

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes 6 April 2019
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of Council
- 7 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st October 2019
- 8 Resolution to appoint Dodd & Co Accountants as Accountants to the Society
- 9 Reports from Sub-Committees
- 10 Any Other Business

Members should notify the Secretary, in writing, of any matters relating to the Accounts, or any matter requiring a detailed answer that they wish to include in the Agenda under "Any Other Business". The Society's officers can then respond fully to any concerns. However such business, if not raised in this way, will not be discussed. Notifications must be received by the Secretary no later than Friday 13th March 2020.

- 11 Presentation of Awards

Notice of General Meeting - Memorandum and Articles of Association

5.2 The accidental omission to give notice to, or non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

Directions to Orton Market Hall CA10 3RJ

From Junction 38 of the M6, take the B6260, signed to Orton and Appleby. Follow the road for three miles to Orton - the Market Hall is in the centre of the village opposite Kennedys Chocolates.

The Fell Pony Society

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 October 2019

Company registration number: 03233346

Charity registration number: 1104945



The Fell Pony Society

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Detailed Income and Expenditure Analysis

The Fell Pony Society

Reference and Administrative Details

Accountant

Dodd & Co Limited
FIFTEEN Rosehill
Montgomery Way
Rosehill Estate
CARLISLE
CA1 2RW

The Fell Pony Society
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	The Fell Pony Society
Charity registration number	1104945
Company registration number	03233346
Principal office	Bank House Boroughgate APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND CA16 5XF
Registered office	FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW
Trustees	P Boustead, Chairman P Metcalfe, Vice Chairman A W Bell R J Brunskill S A Charlton G M Cockbain R M Eastwood M R Goddard G H B Malinson C S Millard J Potter W S Potter J L Rawden C C Roberts C H Robinson G E Simpson D J Slack A Thorpe E A Walker D Wilkinson
Secretary	K Wilkinson

The Fell Pony Society
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

TRUSTEES REPORT

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, Memorandum and Articles of Association, a deed of trust and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks.

Trustees recruitment & training

Trustees are appointed as per the Society's Memorandum & Articles, 8.1 - 9.6.5, as follows –

Council consists of twenty members of the Society. Four members of the Council retire each year but are eligible for immediate re-election at the Annual General Meeting without further nomination. Members shall not be eligible for election to the Council unless they have been Voting Members of the Society for a period of at least five consecutive years.

Nominations for the Council shall be delivered to the Secretary on or before 1st January preceding the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms will be supplied by the Secretary on request. Nomination forms must be signed by two members qualified to vote at the meeting (the proposer and seconder respectively) and the person proposed must sign the nomination form to signify his or her willingness to be appointed.

The person proposed shall include in the nomination form a statement not exceeding 250 words in support of his or her election. No written canvassing other than the statement in the nomination form shall be permitted.

Election to the Council shall be by way of secret postal vote as follows:

The proposer shall have responsibility for ensuring that the nomination is given to the Secretary on or before 1st January preceding the Annual General Meeting.

Ballot papers listing all validly nominated candidates shall be posted to all paid up members entitled to vote at their addresses set out in the register of members not less than twenty one clear days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting.

Completed ballot papers shall be returned to the scrutineer appointed by the Council in a sealed envelope marked 'Fell Pony Society Election of Council' to reach the scrutineer not less than ten days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting and it is the responsibility of members to ensure delivery. Non UK residents may return their ballot paper by facsimile or e-mail to the scrutineer.

Only correctly completed ballot papers shall be valid and no other form of vote will be accepted.

The validity of any ballot paper shall be determined by the scrutineer.

The result of the ballot shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Newly elected trustees are issued with a Declaration of Eligibility and a Confidentiality Statement to read and sign. A pack is also issued with guidance of good practice and roles and responsibilities as a trustee.

New information sent to the Society by the Charity Commission is forwarded to all trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The Fell Pony Society's aim is to foster and keep pure the old breed of pony which has roamed the northern fells for years and to circulate knowledge and general information about the pony breed.

The Fell Pony Society
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

The Society's principal activity during the year was acting as a Breed Society and Passport Issuing Office (approved by DEFRA), dealing with registration of ponies/issuing and updating of passports, applications for memberships, publishing a Stud Book and producing two magazines. The Society held many events throughout the year including the Stallion & Colt Show in May, the Breed Show in August and Southern Show in September as well as an Annual Show and Sale held in October. Many other events were held for Fell Ponies and organised by the support groups who cover all areas of the UK, allowing members to get together and share/gain knowledge of the breed.

In determining these objectives and activities the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

Membership remains consistent with many new members joining in 2019 which is very encouraging for the Society. The Fell Pony was promoted at several events other than shows. The FPS Display Team attended events with the promotions stand and presented a musical ridden display as well as a display of ponies through the ages, this was enjoyed by the general public and the team are already planning for next year. Income from the registration of foals increased slightly on last year, although the number of foals registered was slightly less, and income from transfers of ownership (sale of ponies) recorded through the Society, continues to be on the increase. Continuing support of the Society by way of donations and sponsorship of events remains encouraging.

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Financial Review

See analysis following Report & Statements.

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity. This review encompassed the nature of the Society's continued commitments and future growth.

The review concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, a general reserve equivalent to approximately 75% or 9 months of fund expenditure should be maintained.

The total unrestricted reserves held by the charity at 31 October 2019 were £239,766 with free reserves of £226,545, which exceeds the current reserves policy.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 7 January 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



P Boustead
Trustee



P Metcalfe
Trustee

The Fell Pony Society

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees (who are also directors of The Fell Pony Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Fell Pony Society**

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2019, which are set out on pages 7 to 18.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts; and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Faye Armstrong FCA
Dodd & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

7 January 2020

FIFTEEN Rosehill
Montgomery Way
Rosehill Estate
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CA1 2RW

The Fell Pony Society

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018	
Note	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	4,475	5,500	9,975	160,819
Other trading activities	3	2,246	-	2,246	2,148
Investment income	4	133	-	133	73
Income from charitable activities	5	58,670	-	58,670	62,061
Total income and endowments		65,524	5,500	71,024	225,099
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		73,476	15,497	88,973	78,037
Total expenditure		73,476	15,497	88,973	78,037
Net movements in funds		(7,952)	(9,997)	(17,949)	147,062
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		247,718	45,238	292,956	145,894
Total funds carried forward		239,766	35,241	275,007	292,956

All of the Charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above periods

The Fell Pony Society
Company registration number: 03233346
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2019

	2019	2018
Note	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	11	13,221
Current assets		
Stocks and work in progress	5,024	4,831
Debtors	12	2,482
Cash at bank and in hand	261,393	278,291
	<u>268,899</u>	<u>285,639</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(5,919)
Net current assets	<u>261,786</u>	<u>279,720</u>
Net assets	<u>275,007</u>	<u>292,956</u>
The funds of the charity:		
Restricted funds	35,241	45,238
Unrestricted funds		
Unrestricted income funds	<u>239,766</u>	<u>247,718</u>
Total charity funds	<u>275,007</u>	<u>292,956</u>

For the financial year ended 31 October 2019, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

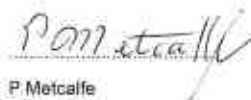
The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 7 January 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



P Boustead
Trustee



P Metcalfe
Trustee

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

Income and endowments

Donations and grants are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the Charity.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Equipment	25% reducing balance basis
Trophies	Not depreciated

The trophies are included at market value and as the residual value is likely to be at least equal to their cost, no depreciation has been charged on these assets.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

Trade Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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Liabilities

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Operating leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Donations and legacies				
Legacies and bequests	-	-	-	150,000
Donations	4,475	-	4,475	5,319
	<u>4,475</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,475</u>	<u>155,319</u>
Grants				
Horserace betting levy board	-	5,500	5,500	5,500
	<u>4,475</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>9,975</u>	<u>160,819</u>

Of the donations and legacies income in 2018, £105,319 related to unrestricted funds and £55,500 related to restricted funds.

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Advertising and sponsorship	1,609	-	1,609	1,555
Raffle	637	-	637	591
	<u>2,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,246</u>	<u>2,146</u>

All of the other trading activities income in 2018 related to unrestricted funds.

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Deposit account interest	133	-	133	73

All of the investment income in 2018 related to unrestricted funds.

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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5 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £	Total Funds 2018 £
Subscriptions	26,137	-	26,137	26,250
Affiliation fees	648	-	648	677
AJ permit	25	-	25	100
Miscellaneous	264	-	264	377
FIS income	1,800	-	1,800	2,420
Stud books and promotional merchandise	5,458	-	5,458	6,782
Shows and other events	5,298	-	5,298	5,875
Registration	5,130	-	5,130	5,290
Transfers	7,540	-	7,540	7,325
Stallion licences	2,500	-	2,500	3,745
DNA	2,420	-	2,420	1,920
Pony sales list	50	-	50	10
Duplicate passports	745	-	745	630
Prefix applications	855	-	855	660
	<u>58,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,670</u>	<u>62,061</u>

All of the income from charitable activities in 2018 related to unrestricted funds.

