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*Rowan Bowman's Kinkryhill Cracker
with her Liddelpark foals Lucky Lad
and Gracie. Photo, Ruth Chamberlain*



Brackenbank Stud visitors enjoyed tea at Murton Village Hall last year



A happy gathering at the North East Group's social event at Rackwood Stud last year



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Dates for 2022-2023

1 April (Saturday) - Annual General Meeting, Orton, Cumbria	26 July (Weds) - South West Area Support Group Show, Dunster
16 April (Sunday) - Sandringham Fell & Friends Show, Norfolk	6 August (Sunday) - Breed Show, Dalemain, Cumbria. There will be no HOYS qualifier at this show.
23 April (Sunday) - Dorset Fell Show, Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester	10 September - Southern Show, Berkshire College of Agriculture.
13 May (Saturday) - Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Cumbria. The HOYS qualifier will be held at this show.	1 October - FPS Magazine copy deadline, Autumn 2023
tbc May - Festival of Fells Spring Show, Staffordshire	tbc late October (Saturday) - Annual Fell Pony Society Sale, North West Auctions, Kendal.
4th June (Sunday) - South Cumbria Show, Westmorland County Show Ground, LA7 7NH	18th November - Foal & Youngstock Show, Newton Rigg, Penrith, CA11 0AH
tbc June - Derbyshire Show	

Dates and venues are provisional. Please check the FPS web site or ask the Office for confirmation.



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Chairman's Report

This past year has seen the passing of several valued FPS members:

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our patron for 40 years and breeder of Fell ponies since 1952.

Mr Derek Scott, a honorary life member and the FPS solicitor for several years.

Mrs Charmian Ross-Thomson, a past President, and breeder of 29 ponies with the Underwoods prefix.

Mrs Doreen Brunt, a founder member of FP 2000, a registered charity set up in 1998 to help raise funds for the research work into the foal immunodeficiency syndrome (F.I.S.).

Mr Dennis Urwin, breeder of 36 Urwins ponies since 1989.

Mr. N. Surplus.

Mrs Margaret Cameron.

Our sincere condolences go out to all their families and friends.

Following on from the hugely successful 100 Miles Challenge I am delighted to find that a similar event is planned for 2023, to be run by the area groups.

Thank you goes to Katherine and Elizabeth for all the work they put into the everyday running of the Society. Thanks also to Kirsten who will be leaving us due to a change in personal circumstances.

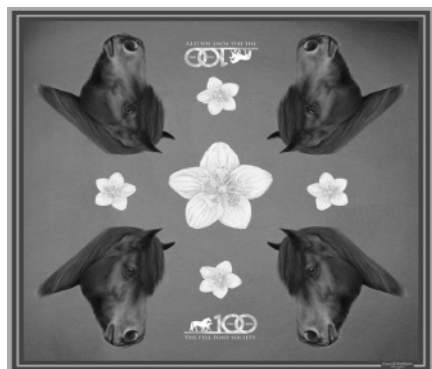
We have another excellent magazine, so thanks to Sue Millard who also manages our website, and Claire Simpson who helps keep the Fell pony to the fore in the news.

Last year saw 2 very successful shows, due in no small part to all those who help in a variety of ways and, in particular, our Show secretary, Judy Fairburn.

Peter Boustead

Centenary Limited Edition silk head scarf

£100 plus £10 P & P (special delivery)
Available via mail order only, enquiries
to FPS office.



From Our President

As I look back over the last two years, I am reminded that no one could have predicted the changes we have experienced in recent times. So, it is reassuring to remember that each day brings its own challenges and rewards.

It has been both an honour and a privilege to serve you all as President of the Fell Pony Society. I acknowledge the work undertaken by the Society's office staff, ably supported by Council Members, whose efforts go largely unknown, unseen, unrewarded, but without whom the society would cease to function. Also a veritable "army" of volunteers whose efforts enable many of the Society events to "just happen". Thank you.

I am looking forward to HRH King Charles III's Coronation. It will be a joyous occasion touched with sadness, as we remember the death of His Majesty's mother Queen Elizabeth II. The Coronation Ceremony formally marks the transition of one era to another, with a spectacle few have witnessed before. I am sure we all wish King Charles III a happy and glorious reign.

Finally, as I enter the final furlong of my term as President, I sincerely hope that we will all make the effort to improve relationships with better communication, understanding and tolerance.

S Christine Morton

FPS OFFICE: JOB VACANCY

Contribute to our Native breed: The Fell Pony

We are looking for a brilliant admin assistant who enjoys working in a small team and in an office that can be busy where we are regularly working to tight deadlines. For example providing the administration/preparation for our annual and prestigious stallion and breed show, processing memberships and updating equine passports.

You will support everything to do with our Charity, which in turn helps promote and protect our rare Breed The Fell Pony.

The location is at our office in Appleby. The role is a minimum of 6 hours guaranteed each week with days to suit both parties (the office is shut Fridays). We work as a small team, and with notice extra hours are available to manage at busy times and to cover holidays. Your salary is £10.64 per hour.

If you have brilliant admin and IT skills, and enjoy working in a small team environment, we would love to hear from you.

Equine knowledge preferred but please don't let this put you off applying.

Please send an email and your CV to Jane Rawden, a member of our Council.

In your email please provide a short summary of:-

- Why you want to join the team
- Your strengths and experience
- The days you would like to work

Jane's email is:- Janerawden@inspiration-teal.com

Secretary & Treasurer's Report - Spring 2023

The Centenary celebrations of last year will be a hard act to follow. However, the planning of events for the coming year is underway. These include shows, support group events, promotional events to be attended by the Display Team etc.

The numbers of foal registrations are almost the same as last year with 320 registered to date. Membership for 2022 totalled 1110 which is an increase on 2021. We are receiving several new memberships which is encouraging and we are continuing to receive a good number of passports to transfer ownership. There is plenty of interest and the Fell Pony is definitely not a 'Dying Breed'!

Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership for 2023. Some still need to change their standing order from £25 to £30. You will not be eligible to vote at the AGM until you have renewed your membership. If the £5 owing is not received these memberships will be processed as Associates with a £5 donation. Associates may not vote.

For those of you who don't currently pay by Standing Order, we have a mandate available for you to do this in time for 1 January 2024!

If you have paid your membership by 15 February and you are eligible, then there will be a voting paper for Council election enclosed with your magazine. Please take the time to vote.

The Society does not take card payments, therefore payments cannot be taken over the phone, but instead you can send a cheque/PO made payable to 'The Fell Pony Society' or pay by bank transfer; please ensure your name is used as the reference. Details are in the magazine and on the Society's website, on the **Join The FPS** page.

As you will see from the accounts included in your magazine, they are showing a loss in the last financial year. Just to remind members, the Society received a substantial bequest back in 2018, included in which was a legacy for the upkeep of 2 Fell ponies. The Society pays for the upkeep of the remaining 1 Fell pony, including any vet and farrier bills of over £100. There is some income for this from the Trust shown under 'Income, legacies and bequests and expenditure, upkeep of Fell ponies.'

The Society is very grateful for donations received during the year, as well as generous sponsorship received for the shows in 2022.

I would like to thank Council for their continued support and also my colleagues in the office for all their hard work. Kirsten will be leaving us soon, and we wish her well.

Best wishes for the coming year
Katherine Wilkinson

From the Office - we're here to help

- Registration / Passport application forms cannot be downloaded from the website, they are only available by applying to the office. **Do not photocopy the form.** We are receiving a number of forms where the description is very difficult to read and the location of the chip **has not** been recorded by the vet. The description must be printed in block letters. All whorls must be recorded in black ink, and all white must be recorded in red ink. Please read the guidance notes carefully prior to completion of the forms. Any forms incomplete or incorrectly completed **will be returned.**

- Passport Applications / Vet Report Forms / FIS sample packets - Please make sure that the full registered name with correct spelling is recorded (stable/pet names are not acceptable).

- Service books are not issued automatically, if you need a book you must request one. Service certificates / notifications of coverings online must be notified by 31 December in the year of covering, if not any resulting foal will have to be DNA typed to confirm the sire prior to registration. ***If you choose to input the details online you will receive an email acknowledging the successful receipt. If you don't receive an email the information has not been received and you should contact the Society without delay.***

If you are a mare owner using someone else's stallion, check with them that the relevant details have been lodged with the FPS by 31 December.

- When completing stallion service certificates please complete all the details fully, including full name and registration number of stallion and mare and full dates of covering to include at least month and year. Month on its own with no year is unacceptable.

- Any changes to a passport should in the first instance be notified to the Fell Pony Society.

For example

- change of address/contact details of the current owner
- castration
- change of ownership
- notification of death
- change in 'food chain status'.

Please do not notify the Central Equine Database, the Society will do this once the changes have been verified. If you are unsure of the procedure then please ask.

- Transfer to Gelding. When notifying a 'Transfer to Gelding' please complete the top section of the form, but be careful only to complete this section if the pony is to be transferred to a gelding! This can be notified at the same time as a change in ownership.

- Stallion License Applications.

Please allow plenty of time for the license to be processed. The colt/stallion cannot be used for stud purposes until the Stallion License has been issued. Part of the requirement for Stallion Licensing is for the pony to be DNA typed. This is currently done through Weatherbys. Issue of the DNA report can take 5/6 weeks from when the sample is returned to the FPS.

- Payments by BACS - please always include your name (even if it's just your surname) as the reference, when sending payments this way.

- Passports are returned by Royal Mail 'Signed For' in the UK and with a proof of posting overseas. If you wish to have your passport posted by 'Special Delivery' in the UK or 'International Track and Sign' overseas, please add £5.00 to the fee and let us know you wish to have it returned this way.

- Prior to export - If at all possible, please have the passport updated with the new owner's details prior to the pony leaving your holding. As a member the cost is only £10, but it saves the purchaser having to send back the passport from overseas once the pony arrives with them. If you are in this position, get in touch, because we can usually turn around the passports the same day in these circumstances.

Katherine



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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

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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	£30	£40
Associate	£20	£30
Junior	£20	£30
Family	£60	£80

The range of overseas membership types mirrors the UK types, with an additional charge to cover the cost of overseas postage.

If you pay by Standing Order, please check with your bank that the Order is for the correct amount.

There are still a number of members who have not updated their Standing Order from last year, from £25 to £30. If the £5 owing has not been received by 15 February these memberships have been processed as 'Associates with a £5 donation'.

An Associate is unlikely to own a pony and therefore will not wish to take advantage of the pony related privileges of membership. Associates may not vote.

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. 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).

Details of all types of membership are in section 2 of the Articles of Association.

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 of the current year, or to vote at an EGM / AGM if his/her subscription has not been paid by the date of the meeting. Please have your membership card ready to show on arrival.

If subscriptions have not been received by the time we send out the Spring Magazine, a reminder slip is enclosed with it. 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 Animal DNA Diagnostics, that the colt/stallion has been tested.

If either the FIS test or DNA typing has not been done through the FPS then a letter will also be required from the vet who took the sample, confirming that the identity of the pony was checked.

Enquiries from EU owners and breeders

Please contact the FPS office by email if you have any queries regarding the issue of and updating of passports for Fell Ponies in the EU, such as foal registrations, late registrations, duplicate passports, transfer of ownership, transfer to gelding etc.

We can: Issue Stallion Licences and stallion service books and accept service details online.

Accept FPS membership applications - for new EU members and renewals

Issue FIS test kits and / or DNA test kits to EU members

Issue prefix applications for EU breeders to register a prefix with the Central Prefix Register in the UK

For Fell Ponies with passports issued in their country of origin (in the EU) the Society can record the pony in the FPS Stud Book. Please contact the Society for details of how to do this.

Owners of ponies in Germany, Belgium and Hungary can apply to the NFPS for passports and/or duplicates. With regard to new passports, these ponies will receive Fell Pony passports with full pedigree information. The NFPS requires that the DNA of both parents of a foal is sampled and where possible verified. DNA testing can be done in The Netherlands (Van Haeringen Laboratories).

Contact details: NFPS Secretary - Joyce de Hoogh. Email info@nfps.nl

Please be assured that we continue to work very hard to support members (and non-members) and ponies within the EU.



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Editorial

"Thank you" to all our contributors who make the Magazine what it is - who have written and collected and sent your reports, photographs and articles - and in particular to those stalwarts who proof read it for me.

Thank you especially if you wrote your piece as editable digital text, checked the details, spell checked it and sent it well on time for the copy deadline. Brilliant. On the other hand, little bits arriving late, some by email, some by text, some by social media messages, some needing details to be checked or photographers asked for permission, disrupt the "construction job" quite a lot. It's always a lengthy business putting the Magazine together and it is so much easier to handle the material if I can begin work on the 2nd of the month knowing I've got all of it.

If you'd like to tell the story of your pony and his/her achievement in forthcoming issues, or write a useful article for our members, please make a note of the Magazine's copy deadlines. They are:

1st February for the Spring issue.

1st October for the Autumn issue.

Those dates can always be found on the web site on the FPS Calendar and the Magazine page. Submission guidelines, to help you as well as me, are also on the Magazine page.

Do check that any photographs you send to me or to Claire Simpson are in fact available for us to publish. We will credit photographers if you tell us their names, but not all professional photographers will allow us to reproduce an image just because you bought a copy.

Remember that if photographers or writers are members of ALCS or DACS (see Editorial in the Autumn 2022 issue) they can use the Magazine's ISSN number (it's on the front cover) to support their claim for secondary rights fees. This means money! So don't forget to mention it when you ask for a photographer's permission to print. It may tip the balance in favour of them agreeing.

Some copy and photographs from 2022 are included in this Spring Magazine because pressure of space in the Centenary Autumn issue meant they had to be held over. That Magazine took almost 60 hours of work to produce for the printers, so I'm hoping subsequent editions will return to a less demanding schedule!

Have a good summer
Sue Millard



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Elections for Council

The following retire from Council this year: Mrs R Eastwood, Mr J Potter, Mr C Roberts, Mr D Wilkinson. Mrs Eastwood, Mr Potter & Mr Roberts are to retire.

Postal Voting for Council Members

Ballot papers are enclosed with the Magazine for those eligible to vote. Completed ballot papers have to be returned to the Scrutineer appointed by the Council, not less than 10 days before the date of the AGM. No member is entitled to vote in the election for council if his/her full subscription to the Society has not been paid by 15th February 2023. You will find the details on Votes of Members under Section 7 of the Articles of Association. Election to the Council is Section 8.6.

Please send your ballot paper to the Scrutineer before the deadline.

Do not waste your chance to vote in the running of your Society.

Nominations for Council 2023

The following have been nominated for election to Council:

Mrs Susan Brunskill

Proposed by Mrs A W Bell, Seconded by Mrs C H Robinson

I have been a member of the Society for more than twenty-five years, and along with my husband and daughter we have a small number of breeding mares and breed under the Hynholme prefix, where we breed true to type ponies in line with our breed standard. During my time as a member I have been involved with the show committee, and have been in the merchandise tent for a number of years. I have stewarded at both the Breed show and the Stallion show.

I have served previously on Council, and during that time I worked tirelessly to promote the Fell pony in various ways. In 2015 I was instrumental in setting up the Display team, taking ponies and the merchandise and information tent around the country to events, helping to promote our wonderful ponies, encouraging our younger members to be involved. I will continue to be as active as I possibly can, and I look forward to the challenges of 2023.



Mr Tom Lloyd

Proposed by Mr M R Goddard, Seconded by Mr A Thorpe

My family has been breeding the Hades Hill Fell ponies since 1957. In the mid 1980s my father Walter moved the herd, from his hill farm in Lancashire with extensive grazing on common land, to Cumbria where our ponies now run out on enclosed fell overlooking Morecambe Bay. I took over the herd in 1995 and at present we run 8 mares and a stallion.

As well as being brood mares, our ponies all earn their keep as pack ponies and we ride and drive for fun. Last year we took up the sport of Carriage driving and our home bred Hades Hill Perry made it to the British Carriage Driving Junior Championships with my daughter Flo. This summer we put our first four-in-hand team of ponies together.



I am passionate about our breed and understand the importance of keeping a nucleus of ponies on the open fell to maintain hardiness and type. I have made several films about Fell ponies and present the Fell Pony Podcast. For many years I was Secretary of the Fell Pony Breeders Association.

If elected to council I would continue to promote and preserve the breed on behalf of the Society, and endeavour to ensure there are ponies running out on our fells for future generations.

Miss Heather Mawrey

Proposed by Mrs E A Walker, Seconded by Mrs S A Charlton

I grew up in West Cumbria and was introduced to the Fell pony breed as a teenager,



we purchased our first pony in 1998. I became hooked on Fells and it wasn't long before 1 pony became multiple ponies. I currently have 5 Fell ponies and in the future would like to breed. Over the last 26 years I have taken part in numerous events with the ponies including showing, trec, pleasure rides, cross country and promotional events. I've previously been part of the FPS show committee, helping at the breed show for a number of years. Now living in North Yorkshire I've been a committee member of the North East Support Group for the last 14 years, helping to promote the breed whenever possible.

There are many people who have encouraged my love of the breed and I would like to help ensure the next generation of Fell owners and

breeders have the support they need from the Society. I would like to see the Society communicate with the members keeping them up to date with what is happening. If elected to the Council I would try to be a useful and proactive member, I have a varied skill set from my day job as a company director. Although we may not all have the opportunity to keep our Fell ponies on the fell, we must support those remaining hill breeders as much as possible to retain the hardiness and type so important to the breed.

Miss Diane Meikle

Proposed by Mr A Smith, Seconded by Miss K Smith

I feel I have been applying for this post for a while now, I am naturally drawn to it after establishing the Scotshaven Fell Pony stud some 16 years ago in the most northern tip of mainland Scotland and currently have 13 ponies and have bred 16 to date. I started my equine love of Fells in my teens but it was not until 2003 that I was able to feed my Fell addiction. I have had my fair share of heart break losing two 4 year olds to Grass sickness and my second foal to FIS. I am committed to drawing the attention deserved to this fantastic breed while encouraging it to be kept true to type. I would value the opportunity to give something back for everything Fells have given me. Through experience drawn from my day job I feel I'm in a position to add to the already varied skill set on Council. I'd like to bring enthusiasm and be positive in my approach, encouraging where necessary the use of modern platforms to allow the society to communicate with its full membership as much as possible. If elected I will work passionately to help sustain traditional Fell pony characteristics and promote Fells to all.



Mr Kevin Turner

Proposed by Mr P Metcalfe, Seconded by Mr P Boustead

I began breeding Fell ponies in 2013 with Murthwaite and Dalehead mares. Since then I have added a number of other mares mainly hill bred as I believe that as increasingly Fell ponies are bred away from their natural habitat it is vital that the hardiness and characteristics of these ponies is maintained.

At the moment I have two stud stallions, Wellbrow Black Jack and Wellbrow Rover.

Currently I am taking part in the probationary judging scheme and am finding this enjoyable



as well as informative and hopefully this will help me breed true to type ponies that match the breed standards.

I have a qualification from the British Driving Society in carriage driving and although Fell ponies make excellent riding ponies it still needs emphasising their past was as harness and working animals and these features need preserving in order to maintain type.

Being based in the West Midlands, if elected I can add to the already strong connection of this area with the FPS and continue to promote this versatile pony beyond its more natural environment. Many that have met me or have visited Greenrivers stud know that my motto of 'Do it with passion or not at all' sums up my involvement with Fell ponies.

Dr Liz Whitley

Proposed by Mrs J Rawden, Seconded by Mr M R Goddard

I have been involved with Fell ponies since the late 1960s when I met Jane Glass and got heavily involved with her ponies for many years.

She kept me supplied with ponies to ride as a child and youngish adult and I bought a foal from her in 1988. I still have that pony, as well as my second, whom I bought as a foal from the sale in 1993.



Fell ponies have taught me such a lot and given me many wonderful times. I was on the FPS southern show committee from the early days and eventually took over running the show for several years.

I was on the centenary committee this year and thoroughly enjoyed our meetings.

Mary Longsdon asked me years ago to consider trying for Council but at that time, living in Cornwall made that impossible when combined with working full time.

Technology and retirement now make that easier, so I hope that Mary and Jane will approve.

If I am elected I hope I can bring my many years' experience to represent our members on council and give something back to our wonderful breed and continue to protect the traditional type and their heritage.

Standing for re-election:

Mr D Wilkinson (9)

A figure in brackets () following the candidate's name indicates number of Council meetings missed during their 5-year term.

I have owned, bred and shown Fell Ponies for almost 40 years. Together with my wife, Katherine, and daughter Megan, we breed and show the Brackenbank Ponies. I am a FPS Panel Judge and have served on Council since 1999.