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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6 Expenditure

	Promoting and running the society	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£
Direct costs			
Upkeep of fell ponies	9,600	9,600	6,400
Show and exhibition expenses	8,065	8,065	7,207
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B.)	5,700	5,700	6,845
Stud books and promotional merchandise	4,537	4,537	4,531
Staff costs	25,919	25,919	23,755
Affiliation fees	197	197	197
Prefix registrations	740	740	445
FIS expenses	2,082	2,082	3,274
DNA expenses	3,013	3,013	3,499
Honoraria	1,120	1,120	1,100
	<u>58,973</u>	<u>58,973</u>	<u>57,253</u>
Support costs			
Travelling	121	121	778
Insurance	3,827	3,827	3,911
Telephone	976	976	1,011
Office expenses	100	100	100
Computer expenses	2,554	2,554	1,343
Printing, stationery and equipment	11,480	11,480	5,500
Postage	6,625	6,625	5,005
Office rent	1,200	1,200	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire	120	120	139
Advertising	228	228	251
Accountancy fees	1,078	1,078	924
Independent examiner's fee	600	600	600
Legal and professional fees	1,076	1,076	-
Depreciation of equipment	15	15	21
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>20,784</u>
	<u>88,973</u>	<u>88,973</u>	<u>78,037</u>

Of the expenditure in 2018, £64,505 related to unrestricted funds and £13,442 related to restricted funds.

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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7 Governance costs

	2019	2018
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,078	924
Independent examiner's fee	600	600
Trustee meeting venue hire	120	139
Legal and professional fees	1,078	-
	2,874	1,663

8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year 1 trustee received a honorarium totalling £620 (2018 - £600).

9 Net (expenditure)/income

Net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	15	21

10 Employees' remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Wages and salaries	25,919	23,755

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2018 - No. 0).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £0 (2018 - £0).

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Trophies £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 November 2018 and 31 October 2019	<u>8,647</u>	<u>13,175</u>	<u>19,822</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 November 2018	8,586	-	8,586
Charge for the year	<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>
As at 31 October 2019	<u>8,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,601</u>
Net book value			
As at 31 October 2019	<u>46</u>	<u>13,175</u>	<u>13,221</u>
As at 31 October 2018	<u>61</u>	<u>13,175</u>	<u>13,236</u>

12 Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,482</u>	<u>2,417</u>

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2019 £	2018 £
Trade creditors	5,060	3,810
Other creditors	183	184
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,870</u>	<u>1,025</u>
	<u>7,113</u>	<u>5,919</u>

14 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

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15 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 October 2019 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	Other	
	2019 £	2018 £
Within two and five years	<u>3,377</u>	<u>-</u>

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16 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company

17 Analysis of funds

	At 1 November 2018	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2019
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
General fund	247,718	65,524	(73,476)	239,766
Restricted Funds				
Horseshoe Betting Levy Board	1,638	5,500	(5,897)	1,241
Fell Pony Upkeep	43,600	-	(9,600)	34,000
	45,238	5,500	(15,497)	35,241
	292,956	71,024	(88,973)	275,007

Horseshoe Betting Levy Board - grant received to cover prize expenditure and premiums payable

Fell Pony Upkeep - legacy received for the upkeep of two fell ponies

18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	13,221	-	13,221	13,236
Current assets	233,658	35,241	268,899	285,639
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(7,113)	-	(7,113)	(5,919)
Net assets	239,766	35,241	275,007	292,956

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Detailed Income and Expenditure Analysis for the Year Ended 31 October 2019

	2019	2018
	£	£
Income		
Legacies and bequests	-	150,000
Donations	4,475	5,319
Advertising and sponsorship	1,609	1,555
Raffle	637	591
Deposit account interest	133	73
Subscriptions	26,137	26,260
Affiliation fees	648	677
AI permit	25	100
Miscellaneous	264	377
FIS income	1,600	2,420
Stud books and promotional merchandise	5,458	6,782
Shows and other events	5,298	5,875
Registration	5,130	5,290
Transfers	7,540	7,325
Stallion licences	2,500	3,745
Horserace betting levy board	5,500	5,500
DNA	2,420	1,920
Pony sales list	50	10
Duplicate passports	745	630
Prefix applications	855	660
	<u>71,024</u>	<u>225,099</u>
Expenditure		
Upkeep of fell ponies	9,600	6,400
Show and exhibition expenses	5,065	7,207
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B.)	5,700	5,845
Stud books and promotional merchandise	4,537	4,531
Staff costs	25,019	23,755
Affiliation fees	187	187
Prefix registrations	740	445
FIS expenses	2,082	3,274
DNA expenses	3,013	3,499
Honosara	1,120	1,100
Travelling	121	776
Insurance	3,827	3,911
Telephone, office and computer expenses	3,630	2,454
Printing, stationery and equipment	11,480	5,500
Postage	6,625	6,006
Office rent	1,200	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire	120	139
Sundry and advertising expenses	228	251
Accountancy and independent examiner's fee	1,678	1,524
Legal and professional fees	1,076	-
Depreciation of equipment	15	21
	<u>88,973</u>	<u>78,037</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the period	<u>(17,949)</u>	<u>147,062</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.

Elections for Council

The following retire and are eligible for re-election: Mrs A Bell, Mrs S Charlton, Mrs G Cockbain, Mr M Goddard. Election addresses are printed below for members' information. Numbers in brackets () represent the number of regular meetings which have not been attended by those Council members serving over the last five years.

Council members standing for re-election

Numbers in brackets () indicate the number of meetings absent over the last 5 years.

MRS ALISON BELL (2)



I have been a council member for the last five years and I would like to thank everyone for their support. I have been involved with Fell Ponies all of my life and I am the fifth generation to breed Lownthwaite Fell Ponies who run as a semi feral herd on the Northern Pennines. I believe that council should be made up of people from different walks of life, because everyone “has something to bring to the table”.

As a council member I hope to represent breeders, especially those with semi feral herds, the younger generation, but most importantly “The Pony”. I think sometimes we get caught up with one thing or another and forget that “The Pony” should be at the heart of all we do. We all need to work together to look after and cherish the breed so that the younger generation can experience as much pleasure as we all get from a Fell Pony whether that be through breeding, showing, riding or simply having a friend to turn to in our hour of need. If re-elected I will continue to serve you the members and our beloved breed to the best of my ability.

MRS SARAH CHARLTON

<photo>

MRS GLENIS COCKBAIN

<photo>

MR MICHAEL GODDARD—prefix, Bewcastle (17)

<photo> My family have been keeping Fell ponies since 1973, so from an early age I have been involved with Fells. In 1993 the late Mary Longsdon had the great Idea that we join forces and take on the Bewcastle prefix and today the stud now breeds Dales and New Forest ponies too.

Being a lowland breeder and having judged Fell ponies here and abroad for many years, I can see the importance for the Society to try and maintain the semi-feral herds so we can all return for a basis for our stock to keep them hardy and true to type.

Over the last five years I have tried my best to be an active council member helping to organise Fell Pony education days on breed type and conformation for members and judges in the North and South of the country.

I am also chairman of the FPS Trainee Judges scheme and chief steward at the breed show and on both the Southern show committee and Northern Show committee.

One of the most enjoyable roles is running the FPS Calendar competition which keeps me in touch with many members.

I always try extremely hard to attend as many council meetings as possible but occasionally my job and the distance to travel from my home in Dorset does not allow this.

If elected I would continue supporting and contribute to the Society ensuring that our traditional tough working breed thrives for the future.

Correction to 2019 Breed Show results

The following was accidentally omitted from the original published results:

Class 16 Group Class Stallion Progeny

1st "Heltondale Mounain Mist", FP3427, Owner Mrs M Thorpe, Breeder The Late Mr W S Noble

Wellbrow Dodger, FP71672G*, f2010, S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Wellbrow Polly Flinders, Owner Miss M L Younger

Wellbrow Kingston, FP72798G, f2017, S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Wellbrow Polly Flinders, Owner Miss M L Younger

Wellbrow Chief, FP71497G, f2009, S: Heltondale Mountain Mist II, D: Heltondale Lucky Girl V, Owner Miss H Martin

Colt & Stallion Grading Scheme 2020

A colt and stallion grading scheme was introduced in the spring of 2016.

During 2020 the scheme is being offered to all colts/stallions born in and after 2012, once they have reached 2yrs of age.

Full details and an application form can be found on the FPS Website under Stallions Listings or obtained from the FPS Office.

Eileen A Walker

Trainee Judges Scheme Report

As part of the Fell Pony Society's aim to foster and keep pure the old breed of pony which has roamed the northern fells for years, and to circulate knowledge and general information about the Fell pony breed, the judging of ponies who enter the show ring and as such, the knowledge, training and experience of our affiliated judges is of paramount importance.

For many years now, the FPS has run a trainee judges scheme to engage, train and mentor enthusiastic members in the pursuit of ensuring our cohort of judges who represent the society both nationwide and globally are of exceptional quality, breadth and high integrity.

Last year we had five new judges join the panel, with Melissa Kreuzer flying the flag on the other side of the Atlantic in the USA. Between them they will bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to the panel; with a mix of traditional hill breeders and professional producers adding to the range and diversity of qualified judges on our list. This year three further judges have begun the training scheme, each showing great tenacity, enthusiasm and knowledge for the Fell pony breed - all with their own unique knowledge to bring to the show ring in due course.

The trainee judges scheme is coordinated in a way that aims to support and mentor new judges from all backgrounds so that on qualification they have gained experience in all areas of judging; from analysis of breed type, characteristics, conformation and performance, to ring management and best practice on how to manage competitors, show secretaries and spectators!

Following application and an assessment day, during which applicants are asked to demonstrate their knowledge of ponies both practically by judging an array of ponies before them, and theoretically by answering a range of hypothetical questions, suitable candidates are put forward for training. At this point, experienced master judges will be assigned to each candidate and they will act as a mentor to their trainee during the course of their time on the scheme. Trainees will be expected to attend a number of shows, the object of which is to learn from the judge on the day about their approach to judging fell ponies, about different types and styles of shows and showing, and most importantly to demonstrate their understanding of the breed and develop confidence in doing so.

It is only through the nurturing of new generations of high quality judges that the Fell Pony Society, and all other native breed societies, can ensure that the quality of the ponies produced and bred from going forward conforms to the breed standard that makes the Fell pony so unique.

We would welcome applications from any enthusiastic potential judges for the training season of 2021. Candidates must have been a full member of the Fell Pony Society for a minimum of three consecutive years and apply with two references from current panel judges or council members. Applications can be downloaded from the FPS website and should be sent to Jenny Grealish (née Charlton) at fpsjudgessecretary@gmail.com.

Agriculture Bill Briefing 2019 - RBST

For the last 40 years the conservation of our native livestock and equines been entirely thanks to the hard work of a few dedicated tenacious individuals. But the new Agriculture Bill will change all that, in future they will have some help from the Government.

This is something RBST has been pressing for for many months.

The aim of the Bill is to shift agricultural policy towards paying farmers for the various public benefits they provide, rather than paying them for simply owning land, as is the case with the Basic Payment Scheme (BPS), the current scheme for supporting farmers.

This only applies in England. The Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish governments will be making their own decision, though RBST will be encouraging them to adopt a similar approach to England.

Most of the public benefits mentioned in the Agriculture Bill are environmental, such as improving water and soil quality or to mitigate and adapt to climate change. However, the list also allows the Government to pay for:

‘conserving native livestock, native equines or genetic resources relating to any such animal’

The explanatory notes to the Bill give an indication of the sort of things the money could be spent on:

‘These measures could, for example, be used to incentivise farmers to invest in rearing rare and native breeds or species, because these genetic resources may offer a way to sustainably increase food production and/or improve our capacity to adapt to climate change or the emergence of new animal or plant diseases by providing a breadth of genetic traits. These powers could also be used to incentivise existing gene banks to safeguard UK native and rare breed genetics or to provide on farm measures to manage disease risks amongst populations of rare breed livestock.’

So, the scope power is very wide, perhaps surprisingly so. It allows for the support of all native livestock and equines. There is no requirement that they are rare, or that they are a member of a breed or even registered.

Unlike the situation with BPS, there is no requirement to hold a certain amount of land.

Of course, this doesn't mean that the government will be giving money to everyone who owns a native animal. They will be deciding priorities and devising one or more schemes each with its own eligibility criteria and rules to deliver on them.

But it does mean that we can go back to first principles and work out what we really need government to do help turn around the fortunes of our native livestock and equines. RBST has already given some considerable thought to what's required, and over the coming weeks and months we will be talking to our members and others to get more ideas.

Moreover, the power to directly support native livestock and equines, is not the only one of interest in the Bill. There are also powers to give financial assistance for new entrants, improving productivity and support for marketing. RBST will be pressing government to use these powers to both help revive the local abattoir network and promote the full range of native livestock produce.

The changes won't happen overnight. BPS will be phased out over seven years starting in 2021 and the new schemes will be phased in over the same period. As yet we do not know how much money will be involved, neither the size of the overall budget or how much individual farmers and breeders can hope to receive.

RBST will, of course, be lobbying for the extent and level of support to be sufficient to fully restore the populations of our native livestock and equines.

Christopher Price, Rare Breeds Survival Trust CEO

FPS Youngstock & Performance Points Scheme 2019

Foal (1 entry)

1st Carrock Night King FP73110C
Owner/Exhib. John Cockbain 450 points

Yearling (3 entries)

1st Stunstead Babybel FP6517.
Owner/Exhib. Carrie-Ann Richardson
935 points

2nd Rackwood Aurora FP6510.
Owner/Exhib. Eileen A Walker 160
points

3rd Rackwood Lucky Lady FP6606.
Owner/Exhib. Eileen A Walker 50 points

Two Year Old (1 entry)

1st Boutime Mary FP6373. Owner/Exhib.
Diane Key 670 points

Three Year Old (0 entries)

Four Year Old & over - In Hand (5 entries)

1st Murthwaite Sid FP72253G*.
Owner/Exhib. Julie Smith 1470 points

2nd Rackwood Maggie May FP5345.
Owner/Exhib. Eileen A Walker 675
points

3rd Bracklinn Maggie FP3184.
Owner/Exhib. Sharron Camp 410 points

4th Rundales Volley FP6112.
Owner/Exhib. Rachel Woodruff 200
points

5th Stennerskeugh Smoke FP70691G*.
Owner/Exhib. Gilly Chippendale 140
points

Four Year Old & over - Performance (3 entries)

1st Hardendale Rowan FP2918. Owner
Jackie Cheetham Exhib. Emily Cheetham
1410 points

2nd Murthwaite Sid FP72253G*.
Owner/Exhib. Julie Smith 860 points

3rd Townend Lulu FP5475. Owner Jackie
Cheetham Exhib. Emily Cheetham 440
points

Junior Rider (3 entries)

1st Hardendale Rowan FP2918. Owner
Jackie Cheetham Exhib. Emily Cheetham
1410 points

2nd Wellbrow Duke FP70780G*. Owner
Lynn Griffiths Exhib. Bethany Griffiths
1150 points

3rd Townend Lulu FP5475. Owner Jackie
Cheetham Exhib. Emily Cheetham 440
points

Dressage (3 entries)

1st Wellbrow Duke FP70780G*. Owner
Lynn Griffiths Exhib. Bethany Griffiths
1090 points

2nd Ruby III FP5032*. Owner/Exhib.
Carrie-Ann Richardson 1000 points

3rd Rackwood Maggie May FP5345.
Owner/Exhib. Eileen A Walker 580
points

Driving (5 entries)

1st Raisbeck Cappuccino FP70945G.
Owner Fiona Bubb. Exhib. Linda Wiggin
1480 points

2nd Stennerskeugh Smoke FP70691G*.
Owner/Exhib. Gilly Chippendale 1255
points

3rd Greenholme George FP72046G.
Owner Fiona Bubb. Exhib. Linda Wiggin
510 points

4th Huntsmans Dillon FP71416G.
Owner/Exhib. Teresa Whitehead 160
points

5th Brackenthwaite Duke FP71222G*.
Owner/Exhib. Teresa Whitehead 140
point

Champion Stallion - Murthwaite Ice Man

Champion Mare - Murthwaite Dainty

Christine Robinson

Endurance Results 2019 Rosettes

Highest Competitive Distance

1 Lownthwaite Vincent

Highest Pleasure Distance

1 Lownthwaite Cameo

2 Ambrook Bryher

3 Lownthwaite Vincent

4 Shadowcroft Pagan Princess

5 Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu

6 Townend Dillon

Accumulative Rosettes

Lownthwaite Vincent 500km

Lownthwaite Cameo 500km

Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu 500km

The Endurance Scheme ride card can be downloaded from the Awards page on the FPS web site. Don't worry if your ride is in miles - I will convert it to kilometres. If you have a problem please contact me.

Fiona Carradus

fionacarradus682@btinternet.com or tel: 01539 821790

The Edinburgh Prize for Driving

BRACKENTHWAITE DUKE FP71222G and HUNTSMANS DILLON FP71416G

I would like my Fell ponies Brackenthwaite Duke and Huntsmans Dillon (aka Duke and Django) to be considered for the Edinburgh Prize in recognition of their work with the RDA Carriage Driving Group at Cobbes Meadow, near Canterbury.

Our sessions are run on Friday mornings and the participants can choose the challenge of driving a cones and obstacle course in the outside arena or just enjoy a relaxing drive through adjoining woodland.

Not every animal is suitable for RDA work; the pony must stand patiently whilst a disabled person (sometimes in a wheelchair) is helped onto the carriage, they should not react adversely to unusual noises and they need to be sensible in company. The pony should also be forward going and responsive, which is why Fell ponies are so well suited to this job.

Duke passed his assessment as an RDA pony in April 2018 and has become a much loved member of our Group. This year, he took part in the RDA South East Annual Driving Show for the first time and was placed 2nd in the Novice Driving Class with Andrew Norman and 2nd in the Open Class with Pat Hammond. Duke behaved impeccably on an extremely long and hot day and was much admired by other competitors and spectators!

We have also been training Django as an RDA pony over the past year, and he was successfully assessed in October 2019. Since then he has been driven by our participants who are enjoying the challenge of driving a new pony.

We enjoy all BDS activities and Django went to the BDS Annual Show at Smiths Lawn this year for the first time, where we were very excited to parade past Her Majesty the Queen!

I am so proud of Duke and Django for their part in helping disabled people to participate in carriage driving and for being such wonderful ambassadors for the Fell breed.

Teresa Whitehead 27.12.2019

Colour photo on back cover



Brackenthwaite Duke and Huntsmans Dillon

The Peahill Basil Award

We would like to nominate our Fell, Wellbrow Desperate Dan for the Peahill Basil Veteran Fell Pony Award.



Danny is our Basil, that one pony who just keeps on giving. Danny is 22 now and over the past 18 years he has been the rock on which our small family trekking business has been built. Meeting Danny was our first encounter with Fell ponies, but there followed nine others, all from the nearby Wellbrow stud.

Danny's example has helped us to train all the subsequent ponies and they still respect him as "the don". Throughout those years he has been trustworthy, steadfast and loyal, unswerving in his capacity to do his job, the second-in-command on whom I have relied. He has always had my back.

He has been adaptable in every way, working in the team with any and every other pony, and where others sometimes fail, Danny is always there to step up. He has been the "go to" pony for hundreds of people, especially newbies, young, old, nervous, oblivious, disabled, excited or those who have had replacement knees and hips! He has coped with it all inscrutably. He will take children down the lane, or he will take septuagenarians round the Mary Towneley Loop. One novice elderly gentleman declared him Daniel Surehooves!