I believe that all Fell Pony owners are equally important and all relevant to the success of the Fell pony and in turn the Society, whether a one pony owner or a breeder with several ponies.

I am particularly supportive of the younger Society members, as they hold the key to the future of the breed. I am an active member of both the Show Committee and the North West Support Group, particularly involved in the setting up and taking down of the show field for the Stallion and Breed Shows.

I will do my best to attend as many Council meetings as I am able.



North East Area Support Group trophy winners collected their trophies at a Sunday lunch in February:

*L to R: Sam Summers collecting the Junior Handler/Rider on behalf of son Ben Summers
Eileen Walker with the Adult Handler/Rider Trophy.*

*Ruby Williams - Volunteer Trophy
Jennifer Brougham collecting Fell Pony of the Year trophy on behalf of daughter Katie Raine for Lunesdale Black Ice II*

The FPS Trainee Judges Scheme

The FPS Council and the Probationer Judges Scheme are, as ever, keen to hear from anyone interested in developing their knowledge and experience of ponies from the viewpoint of the middle of the showing ring.

In the autumn of 2023 we will be holding another assessment day for anybody who would like to put themselves forward as candidates for the probationer judges training scheme.

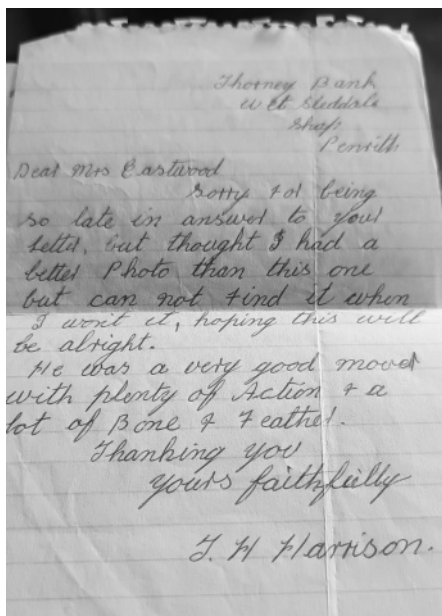
The intention of the day is assess the knowledge base of candidates as well as their motivations for becoming a judge. This will be conducted by a panel of senior judges through both practical assessment of candidates judging abilities and by asking some theory based questions on the FPS scale of points, as well as discussion of hypothetical showing scenarios one might face.

We are looking for committed, open minded, enthusiastic and diplomatic people to join the judges panel, so a breadth of experience is valuable and we would like to see examples of this in your application. Alongside competing and breeding, we encourage you to visit ponies in their native habitat at a range of studs, as well as stewarding at events and attending a variety of open days and shows to observe Fell showing classes. You must have been a full senior member of the FPS for a minimum of 3 consecutive years and have the support of two current FPS judges or council members.

We have received a handful of applications so far, and anyone else who is interested would be most welcome to apply. Application forms can be obtained from the secretary of the judges scheme, Jenny Grealish, or if you'd like further information please do give Jenny or Michael Goddard, the chairman of the scheme, a call or email using the contact details listed below.

Jenny - 07557 309987, fpsjudgesecretary@gmail.com

Michael - 07964 209243, michael.goddard2014@gmail.com



Letter from the 1970s

While Sue Millard was putting together *A Century of Fells*, Ruth Eastwood brought her this letter from the late Henry Harrison of Thorney Bank, Wet Sleddale, about his stallion Sleddale King of the Fell:

Dear Mrs Eastwood

Sorry for being so late in answer to your letter, but thought I had a better Photo than this one but can not find it when I want it, hoping this will be alright.

He was a very good mover with plenty of Action & a lot of Bone & Feather.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

T H Harrison.



THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

NOTICE OF THE FELL PONY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Saturday 1 April 2023 at 1.00 pm
At Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes 2 April 2022
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of Council
- 7 Election of President
- 8 Approval of Honorary Member
- 9 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st October 2022
- 10 Resolution to appoint Dodd & Co Accountants as Accountants to the Society
- 11 Reports from Sub-Committees
- 12 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 17th March 2023.

- 13 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

ACCOUNTS

for the year to 31 October 2022

The Fell Pony Society

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 October 2022

Company registration number: 03233346
Charity registration number: 1104945

The Annual Report, including Statutory Statements and Notes, is printed here in full, but some shorter pages have been placed together on one Magazine page for economy of space.

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 6XF	
Registered office	FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW	
Trustees	<p>P Boustead, Chairman</p> <p>P Metcalfe, Vice Chariman</p> <p>A W Bell</p> <p>R J Brunskill</p> <p>S A Charlton</p> <p>G M Cockbain</p> <p>R M Eastwood</p> <p>M R Goddard</p> <p>J E Greener (Appointed 2 April 2022)</p> <p>G H B Mallinson</p> <p>C S Millard</p> <p>J Potter</p> <p>W S Potter</p> <p>J L Rawden</p> <p>C C Roberts</p> <p>C H Robinson</p> <p>C E Simpson</p> <p>D J Slack (Resigned 2 April 2022)</p> <p>A Thorpe</p> <p>E A Walker</p> <p>D Wilkinson</p>	
Secretary	K Wilkinson	

The Fell Pony Society
Reference and Administrative Details

Accountant

Dodd & Co Limited
FIFTEEN Rosehill
Montgomery Way
Rosehill Estate
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The Fell Pony Society
Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2022

Society events, to include Centenary activities, enjoyed great support and an increase in merchandise sales and income from shows and events reflect this. New and continued interest in the Fell Pony continues to thrive and sales of ponies increased, which was reflected in the income from transfers of ownership.

The Society very much looks forward to a successful 2023.

Financial review

See analysis following report and statements.

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

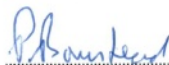
The review concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, a general reserve equivalent to approximately 75% or 9 months of fund expenditure should be maintained.

The total unrestricted reserves held by the charity at 31 October 2022 were £224,875 with free reserves of £211,682, which exceeds the current reserves policy.

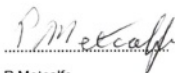
Small company provisions

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

Approved by the Board on 10 January 2023 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

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.

The Fell Pony Society

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 October 2022

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	4,728	11,500	16,228	12,763
Other trading activities	3	2,635	-	2,635	789
Investment income	4	47	-	47	23
Charitable activities	5	95,844	-	95,844	61,438
Total income and endowments		<u>103,254</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>114,754</u>	<u>75,013</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		106,321	17,060	123,381	85,641
Total expenditure		<u>106,321</u>	<u>17,060</u>	<u>123,381</u>	<u>85,641</u>
Net movements in funds		(3,067)	(5,560)	(8,627)	(10,628)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		227,943	18,081	246,024	256,652
Total funds carried forward		<u>224,876</u>	<u>12,521</u>	<u>237,397</u>	<u>246,024</u>

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

**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 2022, 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.

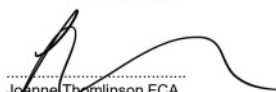
Basis of independent examiner's report

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.


Joanne Thomlinson FCA
Dodd & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

10 January 2023

FIFTEEN Rosehill
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The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2022

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 2019) - (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 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.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

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
Company registration number: 03233346
Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2022

		2022	2021
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	13,194	13,200
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress		6,335	4,780
Debtors	12	2,833	2,544
Cash at bank and in hand		222,903	231,225
		<u>232,071</u>	<u>238,549</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(7,868)</u>	<u>(5,725)</u>
Net current assets		<u>224,203</u>	<u>232,824</u>
Net assets		<u>237,397</u>	<u>246,024</u>
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		12,521	18,081
Unrestricted funds			
Unrestricted income funds		<u>224,876</u>	<u>227,943</u>
Total charity funds		<u>237,397</u>	<u>246,024</u>

For the financial year ended 31 October 2022, 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 10 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



P Boustead
Trustee



P Metcalfe
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The Fell Pony Society

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2022

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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 2022

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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 2022

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations and legacies				
Legacies and bequests	-	4,500	4,500	200
Donations	4,728	-	4,728	4,063
	<u>4,728</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>9,228</u>	<u>4,263</u>
 Grants				
Horse race betting levy board	-	7,000	7,000	8,500
	<u>4,728</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>16,228</u>	<u>12,763</u>

Of the donations and legacies income in 2021, £4,263 related to unrestricted funds and £8,500 related to restricted funds.

3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Advertising and sponsorship	2,635	-	2,635	789
	<u>2,635</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,635</u>	<u>789</u>

All of the other trading activities income in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Deposit account interest	47	-	47	23
	<u>47</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>23</u>

All of the investment income in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2022

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5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Subscriptions	32,670	-	32,670	30,710
Affiliation fees	315	-	315	32
AI permit	50	-	50	100
Miscellaneous	310	-	310	507
FIS income	3,880	-	3,880	2,735
Stud books and promotional merchandise	15,614	-	15,614	4,865
Shows and other events	8,582	-	8,582	4,314
Centenary events	13,888	-	13,888	-
Registration	5,780	-	5,780	4,620
Transfers	8,560	-	8,560	7,955
Stallion licences	3,082	-	3,082	3,750
DNA	988	-	988	705
Pony sales list	130	-	130	170
Duplicate passports	1,310	-	1,310	315
Prefix applications	685	-	685	660
	<u>95,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,844</u>	<u>61,438</u>

All of the income from charitable activities in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

The Fell Pony Society
Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2022

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6 Expenditure

	Promoting and running the society	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Direct costs			
Upkeep of fell ponies	10,830	10,830	13,766
Shows and other events	8,207	8,207	5,891
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	6,230	6,230	3,377
Centenary events	7,667	7,667	-
Stud books and promotional merchandise	13,215	13,215	3,700
Support group	500	500	-
Staff costs	31,070	31,070	24,269
Affiliation fees	167	167	50
Prefix registrations	443	443	397
FIS expenses	5,024	5,024	3,297
Advertising	10,000	10,000	7,500
DNA expenses	1,088	1,088	1,812
Honoraria	1,444	1,444	640
	<u>95,885</u>	<u>95,885</u>	<u>64,699</u>
Support costs			
Travelling	449	449	10
Insurance	4,402	4,402	3,476
Telephone	688	688	773
Office expenses	26	26	124
Computer expenses	1,057	1,057	1,117
Printing, stationery and equipment	8,659	8,659	5,291
Postage	8,431	8,431	6,311
Office rent	1,200	1,200	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire	72	72	-
Accountancy fees	1,058	1,058	1,231
Independent examiner's fee	600	600	600
Legal and professional fees	848	848	800
Depreciation of equipment	6	6	9
	<u>27,496</u>	<u>27,496</u>	<u>20,942</u>
	<u>123,381</u>	<u>123,381</u>	<u>85,641</u>

Of the expenditure in 2021, £68,498 related to unrestricted funds and £17,143 related to restricted funds.