Every week for the past 7 years he has been ridden by Mikey, a severely disabled young man, who comes with a dedicated team of three carers. Come rain or shine, in fact "the wetter the better" for Mikey, Danny has coped with whatever happens - Mikey's "singing", his hat being thrown off, clothes being discarded, the rider dismounting as he goes along, the bin men, the post man and whatever the elements throw at us.

He has been ridden too by Matt Baker from BBC Countryfile who said that he felt he was rooted in the landscape while riding him - a true understanding of how riding a Fell should feel. The Fell trait of stubbornness was amply demonstrated when competing in a Handy Pony class - why would he go and open a gate in the middle of a field when he could so clearly go round it! To date his only win has been the red rosette for "The pony with the roundest bottom" - of course!! But for us he will always be a winner.

Chris Thomas, Peers Clough Farm, Rossendale

Westmorland Show

Being held in early September, the weather at Westmorland County Show can be challenging, but this year the rain was exceptional due to the appearance of an unwanted visitor in the form of the tail of Hurricane Dorian that had previously battered the Bahamas and the U.S.

The show was renamed 'Wetmorland' by official photographer Adrian Sinclair, of Sinclair Photography, who listed a camera and two camera lenses as casualties on the day. But we're a hardy bunch in Cumbria, and not likely to let a little precipitation, or, more accurately, a quagmire, spoil our showing fun; especially when we are able to dry out in the glorious sunshine that put in an appearance at the end of the day; just as everyone had been towed off the field.

Michael Rawlinson judged the Fell Pony section, where quality was certainly in evidence, and chose Nicola Chippendale's consistent Greenholme Hot Rod as his champion. Sired by Greenholme Diego, dam Greenholme White Rose, this typey gelding regularly takes the top spot when shown in hand.

Reserve was Hayley Martin's super yearling Wellbrow Lennie (Wellbrow Rover/Wellbrow Chancy - *pictured below*); another good example of the breed, who, like Hot Rod, looks to have a good future ahead of him, and had also won his class at the FPS Breed show in August.

Claire Simpson



Sinclair Photography

Fell Pony Visits Orton C of E Primary School

Diana Slack brought Raisbeck Casino to Orton on 31st October. Di unloaded the pony at Hall Farm and walked her to school.

Head teacher Emma Pomfret had not told the children about the visit beforehand so they were very excited to see a pony coming into their playground. We were lucky to have a bright sunny afternoon, as the whole school stood outside for an hour to meet us and hear about the breed.

Afterwards Emma said, "Thank you so much for bringing such a lovely and patient Fell Pony to visit us at Orton school. We absolutely loved your visit and it was the highlight of our day. Surprisingly it was the first time some of our children had had such a close encounter with a pony. It was the first day at our school for one child who had just moved from New Zealand, and it certainly helped to make his day special and memorable. Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you again in the future."

Sue Millard



Pupils meeting Raisbeck Casino (Cassie)



The netball hoop seems to have given Di and Cassie haloes for the afternoon.

Emma Pomfret

The Fell Pony Society Annual Show & Sale 2019

The Fell Pony Society held its annual sale of registered Fell ponies at the North West Auctions J36 Rural Auction Centre, near Kendal, Cumbria, on Saturday 26 October. There were 94 ponies entered with 80 forward on the day; 62 sold through the ring; and two following the sale.

The lots forward included the usual good selection of quality ponies of all ages and attracted a large crowd of buyers from all over the UK and beyond; as well as many of us who went 'for a look' and enjoyed a good catch up with friends that we haven't seen since the summer shows.

The sale was preceded by three in hand show classes sponsored by CWS Hay & Straw and W.C.F. and judged by Ruby Williams. The first class was for ponies four years and over; the second for youngstock one to three years; and the largest class for foals, for which 15 foals came forward for judging.



Claire Simpson

Ruby was very pleased with the quality and turnout of ponies and chose the four-year-old black mare Nortontowers Gemma (Wellbrow Rover x Nortontowers Daisy), as her champion. Consigned by Ray Alderson, this newly broken mare that Ruby described as 'sweet' impressed with her movement and type and went on to make the highest price on the day, achieving 3000 guineas.

The reserve championship went to Wendy Dickinson's Wansfell Krystal (Heltondale Rover V x Wansfell Ruby) a cracking brown filly foal that went on to sell for 950 guineas. The winner of the youngstock class was the super bay yearling filly Bowins Bella (Brocklebank Absinthe x Stunstead Treacle).

The first pony into the packed sale ring, a four-year-old mare Greenhead Grace (Wellbrow Leo x Greenhead Debbie) from W Carr, Halifax, sold at 1000gns. Top priced foal was Greenholme Northern Star, a black colt from the Potter Family that had attracted a lot of interest and made 1300 gns. It was the Potter Family who also sold the second highest priced foal, a brown colt, Greenholme Ninja (Greenholme Diego x Greenholme Heidi Ho) at 1000gns.

Claire Simpson

A good trade in the foal section saw many selling in excess of 500gns, but interesting to note that it is currently the colts that are making the highest prices.

It was another pleasant, sociable day with lots of lovely ponies forward and going to super new homes. Many ponies sold through the annual sale in previous years have gone on to excel in various disciplines, and it will be good to follow the future progress of this year's entries in their new homes.

Full Results:

Class 1 - Pony 4 years and over

1. R. Alderson - Nortontowers Gemma
2. M.J. Woods - Lathomdale Bess

Class 2 - Pony 1-3 years

1. J. Miller - Bowins Bella
2. J. Kershaw - Bowins Dave
3. G.T.Hodgson - Nortontowers Jake
4. S. Mallinson - Nabside Galahad

Class 3 - Colt or Filly Foal

1. W.E.J. Dickinson - Wansfell Krystal
2. P.H. Hodgson - Nortontowers Katy
3. R.J. & B.K. Potter - Greenholme Ninja
4. R. Morland - Lunesdale Madeline
5. E. Winder - Dalewin Whizz Kid
6. R.J. & B.K. Potter - Greenholme Nemo

Claire Simpson



North East Area Support Group

Last autumn we learned that a very special 8yr old boy, who is one of our junior members, was very poorly and needed a rather intensive course of treatment. Victoria Parker, a North East Committee member was very quick to offer support to his family through a fund raising auction to be held via facebook. Auction gifts were requested and in record time there were 25 items ready to be put up for sale. The family wanted all of the proceeds to go to 'Candlelighters' who are a charity providing funds and supporting the families at Leeds General Hospital Children's Oncology Day Unit. I would like to thank everyone who got involved in this unique event which took place on the weekend of 23rd and 24th November 2019. Many individuals offered gifts and many more made bids for the lots. There was a great deal of fun banter going on over the course of the weekend pushing up the prices until we raised the incredible figure £1075 for 'Candlelighters'. Well done everyone and especially Victoria for executing her idea.

Our first event of 2020 is our Sunday Lunch Social and Awards Presentation. This will take place on Sunday 2nd of February at Hardwick Hall Hotel. I am writing this report before the event has taken place so unable to disclose all of the prize winners but the North East special trophies are to go to:

Volunteer of the Year:	Eileen Walker
Junior Rider / Handler of the Year:	Leo Tilson
Adult Rider / Handler of the Year:	Mark Gallagher
Fell Pony Representative of the Year:	Rackwood Maggie May



Award winners at the Spring lunch on 2 February. From left to right: Ben Summers, Eileen Walker, Margaret Raines who presented the trophies, Mark Gallagher, Victoria Parker, Julie Smith.

You all must start filling in your record books for 2020 to be included in the rosettes at our 2021 event. The special trophies are voted on by the committee but you can nominate people and ponies by email to vix2000en@gmail.com. The special trophies will have a new recipient each year so your time will come!

Our calendar of events for 2020 is rather full and can be viewed on the FPS Website on the support group page.

On 1st March we are holding our annual dressage competition at East Durham Collage, Houghall Campus. We are trialling a new format this year which is an express dressage and a Richard Telford clinic.

On the 15th March we are holding a Beach Ride at Seaton Carew. This was a popular event in 2016 so we decided to do it again and is open to Fells and friends. Full details will be available on the website in due course.

On the 5th April we will be supporting the Highland, Fell, Dales and Exmoor Roadshow at the RDA Unicorn Centre in Middlesbrough. The full details are on the website and places must be pre-booked.

Our Hairy Pony Camp is being held over the weekend of 1st - 3rd May at Linnel Wood. This is a very popular event open to Highland and Fell ponies and is run with the North East Highland Pony Enthusiast Club.

This leads us into show time with the Native Pony Festival taking place on Sunday 17th May. This is a fabulous day out for all native pony lovers and is held at Throckley, just outside Newcastle and close to the A69.

Durham County Show is being held on Sunday 28th June at Ushaw Estate close to Durham City and as a relatively new show would greatly benefit from your support.

On the 19th July we are having a pleasure ride on Cotherstone Moor and our final event of our year will be the Performance Trials to be held at Linnel Wood near Hexham on Sunday 20th September.

We hope that provides something for everyone but we are always open to suggestions for new events. The jumping development course that we ran over the school holidays last year was very popular and may be offered again in 2020 if anyone is interested. Two years ago we tried to hold a cross country training day but the weather was against us and it had to be cancelled but who knows, 2020 may offer the right conditions to consider this event again during August. Please keep watching our facebook page and the FPS Website for up to date information.

I would like to conclude by wishing everyone a fabulous year doing what you enjoy most with your Fell ponies and please try and attend at least one of our events.

Eileen A Walker (eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk)

North West Area Support Group

Looking back over the last 12 months the NW Support group has had a busy time. We keep trying to add new events to involve riders and non-riders as well as competitive showing members. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Amanda Bridges, who has resigned from her role as secretary to the group after a number of years. Vicky Townsend has kindly agreed to take on the role following our AGM in January.

Dates for 2020

3-5 July 2020 - NW Area Fell Pony Camp

This will once again be held at Newton Rigg where the facilities suit our requirements. Arrival on Friday evening will be followed by a BBQ and quiz. Saturday will be the usual training day where we will have sessions in flat-work, jumping and horse massage techniques. Saturday evening Jo Birkbeck will present a round pen/natural horsemanship demo, which will once again be opened upto non camp attendees. Sunday will be dressage and clear round jumping day.

20th September 2020 - Driving Demo

This will be held at Newton Rigg with training/demo from a number of driving members. It will give you the opportunity to 'have a go', ask questions and learn a bit more about driving.

14th November 2020 - Foal Show

This will be held at Inglewood Equestrian Centre, back after a year off due to flu

regulations. A full schedule will be available nearer the time but will include classes for foals and youngstock.

We would love to see you join us at some of our events. Please see the FPS website, our facebook page, or email Catherine.wrigley@sky.com for booking information and forms. Whether you are training towards competitions or just enjoying your lovely fell ponies, the North West Area Group has an event to suit you.

Have a great year!

Cath Wrigley

Chair

Midlands East Area Support Group

Beds, Bucks, Cambs, Herts, Leics, Lincs, Rutland, Norfolk, Northants and Suffolk

We are planning a new programme of events and shows for 2020. Come and join us with or without your ponies, make new friends and find other Fell enthusiasts and owners in your county. We have fun socialising and visiting studs as well as competing. Contact details below.

New for this year is our hacking Points form, very easy to complete and hopefully getting new people to join our Points competition.

This year we shall be hoping to have a new event in Bedfordshire, Buckingham area.

In the Autumn we had a Social for Fell enthusiasts, with Exmoor and Dales friends joining us in Kings Lynn. Some of our Points Awards were given for Norfolk and Suffolk. We were delighted to have a good turnout and discover more Fells in the area.

The rest of the Awards were given in a celebration on 9 November when we had a talk from Sarah Bartlett who gave an amazing talk about her Coast to Coast journey with her Fell pony Billy.

To finish the year we had a Christmas Fun Show, with gymkhana type events and Father Christmas.

My thanks go to all the organisers of the events, for their time and hard work, because without them our ponies and riders would not have so much fun and the public would not have a chance to see them.

2020 SHOWS and ACTIVITIES

11.30 Saturday 22 February, **FPS and MESH Support Group lunch and Meeting** to plan activities for the year. The Elms, Rugby Rd, Lutterworth, LE 17 4HB. Contact Kate Merry bkmerry@gmail.com or 01788 823215.

Sunday 10 May, **Highland, Fell Dales and Exmoor Native Roadshow**, Stow on the Wold. Contact debbiejanespears@gmail.com.

Saturday 30 May **Sandringham Fell, Dales and Exmoor Show**. Entries, Mandy Rostron, The Cottages, The Green, Deopham, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 9DH. Dpsarea9@btinternet.com.

24 May, 5 July, 9 August, **Midlands East Horse and Pony Shows** held at Gotham Show Field, Gotham. Contact Nic Shortland nicshortland@yahoo.com.

13 September, **FPS Southern Breed Show**, Berkshire College of Agriculture, Maidenhead, SL6 6QR, www.fellsouthernshow.com

All new events and details will be posted on FPS Midland Facebook site and the website fps-mesh.co.uk

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Midlands West Area Support Group

The Midlands West Area Group concluded 2019 with the annual Group Awards Presentation lunch and Christmas get together which was held on Saturday the 30th November at the Hollybush Inn, Seighford, Stafford. Members enjoyed a delicious carvery meal which was then followed by the presentation of the rosettes and trophies which were presented this year by Ken Anderson BVMS MRCVS, a former Top Spec Vet of the Year. The main winners were as follows.

In the Performance section the overall winner, by a large margin, was Chestermann Dandy partnered by Sonyarisa Duckhouse. This performance also saw Sonyarisa awarded the Eileen Davies Memorial Trophy for a second time. The highest placed In Hand pony and winner of the Ken Saxon Memorial Trophy was Mark and Helen Gallagher's Hillhead Whiskey with another Hillhead pony, Hillhead Horace and Heidi Saxon Bland taking the MWFPSS Group Veteran Rose Bowl.

In the competition driving section, last year's winning team of Raisbeck Cappuccino and Linda Wiggan were again victorious. The leisure driving category was dominated by Sarah Bartlett and Waverhead Bombadere (Billy) who also convincingly won the Happy Hacker section. Sarah and Billy were also presented with a special rosette to mark their recent Fell From Coast to Coast Ride which was an outstanding achievement and raised a significant amount of money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The TREC salver award had a new home this year with Tamara Habberley and her mare Greenholme Shandy, this award having previously been won for successive years by Jo Wall and Ashness Black Rupert. Many congratulations went to Fiona Bubb and Greenholme George who won the dressage trophy.

The last but not least award of the afternoon was the Midlands West Group Committee Award presented to a member, or in this case members of the Group who were deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to the Fell Breed through the Midlands West Area Group. This year's worthy winners were Keith and Joan Dorman (Scotgate Fell Ponies) who have been longstanding members of the Midlands West and have taken part or helped with many of the events held over the years. We are very indebted to them both for such loyal and committed support.

Following the presentation of awards and in appreciation of their help, several members were thanked including Awards Officer Alyson Hurcomb who again on the day teamed up with Jayne Walster to sell an amazing amount of raffle tickets, breaking

previous records, as well as collecting sponsorship for our 2020 Group Shows. Thanks also went to Heidi Saxon Bland and Mum, Lynn Saxon, for all their help with the event and our Group treasurer Barry Stamp who had a busy day as our master of ceremonies and auctioneer - our members' generosity in supporting both the mini auction and raffle raised some useful Group funds. Thanks were also expressed to Nat Toft of Shropshire Rosettes for again supplying such beautiful rosettes.

In conclusion, event organiser Diane Key said, "It was so heartening to see the entry numbers increase again for this year's awards with some new members taking part. It was also good to see new faces at the luncheon enjoying receiving their very well deserved awards. The appeal of the performance awards is steadily growing and we are looking at ways to widen this even further next year to get more members involved. We all do this for the love of breed, and it was again inspiring to see our members involved with such passion in so many different activities with their ponies."



Some of the award winners: *photos left to right*, Ken Anderson BVMS MRCVS presenting Sarah Bartlett with the Happy Hacker and Leisure Driving Awards; Ken Anderson presenting the Eileen Davies Memorial Trophy for Chestermann Dandy to Sonyarisa Duckhouse; Lyn Saxon presenting the MW Veteran Award for Hillhead Horace to Heidi Saxon Bland.

Below: Lunch in full swing



Full results on the 2019 Performance Awards are available from the Group website which can be found at www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk as well as event and Group membership information.

John Glaze Memorial Photography Competition

In memory of John Glaze, the Group will be holding an annual photography competition which will be judged by John's Family. There will be a perpetual trophy for the winning entry plus rosettes for runners up. These will be presented at the annual Group awards. The theme for 2020 will be Fell Ponies and Food! Full entry details will be available shortly.

Membership

Membership of the Group will remain at £5.00 for the forthcoming year, details for joining the Group and membership forms are available from our Group website - www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk or from 01785 282922/ diane@fellpony.me.uk

Accounts

Accounts for 2019 are now being finalised but funds appear to be in good health and will be examined at the next Committee meeting on February 16th 2020. Once approved will be sent to the Fell Pony Society for their records.

Group Awards

Forms for 2020 are now available from our Group web site. A list of entry rules is also available on the website. Please note to enter the awards you must be a current fully paid up member of the Midlands West Group. Membership forms are also available on the Group website.

Events Confirmed 2020

Sunday 3rd May 2020 - Spring Festival of Fells Show at Rodbaston Equestrian Centre, Rodbaston Drive, Penkridge, Stafford, ST19 5PH - Fell Pony Judge Mrs Pam Cox. New for this year BSPS qualifiers to be judged by Mrs Emma Livesey and WHP Judge Mr Simon Tilley. Limited overnight stabling will be available All ponies forward must have an up to date vaccination record in their passports. Schedules and entry forms are available to download from our Group web site www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk . For any more information please contact Heidi Saxon Bland on heidibland71@gmail.com.

Sunday 28th June 2020 - Derbyshire Fell Pony Show at Barleyfields EC, Etwall, Derbyshire, DE65 6HT There will be Ridden, In Hand, WH, NPS Dressage and Driving Classes. Other qualifying classes are also hoped to be included. The Fell Pony Judge will be Mr Russell Sutcliffe (Darrenvale). Schedules and entry forms will be available to download from our Group website shortly. All ponies forward must have an up to date vaccination record in their passports. For more information please contact Diane Key 01785 282922/email diane@fellpony.me.uk.

Other Planned Events 2020

Presentation given by Sarah Bartlett about her epic Fell From Coast To Coast Ride to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support with her pony her Fell Pony Waverhead Bombadere (Billy) - date and venue to be confirmed.

'Paws For Mary' Dog Show in memory of Mary Longsdon MBE to be held at Ivy Cottage Paddock, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ.

Full details, schedules and entry forms can be found on our Group website - www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk or telephone the event contact as above or find us on Facebook - Fell Pony Society Midlands West Support Group.

South West Area Support Group

Upcoming event: The Dorset Fell Show will be held on Sunday May 3 at Moreton Equestrian Centre, Dorchester. The schedule is available at <https://.dorsetfellshow.co.uk>. Entries to be in by 26 April please.

Entries have been very low over the past few years and the show is perilously close to becoming unviable. This will be the last time this show is run, unless entries increase.