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7 Governance costs

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accountancy fees	1,058	1,231
Independent examiner's fee	600	600
Trustee meeting venue hire	72	-
Legal and professional fees	848	800
	<u>2,578</u>	<u>2,631</u>

8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year 1 trustee received a honorarium totalling £944 (2021 - £640).

9 Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>

10 Employees' remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>31,070</u>	<u>24,269</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2021 - No. 0).

The key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £0 (2021 - £0).

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Trophies £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 November 2021 and 31 October 2022	6,647	13,175	19,822
Depreciation			
As at 1 November 2021	6,622	-	6,622
Charge for the year	6	-	6
As at 31 October 2022	6,628	-	6,628
Net book value			
As at 31 October 2022	19	13,175	13,194
As at 31 October 2021	25	13,175	13,200

12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments and accrued income	2,833	2,544

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	5,199	3,023
Other creditors	252	177
Accruals and deferred income	2,417	2,525
	7,868	5,725

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 2022 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Other	
	2022	2021
	£	£
Within two and five years	1,244	1,955

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 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2022
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
General fund	227,943	103,254	(106,321)	224,876
Restricted Funds				
Horserace Betting Levy Board	7,447	7,000	(6,230)	8,217
Fell Pony Upkeep	10,634	4,500	(10,830)	4,304
	18,081	11,500	(17,060)	12,521
	246,024	114,754	(123,381)	237,397

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

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

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Prior period

	At 1 November 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
General fund	229,928	66,513	(68,498)	227,943
Restricted Funds				
Horserace Betting Levy Board	2,324	8,500	(3,377)	7,447
Fell Pony Upkeep	24,400	-	(13,766)	10,634
	26,724	8,500	(17,143)	18,081
	256,652	75,013	(85,641)	246,024

18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	13,194	-	13,194	13,200
Current assets	219,550	12,521	232,071	238,549
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(7,868)	-	(7,868)	(5,725)
Net assets	224,876	12,521	237,397	246,024

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	13,200	-	13,200	13,209
Current assets	220,468	18,081	238,549	251,530
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(5,725)	-	(5,725)	(8,087)
Net assets	227,943	18,081	246,024	256,652

The Fell Pony Society
Detailed Income and Expenditure Analysis Year Ended 31 October 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Donations	4,728	4,063
Legacies and bequests	4,500	200
Advertising and sponsorship	2,635	789
Deposit account interest	47	23
Subscriptions	32,670	30,710
Affiliation fees	315	32
AI permit	50	100
Miscellaneous	310	507
FIS income	3,880	2,735
Stud books and promotional merchandise	15,614	4,865
Shows and other events	8,582	4,314
Centenary income	13,888	-
Registration	5,780	4,620
Transfers	8,560	7,955
Stallion licences	3,082	3,750
Horserace betting levy board	7,000	8,500
DNA	988	705
Pony sales list	130	170
Duplicate passports	1,310	315
Prefix applications	685	660
	<hr/> 114,754	<hr/> 75,013
Expenditure		
Upkeep of fell ponies	10,830	13,766
Shows and other events	8,207	5,891
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	6,230	3,377
Centenary events	7,667	-
Stud books and promotional merchandise	13,215	3,700
Support group	500	-
Staff costs	31,070	24,269
Affiliation fees	167	50
Prefix registrations	443	397
FIS expenses	5,024	3,297
DNA expenses	1,088	1,812
Honoraria	1,444	640
Insurance	4,402	3,476
Travelling	449	10
Telephone, office and computer expenses	1,771	2,014
Printing, stationery and equipment	8,659	5,291
Postage	8,431	6,311
Office rent	1,200	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire	72	-
Sundry and advertising expenses	10,000	7,500
Accountancy and independent examiner's fee	1,658	1,831
Legal and professional fees	848	800
Depreciation of equipment	6	9
	<hr/> 123,381	<hr/> 85,641
	<hr/> (8,627)	<hr/> (10,628)

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Trophies and Awards for 2022

If you think the achievements of a person or pony should be recognised with an award, please send your nomination to the FPS Secretary before 31st December.

The Queen's Trophy is presented annually to a person or persons who, in the opinion of the current chairman and approved by Council, has promoted the breed by work, recreation, or study.

Awarded this year to: The FPS Centenary Committee

The Edinburgh Prize is awarded internationally to a single or multiple turnout of registered Fell ponies, for achievement in Driving.

Awarded this year to: Mr Paul Metcalfe

The Lownthwaite Rob Trophy is awarded annually to the pony that has done the most to publicise the breed outside the show ring.

Awarded this year to: Carltonlima Emma

The Peahill Basil Award is awarded internationally to a single registered Fell Pony for achievements as a veteran 15 years and over.

Awarded this year to: Waverhead Dazzler II

All In Hand exhibits at the FPS Stallion & Colt Show, the FPS Breed Show and FPS Southern Show are automatically entered for the **Breeders' Trophy**.

Awarded this year to: Greenholme stud.

Detailed results follow.

The FPS Endurance Awards Scheme collates points for distances achieved by long distance riders of Fell ponies. Detailed results follow.

The Horserace Betting Levy Board grant is used to give premiums to breeders and owners through the **Premium & Performance Points Award Schemes**.

Detailed results follow.

The Greenholme Shandy Trec Award to encourage Fell pony owners to have a go at Trec will be awarded from this season onward.

Information about all trophies and awards can be found on the FPS web site at <http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm>. Do enter the Points Awards if you are able.

Breeders' Trophy

In memory of Chris Thompson and donated by the Thompson family. All In Hand exhibits at the FPS Stallion & Colt Show, the FPS Breed Show and FPS Southern Show are automatically entered for the Breeders' Trophy. They do not need a special entry form.

The award is calculated on a points basis and is presented at the AGM to the Fell pony breeder whose prefix accumulated the highest total in the previous year, as follows:

1st - 6 points, 2nd - 5 points, 3rd - 4 points, 4th - 3 points, 5th - 2 points, 6th - 1 point; "Best of" e.g. Best Foal, Best 3yr old etc. - 8 points; Res Champion - 8 points, Champion - 10 points.

Results for 2022

- 1 Greenholme
- 2 Carrock
- 3 Wellbrow
- 4 Drybarrows
- 5 Boutime
- 6 Lunesdale

FPS Annual Points Awards for 2022

Christine Robinson runs the annual points awards scheme for the Fell Pony Society and the winners will receive their prizes, including wonderful rosettes embossed with their ponies' names, at the FPS AGM.

Foals were well represented with four featuring in the awards this year, but where were all the other youngsters? There were only two in the yearling section, and one in each of the two and three year old classes, the Dalewin and Rackwood studs entering three ponies each. Juniors were also under-represented. Please do consider entering your ponies this season. There's no entry fee, and all exhibitors need to do is complete a form (available from the Awards page of the FPS web site) with details of show dates and classes, and get the judge or show Secretary to sign to confirm their placings.

The winning foal was Rackwood Hermione, owned by Eileen Walker. Hermione is out of Rackwood Black Magic by Eileen's stallion Dalewin Victor. Eileen reports that Hermione was very black and hairy like her grand-dam Rackwood Magic so she was sure she could be a show winner from the start. Hermione's first outing was to the FPS Breed Show where she was placed 1st in the filly foal class.



Rackwood Hermione with her dam Rackwood Black Magic

She was 1st prize Fell foal at Wolsingham Show and won the Rackwood Challenge Cup, which had been donated by Eileen's father in 1996, and was presented during the grand parade by Show President, Mr John Bell. The following week she was 1st prize Fell foal at Bowes Show; and then the last show of the season was Eggleston where she was 1st prize Fell foal and Reserve Champion Fell pony. A fabulous season for a pony that Eileen describes as her 'intelligent witch' and she hopes it will be followed by many years of show ring successes.

Winner of the yearling section was Rackwood Eldorado, also owned by Eileen Walker. Eldorado is out of Rackwood Maggie May, and like the winning foal is by Dalewin Victor, who as a result won the stallion award.



Rackwood Eldorado

From the outset Eldorado was a good strong foal that Eileen was very proud of and thought had a future as a breeding stallion. He was shown successfully with his dam at local agricultural shows, and then at the autumn foal shows after weaning. In the spring of 2022, Eileen took him to the FPS Stallion Show where he was placed 3rd in a strong class of yearling colts. This was to be his only outing as a yearling before being sold at the FPS Sale at J36 on 29 October 2022. His buyer has plans to licence him this year and to use him to cover a small number of mares.

Dalewin Xena (Murthwaite Wanted Man x Dalewin Roxanne) won the class for two year olds and Dalewin Willow (Lunesdale Black Ice II x Dalewin Fern) won the class

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1st Class Images

HOYS Junior M&M Champions Chantelle Chapman and Greenholme Falcon



Shirley Ball

Georgia Norton and Mosshey Centurion (right) qualified for HOYS in the SEIB working pony class and placed 4th at the final



Alfie Gould and Townend Sugar II at Sandringham 2022

Jean Bateson



Sandringham Show's FPS Centenary cake, April 2022



Claire Simpson

Carrock Elsa and Imogen Cockbain, South Cumbria Show 2022



Lucy Jones

Youngstock champion at Stallion Show 2022, Greenholme Orlando shown by Vicki Kenyon



Lucy Jones

Youngstock reserve champion at Stallion Show 2022, Setmabanning Poldark shown by Matthew Fearon

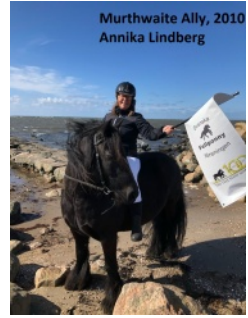


Aimee Brown and Darrenvale Chancer, Supreme Champion at Sandringham 2022

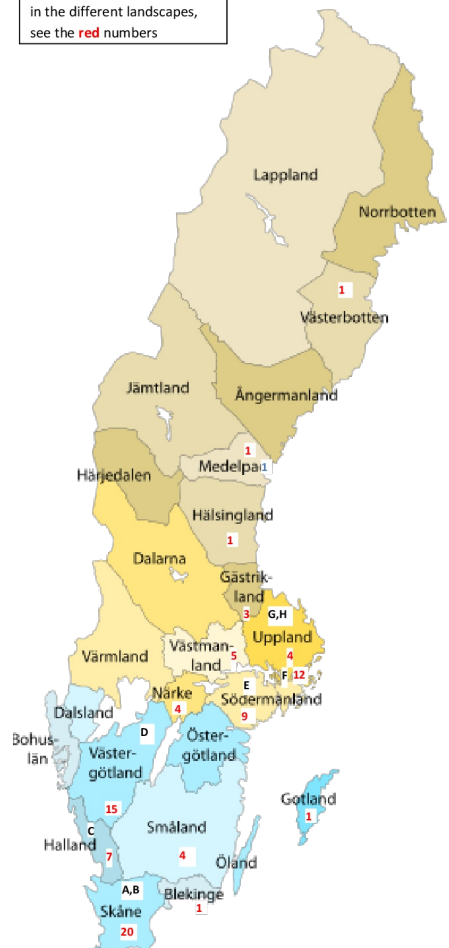


The Pack Pony section of the Display Team at the Stallion Show, 2022

Sweden



Registered fell ponies in Sweden, about 80-90 ponies, in the different landscapes, see the **red** numbers



Above and left: Swedish friends ride out with their Centenary celebration pennants.

Right: Numbers on the map show how many ponies are in each area of Sweden.

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Dalewin Willow

for three year olds; both fillies were exhibited by Bethany Cousins for the Dalewin Stud.

Bethany reports that Xena had a quiet 2022, only attending two shows, but that she was in the top 3 each time. Xena has wintered well at the fell and might make a reappearance in the ring in 2023.

Bethany was delighted with Willow who had her first full showing season and took to it like a duck to water. Her highlight was taking the Fell pony championship at Reeth Show which was in the main ring. Bethany reports that Willow just lit up on her lap of honour and loved all the applause and cheering!

Daisy O'Leary's Roddlesworth Timothy (Greenholme Gizmo x Annie Mather) won the class for four year olds and over in hand.

In his very successful first season 'Raven' never came away without a red ribbon for his loaner/exhibitor Evie Stockton, and is testament to the amazing temperament of the Fell pony.

His connections are looking forward to



Dalewin Xena

this season and seeing Evie and Raven progress in ridden classes.

Charlotte Knight's Scotshaven Bella



Roddlesworth Timothy



Scotshaven Bella Augusta

Augusta (Lunesdale Rex x Lunesdale Lizzie) won the performance section. A delighted Charlotte reported that she and Bella had a very varied year, doing a good number of fun things that they both enjoy; holidaying in the Cotswolds (taking in the fun ride at the Cotswold Farm Park on the last day) and doing other fun rides of 10 to 15 miles each.

They also attended various training sessions at Riding Club and went to stay at RC camp; as well as doing various local events from dressage, show jumping, Equicross and formation ride sessions. They cracked the FPS Centenary 100 mile challenge early, so carried on recording mileage until they topped 1000 miles at the end of September.

Charlotte's 'icing on the cake' highlights were taking part in the parade at Royal Windsor in May and going clear in both their WHP classes at the Southern FPS show, taking the WHP championship there. Not bad for a combined age of 72, though Bella is just 12! Charlotte considers herself to be very fortunate to have a very eager and willing partner in Bella who happily turns her hoof to most things. They both like to be busy, and fun rides with jumps are their idea of a great day out.



Wellbrow Becka

Wellbrow Becka (Heltondale Mountain Mist II x Drybarrows Lucky) won the dressage section for Morven Lawson. Morven's daughter Shonagh bought Becky as a newly backed six year old in 2014. Morven began riding her, and she very quickly felt like her own pony and Shonagh decided to let her have her. Morven enjoys taking part in lessons and riding club training sessions with Becky, always working at improving their dressage marks.

After a few years doing mostly unaffiliated dressage in 2022 Morven decided to have a go at British Dressage Team Quest and, together with some friends, formed a team which they named "Saved by the Fell", although Becky is the only Fell Pony in the team. However she always does the team proud, often achieving the winning score and twice gaining over 70% in the qualifiers.

The team qualified for the Scottish Regional Team Quest Finals in September where Becky and Morven took 5th place in their class with 66.20%, with the team taking 8th place overall.

Claire Simpson

Points Awards Results 2022

Foal (4 entries)

- 1st Rackwood Hermione FP7202 Dalewin Victor x Rackwood Black Magic. Owner/Exh. Eileen Walker.
315 points
- 2nd Carrock Royal FP73526C Carrock Stride the Nite x Carrock Lilly. Owner/Exh. John Cockbain.
310 points
- 3rd Kerbeck Solway Serenade FP7313 Lunesdale Beckham x Kerbeck Night Breeze. Owner/Exh.
Christine Robinson. 130 points
- 4th Dalewin Zara FP7315 Lunesdale Black Ice II x Lockholme Darkie III. Owner Edwin Winder Exh.
Bethany Cousins. 120 points

Yearling (2 entries)

- 1st Rackwood Eldorado FP73359C Dalewin Victor x Rackwood Maggie May. Owner/Exh. Eileen
Walker. 80 points
- 2nd Rackwood Magic's Finale FP7033 Dalewin Victor x Rackwood Magic. Owner/Exh. Eileen Walker.
70 points

Two Year Old (1 entry)

- Dalewin Xena FP6928* Murthwaite Wanted Man x Dalewin Roxanne. Owner Edwin Winder Exh.
Bethany Cousins 190 points

Three Year Old (1entry)

- Dalewin Willow FP6731 Lunesdale Black Ice II x Dalewin Fern. Owner Edwin Winder Exh. Bethany
Cousins 530 points

Four Year Old and over In Hand (8 entries)

- 1st Roddlesworth Timothy FP72708G Greenholme Gizmo x Annie Mather. Owner Daisy O'Leary Exh
Evie Stockton 600 points
- 2nd Dalewin Uptown Girl FP6421 Lunesdale Black Ice II x Dalewin Fern. Owner Edwin Winder Exh.
Bethany Cousins 580 points
- 3rd Annabelle FP4485 Darrenvale Warrior x Annie Mather. Owner Rachel & Emma Woodruff Exh.
Charlotte Ward 450 points
- 4th equal Lydvale Beryl FP5915 Bracklinn Dynamite x Waverhead Jewel III. Owner/Exh. Diana McGrail
400 points
- 4th equal Roddlesworth Lavinia FP6647 Greenholme Gismo x Annie Mather. Owner/Exh. Emma
Woodruff 400 points
- 6th Lydvale Leo FP73032G Greenholme Eddy x Lydvale Alice. Owner Diana McGrail Exh. Paul Viney
380 points

Four Year Old and Over, Performance (10 entries)

- 1st Scotshaven Bella Augusta FP5318 Lunesdale Rex x Lunesdale Lizzie. Owner/Exh. Charlotte Knight
1510 points
- 2nd Mosshey Centurion FP72183G Greenholme Redstart x Longdendale Beth. Owner/Exh Georgia
Norton 1490 points
- 3rd Lydvale Beryl FP5915 Bracklinn Dynamie x Waverhead Jewel III. Owner/Exh. Diana McGrail 1380
points
- 4th Roddlesworth Timothy. Owner. Daisy O'Leary Exh. Evie Stockton 680 points
- 5th Liquorice FP5943 Summerhouse Don x Baronshill Cinderella. Owner Rachel & Emma Woodruff
Exh. Layla Brown 660 points
- 6th Lydvale Jade FP4306 Border Black Prince x Waverhead Jewel III. Owner & Exh. Paul Viney
430 points

Dressage (7 entries)

- 1st Wellbrow Becka FP4819 Heltondale Mountain Mist II x Drybarrows Lucky. Owner/Exh. Morven Lawson 870 points
- 2nd Scotshaven Bella Augusta FP5318 Lunesdale Rex x Lunesdale Lizzie. Owner/Exh. Charlotte Knight 720 points
- 3rd Lydvale Beryl FP5915 Bracklinn Dynamie x Waverhead Jewel III. Owner/Exh. Diana McGrail 670 points
- 4th Ruby III FP5032* Murthwaite Gurkha x Ruby II. Owner/Exh. Carrie-Ann Richardson 640 points
- 5th Greenholme George FP72046G Murthwaite Wanted Man x Greenholme Becky. Owner/Exh. Fiona Bubb 430 points
- 6th Stunstead Babybel FP6517 Wellbrow Leo x Lathomdale Belinda. Owner/Exh Carrie-Ann Richardson 270 points

Driving (3 entries)

- 1st Raisbeck Cappuccino FP70945G Guards Jester x Orton Hall Dusky. Owner Fiona Bubb Exh. Linda Wiggan 1300 points
- 2nd Greenholme George FP72046G Murthwaite Wanted Man x Greenholme Becky. Owner Fiona Bubb Exh. Linda Wiggan 420 points
- 3rd Hades Hill Perry FP4308 Lunesdale Mercury x Heltondale Polly Perkins XII. Owner/Exh Flo Goodbrand-Lloyd 410 points

Junior Performance (2 entries)

- 1st Liquorice FP5943 Summerhouse Don x Baronshill Cinderella. Owners Rachel & Emma Woodruff Exh. Layla Brown 680 points
- 2nd Annabelle FP4485 Darrenvale Warrior x Annie Mather. Owners Rachel & Emma Woodruff Exh. Charlotte Ward 660 points

Champion Stallion - Dalewin Victor

Champion Mare - Annie Mather



Rachel and Emma Woodruff's Annabelle ridden by Charlotte Ward

Endurance Awards

The FPS Endurance Awards Scheme collates points for distances achieved by long distance riders of Fell ponies.

HIGHEST MILEAGE COMPETITIVE DISTANCE AWARD and a TROPHY donated by The Fell Pony Society. This award is for the Fell pony having achieved the highest Competitive Ride mileage (novice, open or advanced) in the current season.

HIGHEST MILEAGE PLEASURE AWARD for the HILLHEAD MINSTREL TROPHY donated by Lloyd and Pauline Webster. This award is for the Fell pony having accumulated the most Pleasure Ride mileage in the current season.

TASTER AWARDS for the ULDALE BLACK RAVEN TROPHY to encourage people to have a go at Endurance Rides without having to become members of EGB or SERC. Mileage can be accumulated for recognised rides and rosettes will be awarded at the end of the season.

Competitive Distance

1st Lownthwaite Vincent, Janette Gilmour 185 km.