Anyone who has been to this show will tell you what a great day out you will have with your pony. It's a friendly show and well run, so do bring a pony or two if you can. If you can't enter your pony, please consider sponsoring a class.

A Christmas ride: Gemma Taylor writes from Cornwall.

At the beginning of December, Jan Bowerman and I arranged a Christmas Fell pony ride for our Facebook group 'Fell ponies in Cornwall'. In total 14 Fell ponies attended, and what an amazing sight it was! We all dressed in Christmas outfits, including the ponies! We rode around the National Trust Penrose Estate at Helston, and we saw the beach at Looe Bar. We were stopped by many people who asked us about the ponies, so it was a great chance to spread the Fell pony word. We hope to plan many more adventures during 2020!



It is with sadness that Diana McGrail reports the death of her lovely pony, Lydvale Jet. Jet was bred by Bob & Sue McNamara in Devon, and had been with Diana since he was a three-year-old. Many of you will have seen Jet out and about as he was a very active Fell pony, showing the world how versatile, and full of charm, these ponies are. He is very much missed.

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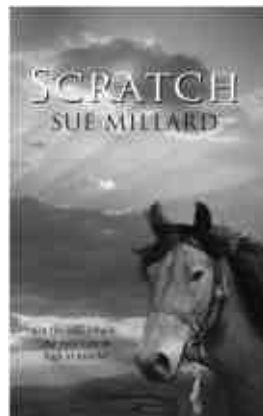
SCRATCH

by Sue Millard

In this sequel to *Against the Odds* Sian and Madoc have borrowed heavily to buy a neglected farm. They are land-rich now but short of cash and indebted not only to the bank but to members of their family. When Madoc's brother calls-in a big loan, the tensions begin to mount... and on the wild fellsides, for someone the stakes are as high as murder.

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Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas

2019 Activity Report

July - Breyerfest, Kentucky Horse Park, KENTUCKY. Fell ponies were represented by:
Littletree Born Supremacy - Allison Wolff - Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Littletree Tia Maria - Heather Kyle - Friday and Saturday
ScafellPike Back in Black - Brandy Murray - Sunday.

The Fell Conservancy had a banner display with flyers available to the public

August 30 - 31, 2019 - Brookside Equestrian Park, Elk Grove, CA

The Fell Conservancy helped support this show with a ribbon donation for the M&M Ridden class and helped promote entry solicitations via email & social media.

A rather quiet year. We are saving up for 2021.

Victoria Tollman

Fell Pony Society & Conservancy of the Americas,
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Heather Kyle, from Scafell Pike Fell Pony stud in Kentucky, attended Breyerfest at the Kentucky Horse Park last July with her import mare Littletree Tia Maria, on behalf of the Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of North America and the Equus Survival Trust.

Results of the 2021 Calendar Competition

What a great response from our members for the 2021 calendar. A big 'Thank you' to all the members who sent photographs to me last year - the standard keeps getting better and better.

This year the competition was judged by two members of the Midlands West Area Support Group, who will receive a calendar with our grateful thanks. The photographer of each selected photograph qualifies for a free calendar, and the overall winner of the calendar competition, Stacy Anne Longrigg, and the runner-up, Becky Morland, will also receive a £10 and £5 FPS Voucher, respectively.

Cover picture, Ruth Chamberlain, Cumbria

January, Janine Barlow, Lancashire

February, Georgina Ellis, Cumbria

March, Gilly Chippendale, Cumbria

April, Janine Barlow, Lancashire

May, Joanne Exley, West Yorkshire

June, Mark Dockray, West Yorkshire

July, Marlyn McInnes, Perthshire

August, Iain McKendrick, Wigtownshire

September, Nicola Evans, Cumbria

October, Ruth Chamberlain, Cumbria

November, Stacy A Longrigg, Cumbria

December, Becky Morland Cumbria

Congratulations to everyone listed above. Calendars should be available at and following the Spring AGM. So now we look forward to entries for the 2022 calendar.

As before, landscape format images (i.e wider than high) are preferred to portrait format although we still accept good portrait images. Either digital or hard copy have to scale up to the calendar format at 11" X 7" and so have to be of high resolution (300dpi minimum). See FPS website for more information.

Michael Goddard.

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Waverhead Ted

You can never put a Fell pony to the wrong job - at least that's what I've always believed.

When Jimmy Bell sold us Waverhead Ted, he came with the guarantee that "I promise you that he will do anything that you want him to do." Never a truer word was spoken and I reckon that the last 18 months or so have certainly put that to the test!



Ted joined our family at weaning - he was a real character from day one. He accompanied Alison and Katy to so many top events, everything from showing in hand, to ridden showing; from pushing the barriers in sidesaddle where he held his own against some of the smartest hunters in the ring to Fell Pony Southern Show Supreme Champion; competing at Horse of the Year Show; taking part in musical rides and showing in the Queen's garden at Royal Windsor. All courtesy of my two lovely daughters, Alison Torode and Katy Downing.

You can imagine my incredulity that when I retired from full time employment the girls suggested it was about time that I rode Ted - having been around to all the top events with them, looking after them and my grandchildren, leading Ted, doing so many things that are required, but not on top of the pony. This was scary stuff for someone approaching their 70th birthday and who had not ridden for over 30 years. To suggest that I ride this wonderful pony who has achieved so much. Our precious, very precious pony. Was this really a good idea? Really?

The girls thought so - it would be good for dear Ted as he approached 21 years of age, get him out a bit more and give me something to do - like I don't have enough! There was no getting out of it and so started my long journey, my incredible journey. Getting back to riding - it seemed a long way ahead.

Ted had always been very patient with everyone who had ridden him - not that there were many, Alison, Katy and my three grandchildren Gracie (12), Molly (7) and Flo (6) - surely there wasn't a huge amount to worry about? After all Ted had only ever parted company with two people and on both occasions it was their own fault! So deep breath and crack on.

It was agreed that I would go twice a week, catch Ted and give him a brush (no worries with any of that) then ride. Katy came the first time I was going to ride and we walked to the mounting block with me shaking from nerves, but there was no getting out of it now. 'Come on Mum, you will be just fine, promise.' I wished I felt that confident. Up the steps of the mounting block to the top - far too far above Ted. Katy held on the stirrup so the saddle wouldn't slip. Ted slightly shuffled forward, the smallest bit, but 'Whoa Ted' came from me, 'steady and let the old lady get on safely.' Thankfully he stood still for the length of time it took me to get myself into the saddle. It was quite a while before my leg actually went over the saddle and I could hunch myself over the front. It wasn't meant to be like this at all. A few more minutes and I managed to sit up, stirrups adjusted by Katy, and breathe again. If anyone had been watching on the CCTV, they would have absolutely been rocking with laughter, goodness me, even I smiled later, but it was certainly a performance.

"OK, now we will walk on, Ted," came from Katy and Ted took his first proper step forward. Gently and steadily, he walked the short distance down and into the school, Katy leading him. When we got into the school, Katy let him go and walked alongside. I

froze but maybe that wasn't a bad thing as at least I sat still, albeit not very upright and little contact on the reins, but Ted wasn't going anywhere. I didn't ride for long that first time, but at least I had been on and knew that I wasn't going to get out of doing this and that perhaps it wasn't so bad after all. I might just be going to enjoy it.

Getting off was another matter entirely - how on earth was I to do it? That easy 'throwing your leg over the back of the saddle' with feet out of the stirrups, wasn't going to happen, but I didn't know what to do. I made everyone laugh as I tried every way - bless him, dear Ted stood stock still and didn't move a muscle. Leaning forward with Katy holding Ted's head, just in case, I eventually managed to drag my leg over Ted's back end and with a steady hand on my back, I slipped down to the floor, legs shaking and feet thankfully on hard ground. So that was my first experience after 30 odd years away. 'Right, Sheila,' I said to myself, 'first steps taken and no going back.' And to be honest it really wasn't that bad, was it? No, it wasn't, and Ted was very kind, patient and just wonderful. I had nothing to lose and everything to gain. It was arranged that a friend would come and join me when I rode, so that I wasn't on my own. They would keep me company. For now, I wanted to be sure that there was going to be a friendly face there when I was tacking up and getting on.

It really didn't take too long to get the hang of mounting with someone at Ted's head and holding the stirrup. Off into the school just a few yards away. Pull the bar across the entry and walk around, steady and gently. After a couple of outings, mounting was much easier and as long as someone held Ted, I was OK. After one or two rides I could sit comfortably. Getting on was much easier, moving off was fine and we could walk out fairly well. Had it only been a couple of weeks since I got back on again? Ted was getting a bit fed up with just walking and wanted to trot - a little jog, a very little jog, but that was a start and one thing led to another. It wasn't long before I was actually trotting. Much better than I had thought. 'Take it steady, Sheila, you must be in charge - don't go too fast - take it steady, Ted.' But dismounting was still a farce. I had to work on that and it was just a good thing that dear Ted didn't object to my leg and foot being dragged across his back end. Old age can be unkind, my leg just didn't want to come over as it should and dismounting can still be tricky even now, but dear Ted is so very patient.



Here I was, the third generation to ride Ted - not the usual way round, but still, the third generation. Ted was, and still is, competing with Katy so I had to make sure I did it all correctly. A lovely freelance instructor was booked and she put me right, but still I hadn't had the courage to canter, although everything else was coming together well apart from the dismount, but Ted, bless him, accepted that, if a little frustrated.

My 70th birthday dawned and my girls had bought all that was needed for me and Ted to do some dressage together, even my BD membership. There was no going back, but I realised that I didn't want to because I was now really enjoying it.