Pleasure Award

1st Shadowcroft Pagan Princess, Alison Knight 232km Acc.430.5 km

2nd Lownthwaite Vincent, Janette Gilmour 215km Acc.1,339 km

3rd Townend Bellboy II, Rowena Day 131 km

4th Ravenscairn Sgian Dhu, Angela Long 44km Acc.826 km

Please remember to get your results in by at least December, either by post or email attachment, to be included. The form is on the Awards page of the FPS web site. Please contact me if you have a query or need any advice.

All the best for 2023.

Fiona Carradus

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Driving Points winner, Fiona Bubb's Raisbeck Cappuccino, driven by Linda Wiggan

FPS Southern Breed Show

The 2022 Southern Show was scheduled to take place on September 11th, which was not long after the death of HM The Queen. We decided to go ahead with the show as we thought Her Majesty would have approved. The Queen's ponies were frequent visitors to the Southern Show over the years, regularly taking top honours. In fact the painting awarded to the supreme champion, won by Her Majesty's Townend Chaffinch in 2017, is still somewhere in a royal dungeon or antechamber, and The Queen provided us with a replacement painting.

Show day this year started out foggy, and the far side of the show field was indistinct. Competitors bravely waded into the fog in search of their rings, and when the sun eventually broke through it revealed lots of gleaming black, bay, brown and occasionally grey ponies. The show starts relatively quietly with the in hand showing rings, but as the working hunter pony, dressage and handy pony rings also come to life competitors are kept busy dashing between classes, quite often swapping ponies, riders and tack.

We arranged a minute's silence at lunch time to remember The Queen. When Liam Bruno blew his beater's horn the showground fell quiet, whether people were queueing for a burger, brushing a pony or catching up with old friends. It felt like a lovely way to remember Her Majesty, who so enjoyed attending shows to watch her ponies compete.

After a busy afternoon of ridden classes judges Barry and Tracy Mallinson chose Deb Vychinski's stallion Boutime Wooster as their supreme champion, with Karen Hodge's mare Kalmara Fantasia reserve. Everybody went home with at least two rosettes though, as FPS Centenary rosettes were awarded to all competitors. Most people also went home with at least one raffle prize too, as the legendary Southern Show raffle always has an abundance of prizes.

Planning is already underway for this year's show, which will take place on Sunday 10th September 2023. The schedule is available on www.fellsouthernshow.com

Georgina Blair

Peahill Basil Award: Waverhead Dazzler II & Georgie Lewis Roberts

Dazzler is now 20 years old, and in 2020 he won the Supreme Veteran of the Year at the Veteran Horse Society Championships. He qualified for the Royal International Horse Show in the Intermediate and Amateur classes in 2021, and in 2022 he qualified Amateur and Pretty Polly for RIHS, as well as qualifying for the SSADL veteran class there, by being Champion Veteran at Three Counties Show. He also took part in the Fell Pony Parade at Royal Windsor this year. He was supreme veteran at Equifest 2022 and also supreme of show at the Senior Showing and Dressage Championships in 2022.

In the past he did workers, hunted, carried a side saddle, and he still hacks out regularly, escorting the babies, as he has such a good temperment. He is a stallion, and has progeny out competing, both here and abroad.

In 2021s he was diagnosed with a cancerous tumour, and has had three lots of laser surgery, and several lots of chemotherapy cream. Unfortunately the tumour is still evident, and we do not know how this will pan out.

Mrs Peta Roberts F.B.H.S.

Horse of the Year Show 2022

HOYS - NPS/Baileys Horse Feeds Ridden Fell Pony Championship: Willmont Braveheart

Willmont Braveheart and Emma Burrow won the NPS/Baileys Horse Feeds Ridden Fell Pony Championship at the Horse of the Year Show. They qualified at Stoneleigh on their first attempt, so they had had a relatively quiet season until the HOYS final in October.



Known at home as 'Bert', Braveheart is by Underwoods Gideon out of Townend Liberty.

He is owned by Antonia Mitchell and ridden by Emma Burrow, Team EJB.

2022 was Emma's second season producing 'Bert' from her base near Brampton, in Cumbria.

Antonia's partner Paul is a farrier by trade and keeps Bert's feet in tip top condition.

Claire Simpson

*Antonia Mitchell's
Willmont Braveheart
ridden by Emma Burrow*

HOYS - SEIB working pony: Georgia Norton and Mosshey Centurion

Mosshey Centurion (Brian to his friends) had an incredible season with me in 2022, making all my dreams come true. He qualified for HOYS in the SEIB working pony class, and placed 4th at the final.

As a home-produced amateur who competes as a hobby this is something I never dreamed would happen, especially with rising costs restricting how much we can compete and classes being so competitive - it is something I will cherish forever. Not only that, Brian qualified for Your Horse Live on the flat for the 2nd consecutive year and finished 6th at the final.

Another moment I won't forget from 2022 is winning the Novice M&M WHP at the New Forest County and taking Champion. Later he won the Rare Breeds Ridden. To be at my local county show under saddle was a first for me but to win was even more special. And

to have people approach me asking all about him just makes me feel so proud to represent the breed, and so lucky that I own a once in a life time pony.

Brian wasn't a pony I planned to get, and a Fell wasn't even a breed I ever considered. I owned part bred Arabs previously but I had a particularly difficult one that ended up too dangerous to continue riding, so I was riding other people's ponies until I stumbled across Brian advertised. I drove 4 and a half hours to try him and when I sat on him it was like I had ridden him every day of my life. It just felt like how I would imagine driving a Ferrari is like and we haven't looked back since.

I wasn't a jumper when I got Brian, just from lack of experience, but my god, he loves it and has taught me so much, allowing me to enter various WHP classes and show jumping events and to start to enjoy ponies again. We have jumped 95cm courses and 1m10 individually, something I also thought I would never do.

We compete in dressage at novice level and he has been top 3 all year in his dressage competitions, even placing 2nd in our first elementary last year, and scoring consistently low 70%s. He is total proof that a Fell pony is a complete all-rounder.



This year I plan to try eventing for the first time with Brian and even a spot of side saddle, maybe alongside a few open RI qualifiers. However I want to focus towards more riding club fun activities, I think he enjoys it far more and he can come back to that when he is a veteran.

I started a Instagram account to post all about Brian a few years ago and have met such a fabulous community in Fell pony owners who are super supportive. All of them do such varied activities with their Fells. They have supported me through last year's antics and encouraged me to do more, as does my family.

I work as a student veterinary nurse in a small animal specialist hospital and find time is quite often against me. Some days, I'm mentally exhausted but Brian without fail lifts me up. I truly believe that ponies come in to your life for a reason, and I couldn't be without him. When I meet anyone who is considering a pony I now proceed to brag about Brian and how wonderful he is and tell them if they want personality, fun and a great allrounder that a Fell is the pony to get - so much so that my mum purchased a grey yearling fell last year called Harthouse Huntsman, to show and enjoy in the future.

HOYS - Junior M&M Championship: Chantelle Chapman & Greenholme Falcon

'Confelicity' is a lovely but little-used word that means to take pleasure in another's happiness, and there was confelicity in spades around the Top Spec arena as Chantelle Chapman (17) was called forward to take the Junior M&M championship at HOYS with her pony of a lifetime, Greenholme Falcon (Dan). Chantelle said that she really felt the crowd was behind her.

After taking the championship the family then stayed until Sunday so that Chantelle could ride Dan in the international arena for the supreme championship, a fantastic experience that both pony and rider loved.

Their success was made all the sweeter by the fact that the family has had a very difficult couple of years, and Mum, Victoria, has been having treatment for cancer, which has meant that family and friends have stepped into provide support and help Chantelle, and her younger brother Bobby.



Sadly Victoria was in hospital at the time of the Derbyshire Festival, but with help from Grandad doing the driving, and brother Bobby stepping up as groom, Chantelle and Dan were able to compete and jumped a cracking clear in the HOYS WHP to finish 3rd out of 34 ponies.

Then, with Mum in tears watching the HOYS live stream from hospital, they won the Junior Large Breeds, out of more than 30 beautiful ponies, and went on to take the Junior championship.

Throughout Victoria's illness Dan has given the family a focus, he has been their rock and a little ray of sunshine making the family smile during the dark days. Next year Bobby may take the ride and contest WHP and junior classes while Chantelle concentrates on her novices.

Victoria would like to thank everyone who has supported the family in the many ways over the past months, especially Louise, Kath and Gary, and Kirsty; and her amazing Mum and Dad who have helped make the dreams a reality.

Well Done All!

Claire Simpson

FPS Show and Sale of Registered Ponies

The FPS Sale of registered Fell ponies took place on 29 October at the North West Auction Mart near Kendal. As usual, the sale was preceded by an in hand show.

The sale always creates a lot of interest and this year was no exception, the auction ring being packed to the rafters with standing room only. Buyers came from throughout the UK and beyond. Fell ponies from the sale travelled as far as America, with buyers enjoying a good discount due to the strength of the dollar against the pound.

Paul Metcalfe judged the show classes which were sponsored by Charles Stewart Hay and Straw. The champion and reserve came from the foal class, the largest class of the day with 15 ponies forward, where Brackenbank Sidney came out on top. Consigned by David Wilkinson, this much-admired foal sired by Applegait Indigo Archie went on to sell for 2000gns. The reserve championship was taken by Greenholme Quaver, a grey colt consigned by RJ & BK Potter. This foal sired by Greenholme Diego went on to sell for 1200gns.

The sale peaked at 4400gns for Lunesdale Cassandra, a grey yearling filly from R Morland, Tebay, that had won the youngstock class earlier in the day. This much-admired filly was sired by Stennerskeugh Monty. This was followed by Carltonlima Bryonny, a thirteen year old bay mare by Greenfield Gay Lad, selling to 3400gns for G Richardson.

Foals sold to a top of 3300gns for Greenholme Quality, sired by Greenholme Lancelot. This black colt was the champion foal at the Society Breed Show and created a lot of interest both ringside and from the internet, going on to sell on the internet.

Thanks very much to NW Auctions, judge Paul Metcalfe, and everyone who helped on the day. Lots of lovely ponies found super new homes; there were some good prices for breeders and everyone else enjoyed a grand day out and a catch up with like-minded friends.

J36 Fell Pony Society Annual Show of Registered Fell Ponies

Judge - Paul Metcalfe

Class 1 - Pony 4+ years old

1st G Richardson with Carltonlima Bryonny selling for 3400gns

2nd The Shelby Stud with Holling Candy selling for 2000gns

Class 2 - Pony One to Three Years Old

1st R Morland with Lunesdale Cassandra selling for 4400gns

2nd H Wilson with Nortontowers Milly

3rd E A Walker with Rackwood Eldorado selling for 2200gns

- 4th G H B Mallinson with Hardendale Hilfiger selling for 1900gns
5th W Dickinson with Wansfell Majesty selling for 450gns
6th W Dickinson with Wansfell Malrina

Class 3 - Colt or Filly Foal

- 1st D & K Wilkinson with Brackenbank Sidney selling for 2000gns
2nd RJ & BK Potter with Greenholme Quaver selling for 1200gns
3rd L Blundell with Smithills Jubilee Carnival selling for 800gns
4th RJ & BK Potter with Greenholme Quentin selling for 700gns
5th R Morland with Lunesdale Destiny
6th The Mallinson Family with Hardendale Midnight selling for 1100gns

Championship - D & K Wilkinson with Brackenbank Sidney selling for 2000gns

Reserve Champion - RJ & BK Potter with Greenholme Quaver selling for 1200gns



*(Right) David Wilkinson with Champion, Brackenbank Sidney
(Left) John Potter with Reserve, Greenholme Quaver*

FPS NW Area Support Group Foal & Youngstock Show

The Fell Pony Society NW Area Support Group Foal & Youngstock Show was held at Newton Rigg near Penrith on 26 November. It was a great opportunity for Fell pony enthusiasts to catch up with friends, and for owners to get their young ponies out to gain experience, as most had not been away from home before.

Michael Goddard from Dorset judged the classes, and when reflecting on his choices he explained that the ponies that he had chosen all had the same attributes. They were all free-moving types, with a good walk, active trot and good strong flat bone; all qualities required in a good example of a Fell pony.

Michael chose Hannah-Mary Stewart's yearling filly, Bybeck Agnes (s Bybeck Rodney x Bybeck Stella), shown by Bethan Lewis, as his youngstock and overall supreme champion. It was a fantastic day for Milnthorpe based Hannah-Mary who had bought Agnes with her dam from the Roberts family's Bybeck dispersal sale in 2021.



Hannah-Mary Stewart's yearling filly, Bybeck Agnes (Bybeck Rodney x Bybeck Stella), shown by Bethan Lewis (right) was youngstock and overall supreme champion. Reserve supreme went to Greenholme Quirky (Greenholme Lancelot x Lunesdale Anna), the foal champion, shown by John Potter.

Reserve supreme went to the Potter family from Tebay with their super colt, Greenholme Quirky (s Greenholme Lancelot x d Lunesdale Anna), the foal champion, shown by John Potter.

The largest class of the day with 10 ponies forward was for filly foals and was won by Lizzie James from Sedbergh with her lovely filly Firbank Whitby Jet (s Heltondale Prince V x Murthwaite Meadowsweet), who took the foal reserve championship. Lunesdale Bramble (s Lunesdale Union Jack x d Greenholme Jo), bred by Bert Morland from Kirkby Stephen and now owned by Anna and Bev Metcalfe from Killington, won the class for two-year-olds and took the reserve championship in the youngstock section with Alex Robinson.

Many thanks to the sponsors Unique Homecare and Brackenbank Fell Ponies, judge Michael Goddard, organisers, competitors, all the spectators, and everyone who contributed to make this such an enjoyable event.

Claire Simpson

100 Miles Challenge 2022

Cathy Doige and Littletree Dynamo



I enjoyed the camaraderie of the group doing the FPS 100 mile Challenge which made it so much fun, social media at its very best (I even learnt how to take photos whilst riding!)

The photo of us is not the most scenic or spectacular that has come out of the challenge, but I think it shows the wonderful attitude and company of my pony as we clocked up mile after mile together. The pricked ear looking forward to where-ever is next and the other flicking back as he comments on whatever is going on. We had done about 56/57 miles in this picture.

Claire Dawson and Darrenvale Tybalt

I am Claire Dawson and my pony is Darrenvale Tybalt,



Tye to his friends. He was 18 when we started the challenge. I have owned Tye for 10 years and we still enjoy shows and dressage. However we do enjoy hacking out. I was unsure what the challenge was at first and thought we would never manage to do 100 miles, but I worked out we can do up to 5 miles at the weekend anyway. Let's give it a go. We created Team Fab Fells with my good friend Nikki Ellis Hugan who teamed up with me with my other Fell pony Sunnybrowe Prince who is now 21 years young. They absolutely love hacking out together and it was something to aim for doing the 100 miles. Hacking out is one of best forms of exercise for Mac and Tye and it's a super focus for us as riders as well. It keeps both ponies and riders fit. We rode out

in all weathers, wind, sun and rain, got wet through and didn't care. We laughed on every ride as we clocked up our miles. I've met so many new friends on the Facebook group and supported their journeys, and this year I hear there will be a new challenge in memory of HM The Queen, so Team Fab Fells will get the chance do it again!

Jacqueline Cheetham and Hardendale Rowan

Having to step back from competitions and jumping, veteran mare Hardendale Rowan, now 27, found the 100 miles challenge a perfect way to ease her stiff joints and keep her moving through the colder months of 2022, and get her fair weather rider Jacqueline Cheetham riding out too. We completed our miles in 3 speedy months. Being presented with the Peahill Basil trophy at the AGM was a fitting finale



to recognise her life as a broodmare who had raised 9, before a busy retirement of pony club, jumping, hacking and TREC. And we were honoured to receive some rosettes she had won as a youngster from her previous owner Janet Wood of Ralfland stud, which we will treasure. We had thought this might be it for our beloved Rowan, but she has other ideas, and after she escaped from the garden TWICE, at a canter, this week, I think we will just take the new year one day at a time.

Joanne Exley and Lune Valley Beauty

This was right up my street, as hacking is my favourite equine pursuit. It gave me the kick up the backside I needed to get in the saddle, and the incentive to carry on until the finish. We are fortunate enough to have excellent off road hacks, and there is no better way to see the countryside than on the back of a reliable mount.

I think it's also very good for your mental well being.

I learned a new skill, as I loved using the Equilab app I had downloaded to my phone. I really enjoyed mapping my mileage and using Google Earth to photograph where I had been.

I especially enjoyed following other challengers' journeys, photos and accounts on the group. All their highs, lows, setbacks and tragedies.

I also met new friends through the group. Emma Every Tilson came over with her lovely pony, Murthwaite Frost, and we completed a 9 mile ride together.

My pony Lune Valley Beauty was 25 years old, and she completed the challenge twice with ease, both with me and my friend Nicola Foster.

Thank you to all the centenary committee who came up with this inspired challenge.

Nicky Foster and Lune Valley Beauty



The challenge was a fantastic idea and credit to the Fell Pony Society committee members who came up with the idea.

This gave me the proverbial "kick up the backside" to get on board especially needed in winter when I don't tend to get out as much as the spring and summer months.

The biggest challenge was facing my fears with technology - using the Equilab app - although when mastered it was the perfect way to share photos and videos with other challengers.

Most importantly it was Beauty who was the real star and was more than willing (sometimes too willing) to pose for photos and videos whilst out on our adventures.

The Centenary Ball in August was the perfect way to celebrate the challenge and 100 years anniversary of the Fell Pony Society. Also to receive the beautiful rosette and tie pin was an honour. So much admiration for the organisers of this event and the challenge.

Liz Whitley, Wolds Songthrush and Murthwaite Roly

With two ponies rising 34 and 29 respectively, in 2022, I didn't imagine it possible to complete the 100 miles. However, the inclusive nature of the challenge meant that it was. Jane Rawden messaged me and suggested we make up part of a Wolds team, to honour Jane Glass's Wolds Stud, and so we started on New Year's Day. I took my two out ride and lead and as we are arthritic our route is only 1.1 miles (2.2 for two ponies).

In fact the Wolds team completed by the end of January, but for me the challenge was to see just how far we could get solo (well, as two ponies and me). Roly and I came down on the road at the end of January because of our arthritis (he tripped and I couldn't right us); thankfully no harm done but I decided that riding was now out and the rest of the year was walk and lead.

It was brilliant motivation to get out: we completed 88 but our lovely Team Wolds did the 100 and had a Wolds pony in the team.

Sue Grout and Murphy



In 2020 Murphy and I were involved in a road traffic accident - how he survived, physically and mentally, I'll never know but the fact is that he did. Rehabilitation was a long haul then just as our vet gave the All Clear to push him on a little more, 100 Miles with a Fell was launched.

Immediately I could see it was the incentive we needed; the excitement of having a celebratory goal whilst being able to suit the pace to our own needs. Being part of the "100 Mile" Fell community was more important than I can say and it didn't matter if we rode, trundled along together side by side, or a mixture of the two when things occasionally got too much for Murphy. And the group urged us on!

We achieved our 100 miles with only a few major issues by the end of May and we haven't looked back. The undertaking helped my pony to rebuild his confidence and to become his cheeky, chancer self

again. Our bond became stronger and I think he's even a little more forward going! Yet again I've been left in awe of this amazing breed.

Lisa Dunger and Shepparton Tara

Tara is 23 years young this year, we have shared our lives together since she was 5 months old. We have done so much together, I backed her myself, we went to shows, had lessons and took part in prelim dressage competitions. And best of all, took part in lots of pleasure rides, which we both loved. And of course lots of hacking, on our own, enjoying each other's company and riding with our friends.

The 100 mile centenary challenge gave us a chance to celebrate our



wonderful years together by joining in the challenge with other members and their Fell ponies. It encouraged us and others to ride/walk in our beautiful countryside and clock up the miles. We enjoyed ourselves immensely, we rode with our friend who has a Connemara pony who is 28 years old!

We rode on our own, I talk to Tara and we have conversations, and I imagine if anyone could hear me, they would think I was quite mad!

I get so much pleasure from riding her, and I believe she does too. Sometimes I let her choose where we should go. We are very lucky in that we have some glorious riding around the Sandringham Estate where we live.

Sue Howes, Holling Black Jack and Lownthwaite Moonshadow



I signed up for this but wasn't sure I would make it to 100 miles, as I only had retired Fell ponies here, and faced doing the whole lot on foot, walking the ponies. We began in January, and we completed in October.

The ponies were Holling Black Jack, and Lownthwaite Moonshadow, both in their 20s. We all enjoyed ambling about the local lanes, seeing what was growing in the hedge, looking at the birds & animals and chatting to our neighbours. Our route often took us past the zoo and we talked to a lot of zoo visitors about the ponies.