Entries were made and my first two competitions entered. Riding lessons with Ginny Oakley-Pope, a Christmas present from Alison, were put to use and things moved on well. Still the cantering was not conquered, nor dismounting, but neither of these was required in the tests I would be doing. It didn't matter. Lots of practice had been done.



We set off on the appointed date, Ted bathed and looking very smart, tack cleaned and shiny and me, in my new clothes, fit for the purpose. I couldn't believe it when I came away with two red rosettes and good scores only a tiny fraction shy of 70%. Amazed at how far we had come together. Ted and me, the old 'uns together, but of course our dear Ted was one very special boy and no novice, that was just me.

Gradually we got to cantering and it wasn't half as difficult as I had thought. Now I was definitely more confident.

Due to change of management we moved to a new livery yard which Ted settled into very very quickly. He loves going out in the field with all his friends, but on the two days I go to him each week, he stands patiently in, waiting for my car to arrive, and as soon as I appear he starts to 'shout' and doesn't stop until I reach his stable. What a tale he tells me. I am now confident enough to take him out on the road, on my own if necessary, which is a good job as the school is still very wet. With quiet country lanes, open park land and some nice bridledways close to hand, we are very lucky. We are looking forward to some more dressage this year together, me and Ted, when he is available to me. A true family pony of a lifetime, still looking after all three generations, with his usual kind and generous manner. We all hope he will continue for a very, very long time to come. You can't put a Fell Pony to a wrong job and being with Ted is my happy place, my very best friend, who I share everything with and, like the rest of my family, I love him dearly. It's never too late and you are never too old - why not give it a try? If I can do it, so can you, especially if you have a wonderful 'Ted' of your own.

Sheila Hardy

January 2020



Townend Misty - The Flying Fell

When we purchased Townend Misty approx 5 years ago, we weren't necessarily looking for a specific breed of pony but fate led us to Misty. Emilia and Misty have progressed so much together over the last five years, going through pony club, dressage, and more recently over the past couple of years they joined British show jumping. The bond they have developed is undeniable. As they trained their show jumping skills developed and soon they were clearing most things that were put in front of them and taking home firsts and seconds from most competitions.

In the midst of their journey we would often hear remarks about how Misty was "just a Fell" or how she wasn't a "proper showjumping pony", which was hurtful for Emilia to hear, as she knew how special her pony was.

Just as they were doing so well and flying round most courses, they found themselves in an unfortunate situation. Emilia brought Misty in for a lesson with the show jumper, David Harland, that she had been looking forward to for a long time; but once Emilia got on Misty she realised Misty was lame. On closer inspection her leg was starting to balloon before our eyes. There was no obvious signs of injury, we cold hosed her leg for the remainder of that day and called out the vet the following day. After numerous visits from the vet no one could find what was wrong with Misty, until a few days later we noticed a tiny cut the size of a grain of rice, the vet said it looked like some sort of snake bite. We gave her pain relief and continued to monitor it, however it just continued to get worse and the tiny cut that was the size of a grain of rice developed into large pussy holes all over her leg and looked like the flesh was being eaten away. At this point I decided to call in another vet for a second opinion, they immediately x-rayed her leg and found a broken splint bone; and the holes in her leg were a result of lymphangitis setting in. Normally if this infection isn't dealt with within the first 12 - 24 hours it can be fatal... this was now 5 days later. The vet was fantastic and immediately got the correct antibiotics delivered up for her and we started our care plan, although they had advised me that she was now so poorly that putting her to sleep might still have to be an option; and that if she did pull through then she probably would not jump again due to the amount of damage that had been done. We were devastated, but Emilia was dedicated and continued to care for her pony morning, noon and night, cleaning the wounds; giving her the antibiotics and keeping her comfortable. Her love and care soon paid off as slowly but surely over the next few months we began to see Misty recover. We then followed a slow but steady plan of exercising her and bringing her back into work.

This never dented Emilia's confidence and belief in her pony and soon, despite the odds, they were back showjumping and last year went on to get placed in the top five



Scottish Bs juniors club category and qualified for the national showjumping championships in Stoneleigh. Emilia was absolutely thrilled by this. Their success continued and they grew together, which led to them this year taking two out of three titles and getting placed winners of the BS Scottish juniors 80cms club category as well as winner of the BS Scottish juniors 90cms club category. This meant even more to Emilia due to the journey they have been on and the negativity they had endured for Misty not being a "proper show jumping pony" and for being "just a Fell"

Emilia has really proved that Fells can hold their own against many other "show jumping" ponies.

We love our Fell so much, and if we could do it all over again we wouldn't change a thing. She has taught Emilia so much, from how to have good seat, to maintaining a good rhythm etc, and Misty tries her heart out at absolutely everything her little rider asks of her; from show jumping to pony club games, hacking, cross country, dressage... anything that asked of her she will oblige and then she is still perfect enough that we could sit a baby on her, knowing it would be safe! Our faith and new love for this breed has led us to consider putting Townend Misty into foal within the next couple of years as we want everyone to have the opportunity to experience the magic of the Fell pony. If you want to continue to follow Emilia & Misty the Flying Fell's journey you can follow them on Instagram @ea_showjumping or Facebook EA_showjumping.

Nicola Allison

Townend Stardust and his incredible dressage journey

Townend Stardust has been competing in British Dressage for several years now and is gradually working his way up through the levels.

His ability to learn and understand what is being asked of him is truly humbling. He is not "built" for the career he has ended up in, he finds some of the work difficult, yet he always gives 100% in his training. Often I'll arrive at an affiliated dressage show and look around thinking, "Why are we even here? Surely we are way out of our depth now." Yet time and time again he pulls it out of the bag and leaves those "proper" dressage horses trailing behind.

This season we started out at Medium level - quickly he qualified at this level for the Arena Festival. At home his training was towards the next level - Advanced Medium - and after he secured a place in the Area Festival semi finals by coming 2nd in a large class at the Area Festival, we decided to take the plunge and compete at Advanced Medium. His changes were not always on my aids to start with yet we still managed to secure 3 good scores to qualify him for the Native Pony Championships at this level as well as at Medium level.

At the Area Festival semi finals he surpassed our expectations by coming 2nd again and qualifying for the National Championships in April 2020.

Our last trip of the year was down to Bury Farm to compete in the Native Pony Championships at both Medium and Advanced Medium level. Yet again he tried his heart out, unfortunately just missing out on a placing in the Medium test, but managed a creditable 5th in the Advanced Medium test.

Currently he is training towards tempi changes and canter pirouettes. We have even started piaffe. Is there no end to this amazing pony's ability to learn? Roll on 2020 and all the challenges it may bring. We hope to keep training on up the levels whilst he is willing and able and we are both enjoying the experience. So much love for this pony.

Regards, Vicki Brown.



FPS Display Team 2020

WE ARE RECRUITING!

The Display team have a full summer planned for our 6th season so we are calling any Fell pony mad people... If you want to help promote our hairy beasts, you like a laugh and you want to make some awesome new friends, you have come to the right place!

We are in need of ridden ponies to play various roles in our display team, including our musical ride. Ponies must be relatively sane and able to go into very noisy, loud and crowded arenas at country fairs and sometimes through the waiting crowds.

I'm not going to lie, it's all VOLUNTARY (sorry folks, it's all about the ponies). It can be hard work, with some 2 day events, and we do require a commitment to cover them all. If you're interested we can provide you with our trademark polo shirt and help with costumes, plus great company, social evenings (drunken or sober!) and lots of pony related fun and activities.

All riders must be FPS members for our insurance purposes.

Most of the team are based in and around Cumbria and our events are also centred around Cumbria, but if you're willing to travel, we're willing to have you! Check out our pictures @FPSdisplayteam on Facebook for a flavour of what we get up to.

If you would like to be involved or want some more info, please let one of the committee know or drop us a message on Facebook.

Sponsorship

We are delighted that some of our costs, eg travel to HOYS, have been sponsored by:

- The Fell Pony Society
- Mr & Mrs Carradus
- Coniston Country Fair
- Black Combe Country Fair

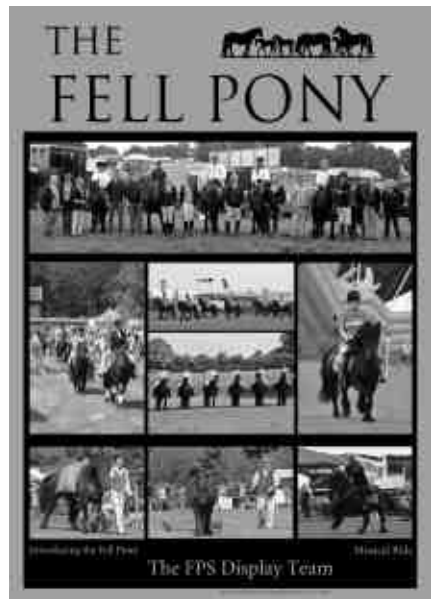
Our 2019 Diary

We will definitely be attending the following events in Cumbria:

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If you're attending any of them, please visit us and say hello.

Rachael Brunskill



FPS Display Team poster

Endurance Awards - Results 2018

Highest Competitive Distance

- 1
- 2

Highest Pleasure Distance

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8

The Endurance Award scheme ride card can be downloaded from the FPS web site, <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm>

When you are filling in your ride card, all I need is what is asked for on the card. I do not need "tracked" distances, heart rates, metabolic rates, speed or grades. I also do not need weather, and/or ground conditions.

Because no-one fills in the points section, and there are different points systems between SERC and EGB, I no longer count it. This makes it simpler to work things out!

Do not worry if your ride is in miles - I will convert it to kilometres. If you have a problem please contact me.

Wishing you all the best for 2020.

Fiona Carradus

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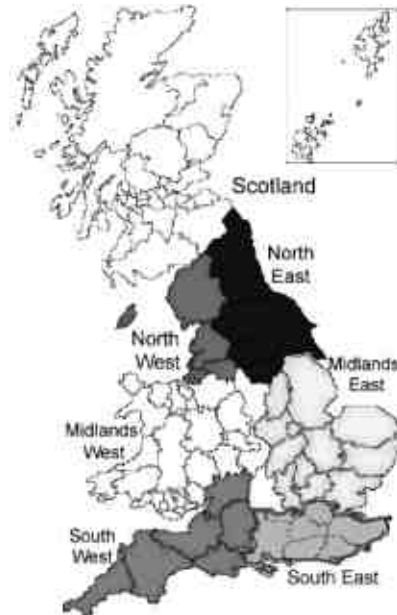
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Learning With Fells 2020

The Society will consider applications from adult as well as junior members. Priority will be given to those aged 10 - 18 years of age.

It is hoped that sufficient numbers will come forward for visits to 2/3 studs involved this year.

If any members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office by 30 April 2019. Email secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

There is a bursary, payable from the Mary & Henderson Dodd Memorial Fund, of £50 for each participant to assist with travelling expenses, provided at least two visits are attended.

Corrennie Afton

We celebrate the life of our cherished mare Corrennie Afton, who passed from this world peacefully in the early morning of May 22nd, having attained the age of 27 years. "Rennie", as we had called her, was the Fell Pony that started it all for us, having come available in the summer of 2005, in foal to Sleddale Eddie. We had been searching for quite some time for a suitable mare to begin our program, and she made the long journey to America in the fall of that year. The next spring, she gave birth to a beautiful filly and our first prefixed foal, DreamHayven Aurora.

She spent fifteen years with us, over the years producing six DreamHayven foals in addition to the foals she had in Holland before joining us. She was a feisty mare, at the same time being a complete joy. Her stubborn nature prepared us for all other Fell mares to come, as we quickly realized they usually know best! From the beginning to the end, Rennie was the leader of our broodmare herd. She did the job without malice, ushering the herd to safety in times of extreme weather or predator attempts. When she became too old to carry her own foals, she greatly enjoyed being auntie to the little ones, giving the younger mares a brief respite from the relentless attentions of their foals.



She had seen more countries in her lifetime than most people, being foaled in Scotland, the first of her prefix. By 1995 she had been backed to ride, apparently now in England, and by late summer 1996 had been exported to the Netherlands, where she won the Mare Championship at their breed show that August.

The picture with myself and Rennie was shortly after I imported her, and the very first picture ever of me with a Fell Pony.

I very much think she is still with us, as just hours after her passing, our first filly foal of this year was born,

mysteriously three weeks early and quite an old soul from the moment she could stand. We thusly had no choice but to name her DreamHayven Afton! I hope Rennie is grazing green pastures now, with the sun upon her back and a breeze through her mane forevermore. RIP darling girl, and thank you for starting my farm!

Best wishes,

Melissa Kreuzer

Dream Hayven Farm Fell Ponies

Lydvale Jet, 2008--2019

I am completely devastated and heartbroken at the sudden loss of my Jet due to colic.

I bought him as a 3 year old from his lovely breeders, Bob and Sue McNamara.

He was such a character, and we did have that rare and special bond between us.

He had a big personality and was always happy, and could be very cheeky. Jet wanted to be friends with everyone. He always made me smile, and laugh at his antics, even if it was trying to persuade him to stand up if he was lying down in the field when I wanted to catch him to ride...!!!

He flew the Fell flag everywhere we went, everyone admired him, and he loved the attention.

He enjoyed going out and doing things, dressage, jumping and gymkhanas. We would go out hacking for hours. We had so much fun together. He brought me, and so many others, so much happiness.

Life can be so cruel, I do miss Jet very much, he was such a special pony. Jet will never be forgotten.

Diana McGrail



Merchandise List

CLOTHING	Price	P & P	Total	BOOKS/CD/DVD	Price	P & P	Total
BASEBALL CAPS	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	A5 BINDERS	£8.00	£3.00	£11.00
CREW NECK S/SHIRTS (ADULT)	£17.50	£3.00	£20.50	BRITISH HORSE&PONY BREEDS	£19.00	£3.00	£22.00
DROPPED HEM SWEATSHIRT	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	DVD - The Fell Pony	£15.00	£1.50	£16.50
FLEECE JACKETS	£21.00	£3.00	£24.00	DVD - Windsor	£15.00	£1.50	£16.50
FLEECE S/SHIRT+COLLAR	£21.00	£3.00	£24.00	DVD - FP Events 1995-1997	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
FLEECE WAISTCOATS (ADULT)	£22.00	£3.00	£25.00	FELL DIAMONDS	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
FULL ZIP HOODY	£24.00	£3.00	£27.00	FELL FACTS	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
HATS	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	FELL FUN	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
HI-VIS WAISTCOATS	£10.00	£1.50	£11.50	HISTORY CD	£13.00	£1.50	£14.50
HOODY overhead	£22.00	£3.00	£25.00	HOOFPRINTS IN EDEN	£17.00	£3.00	£20.00
JACKETS - Reversible	£28.00	£3.00	£31.00	HUMBLING EXPERIENCE	£19.00	£2.00	£21.00
JACKETS - Waterproof	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	JUBILEE BOOK	£5.00	£1.50	£7.00
POLO SHIRTS	£15.00	£3.00	£18.00	LETTERS HOME	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00
RUGBYSHIRTS	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	LIFETIME WITH PONIES	£20.00	£3.00	£23.00
SOFT SHELL JACKETS	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	ONE FELL SWOOP	£5.00	£2.00	£7.00
TIES	£12.00	£1.50	£13.50	SPIRIT OF THE FELL PONY	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
T SHIRTS (ADULT)	£12.00	£1.50	£15.00	THE FELL PONY (C RICHARDSON)	£7.50	£1.50	£8.50
WATERPROOF WAISTCOAT	£30.00	£3.00	£33.00	TRAVELS WITH A PONY	£10.00	£1.50	£11.50
MISCELLANEOUS				WALK ON THE WILD SIDE	£12.50	£2.00	£14.50
BACK PACK	£12.00	£3.00	£15.00	STUDBOOKS / NEWSLETTERS			
BADGES	£3.00	£1.00	£4.00	BLACK STUD BOOK 1898-1980	£5.00	£3.00	£8.00
BALL POINT PEN	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00	STUD BOOKS TO 1999 (EACH)	£1.00	£1.50	£2.50
BALL POINT PEN (Basic)	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	2000 TO 2006 (EACH)	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
CAR STICKERS	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	2007 - 2018 (EACH)	£6.00	£1.50	£7.50
CAR STICKERS (I Fell For A Fell)	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	NEWSLETTER BACK COPIES	£1.00	£1.50	£2.50
CRAYONS pack 6	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50	PLASTICS			
FACECLOTHS	£4.00	£1.50	£5.50	BOWLS	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
FRIDGE MAGNETS	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00	CLEAR TUMBLERS	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
GLASS TUMBLER	£10.00	£3.50	£13.50	CUTLERY SETS (WITH LOGO)	£3.00	£3.00	£5.50
KEY FOBs	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	CUTLERY SETS (NO LOGO)	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
LARGE LORRY STICKERS 8"	£8.00	£1.00	£9.00	MUGS	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
LARGE TRAILER STICKERS 22"	£12.00	tb		PLATES	£2.50	£3.00	£5.50
MOUSE MATS	£3.00	£1.50	£4.50	TRAYS	£5.00	£2.00	£6.50
PENCILS	£0.50	£1.00	£1.50				
PERMIT HOLDERS	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00				
PHONE PURSE	£7.00	£2.00	£9.00				
SHOPPING BAGS - coloured	£6.00	£1.00	£7.00				
SHOULDER BAG	£8.00	£3.00	£11.00				
TABLE MATS	£7.50	£2.00	£9.50				
TEA TOWELS	£3.00	£1.50	£4.50				
TEDDIES	£4.50	£3.00	£7.50				
TOTE BAGS (LARGE)	£7.00	£2.00	£9.00				
TOWELS	£6.00	£3.00	£9.00				
UMBRELLA	£15.00	tb					
WALLETS	£7.00	£1.50	£8.50				
WRISTBANDS	£1.50	£1.00	£2.50				
CARDS							
CALENDARS	£5.50	£1.50	£7.00				
CHRISTMAS CARDS PACK 5	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50				
HAND-DRAWN CARDS, EACH	£1.00	£0.60	£1.60				
NOTELETS PACK 5	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50				
POST CARDS PACK 10	£1.50	£1.00	£2.50				
POST CARDS PACK 12	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00				

Please contact the office for details of available colours/sizes for clothing and picnicware. Some items are not held in stock. Please give the office at least two weeks to fulfill an order, especially near Christmas.

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The Fell Pony Society, Bank House, Appleby, Cumbria CA16 6XF. Tel/Fax 01768353100.

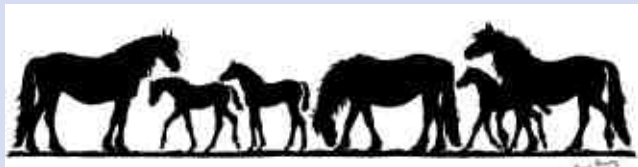
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All prices quoted for P&P (post and packing) are for shipment within the UK. Different prices apply for shipments outside of the United Kingdom.



Teresa Whitehead with Brackenthwaite Duke and Huntsmans Dillon (aka Duke and Django) who have been awarded the Edinburgh Prize in recognition of their work with the RDA Carriage Driving Group at Cobbes Meadow, near Canterbury.

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