At first the 'miles-to-go' seemed insurmountable but we kept plugging away, sometimes we'd only do half a mile, but it all adds up.

We all got fitter, and I found it immensely beneficial to my mental health. Sadly my pony Jack passed away not long after we'd completed, but our last year together was full of lovely memories of the walks we had, and how much he enjoyed all the snack stops.

Sue Millard and Coppyhill Suzanne (and Nipna Tudor Prince)

I wasn't sure I could complete 100 miles, because Ruby and I are both arthritic and even with regular human and equine doses of "bute" we are starting to feel our age - she was 27 last year and I hit 70. But I signed up anyway.

I was massively busy with Centenary celebrations, the Magazine, web site, script for Windsor and narrating at Dalemain, Burghley and other performances with the Display Team, and I mostly wore the T shirt for talks about Fells to local community groups. But between those frantic times Ruby managed relaxed "little wanders" in the carriage, notching up a mile or so at a time for us.



One day though, somewhere around the 50 mile mark, Ruby began to ask at every gateway and layby if she could go home, and I thought, sadly, well, after 18 sparkling years with me, she deserves to choose when she retires.

Then an acquaintance in Co Durham kindly lent me Eric (shh, he is not a Fell but a "Fell cousin"). He willingly ate up the remaining carriage miles - and it only took a day for Ruby to realise that when Eric returned from a drive it was time to demand HER after-work feed!

When I totted up our figures and found we had reached 99 and a half miles, I thought Ruby really ought to be the one who carried the Fell Pony Society flag across the finishing line. So on a day when she was feeling cheeky, she had the honour of walking the last half mile to achieve our 100.

Vikki Poole and Greenholme White Heather

I said we would do the mileage as it would keep us both ticking over through my mental health problems and her old age. We have both been through the mill so to speak. We completed just over 80 miles before colic took her away from us after a couple of months of several unknown blood infections.

I miss her so much.

(Ed: The committee awarded Vikki a rosette to honour Heather's 80 miles.)

Jane Snar, Littletree Matador, JKL Istas and Greenholme Peggy

2022 was a great year of trail work for myself and my ponies here in the United States.



We enjoyed welcoming our first import, Greenholme Peggy, in late fall of the prior year and she was ready just in time to do the 100-Mile-Challenge. Our farm 'team' included another fairly new-to-us pony, imported years back, Littletree Matador, along with our homegrown, first and beloved Fell pony, JKL Istas. Also joining our team was my co-worker who had never met a Fell pony in her life.

We put many miles in riding and for Peggy, hiking in-hand. We traversed the challenging foothills of Oregon, soaking-in the sights, and introduced many other folks to Fells, some already familiar and some making some interesting guesses at their breed.

The Challenge was an honor to be a part of, culminating with getting our rosette in person at the Centenary Ball with our travel group with Melissa Kreuzer of Dreamhayven Fells. Enjoyed sharing and supporting others on the 100-Mile Facebook page, young, old, fast or slow! What a great activity it was to unite us all, across the globe, in one pursuit of getting our ponies out there.

Barbara Crossmore and Dalefoot Flicker II

Encouraged by my Sister I began my 100 mile challenge with my lovely 16 year old mare Dalefoot Flicker II on January 30th.

I wasn't too sure how Flicker would react to being dragged out of her field and saddled up after a couple of years of being a field ornament, but like a true Fell Pony she took it all in her stride.

Now I am definitely a fair weather rider and wouldn't normally ride in winter but the 100 mile challenge inspired me to get riding again.

Although we are in a rural area we have no access to any bridlepaths so all our hacks were roadwork. We were forced to break from riding by lambing, calving, leg injuries and Covid and I was doubtful that we would finish in time.

We always work best under pressure though, and we managed to complete with 3 days to spare by riding 25 miles in the final week.

Many thanks to the organisers of the challenge, we wouldn't have done any of this without the incentive it gave us.



*Mrs Gilly Chippendale driving Stennerskeugh Smoke, Driving Class winners
at the Stallion & Colt Show at Dalemain, 2022*

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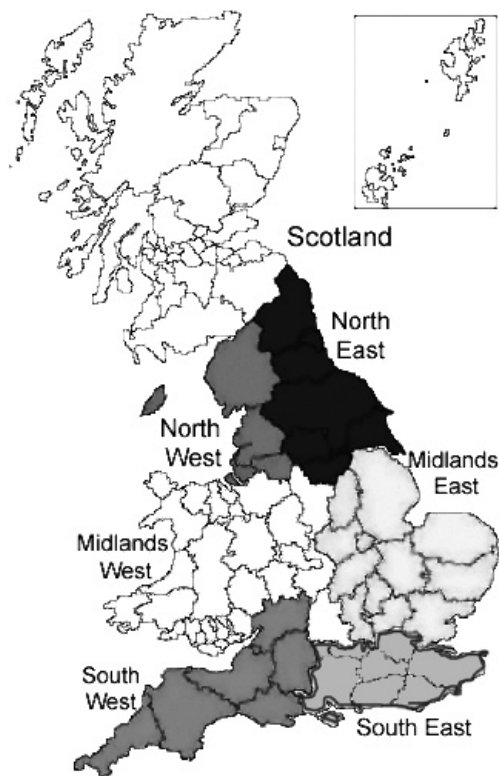
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Scotland - North

The North Scotland area support group are hoping to catch up with friends old and new in 2023. Plans for the year include:

A Groundwork/Natural horsemanship demo

Visit to Redwings Mountains Horse Sanctuary, Forfar

Autumn pony stud visit

Dates are to be confirmed, so if anyone is interested contact Jacqueline Cheetham by email, fellponies @btinternet.com, or through Facebook, and we will add you to our mail list.

Check out our Fell Pony Society Scottish area support group page for further developments. Hope to see you soon.

Jacqueline

North West Area Support Group

Fell Pony Camp 2023

Open to current members of the Fell Pony Society.

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th July 2023 at Newton Rigg EC, Penrith

Friday - quiz and chippy tea

Saturday - flat lessons with Jo Birkbeck, TREC with Helen Wain

Saturday evening - demo tbc

Sunday - jumping lessons and clear round with Jo Birkbeck, Horseback Archery with EJM Horseback Archery

Stables for overnight stays are very limited this year, so each day can also be booked as stand alone clinics.

Price options below:

Full weekend: includes 2 nights stabling, all activities/lessons, all food (human) £230 (price may decrease depending on number of day guests)

One day: includes all activities on that day and lunch, snacks, drinks. £70

Email. catherine.wrigley@sky.com for booking form

North East Area Support Group

The North East Area Support Group members needed a quiet winter to recover from all the events of 2022 but I am pleased to report that we have begun 2023 as we mean to go on. We held a very well supported Sunday Lunch Social at Hardwick Hall Hotel early in February. The committee thought it necessary to make a couple of changes to our 'Awards Scheme' so the details were read and discuss and all those wishing to participate in 2023 were given a paper copy to take away with them. I would like to encourage everyone to take part this year. The four trophies that the North East Group bought in 2018 were presented (*photo on p19*):

Volunteer - Ruby Williams.

Fell Pony Representative - Lunesdale Black Ice II.

Junior Rider/Handler - Ben Summers.

Senior Rider/Handler - Eileen A Walker.

On the 2nd of April we are holding a Training Day at Marwood Equestrian Centre which is just outside Barnard Castle. This is an opportunity to take advantage of the excellent facilities (50ft x 30ft indoor arena) and coaching by Sarah Tubbs who is both a Level 4 Coach and a Coach Educator for British Show Jumping. Full details can be found on our Facebook page and on the FPS Support Groups page. Please try and support this if you can as it is the first time we have organised anything like it in this part of our vast North East area.

Planning for the Highland and Fell Pony Camp, held at Linnel Wood near Hexham, is well under way but as there are two bank holiday weekends early in May, there is still some discussion going on as to which weekend will be best. As soon as I have a definite date from Sarah and Chris, I will announce it but it will be either the last weekend in April or the first weekend in May. Full details will be on our Facebook page and FPS Support Group page when they are available.

In 2022 we held a very enjoyable and successful Summer Picnic / Social (*photo inside front cover*) at my home which is in County Durham and an easily accessible and central position of our area. I have agreed to do the same this year so Saturday 17th June has been selected as the date to visit Rackwood Fell Ponies and sit around and chat to fellow Fell pony enthusiasts. Please put the date in your diary and look out for more details being released nearer the time.

Last year the 'FPS Centenary 100 mile Challenge' was a great success and very popular throughout the country and abroad so there is going to be a follow up but I'm not allowed to give you further details at the moment. All I can say is watch this space and all will be revealed at the AGM on 1st April.

Have a happy summer everyone, doing whatever you enjoy most with your Fell ponies, and I expect to catch up with you at one of our events.

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

Midlands East Area Support Group

In November we enjoyed our Points competition lunch with plenty to eat and lots of celebrations with the awards!

We're looking forward to seeing everyone out and about when it's a bit warmer.

Points competition and Awards celebration.

We had seven people taking part in the Points competition this year. Members of mesg (Fell or non Fell) took part by recording their hacking, show competitions , or rides over the year from September 30-September 30th.

Forms for 2023 are pinned on the top of our Facebook site, or are available in printed form or from our website.

As usual we had an Awards lunch in November where rosettes and trophies were distributed. This year it was held at the Peacock pub in Clifton, near Nottingham.

Our year finished off with a very successful Christmas show run by Christine Poole and her show Committee. Lots of fun for all and a good chance for young stock to have a chance at showing.

Dates for 2023

FPS-MESG Midlands East Horse and Pony shows (run under the auspices of Fell Pony Society).

Gotham Show field, Leake Rd ,Gotham Nottingham NG11 0LE

Sunday 28th May, Sunday 9th July, Sunday 3rd September

For further information regarding our shows, please see our Facebook Group page or contact Nic Brierley, nicshortland@yahoo.com

Our Membership is still £5.00. Please contact Janet Copeland, see above. Forms are also available from Midlands East Facebook page.

Information will be available on FPS-MESG website and Midlands East Facebook page.

Newsflashes will continue to be sent out twice yearly.

Kate Merry

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Results for 2022

Our trophies this year were awarded as follows.

Veteran Fell, Lisa Dunger and Shepparton Tara

Fell with most points overall, Hillhead Trophy, Nic Brierley

Trophy for child with most points, Lucy Kirkman with Troy

Eileen Davis trophy awarded to person who has contributed to work within the group, Kate Merry

Rosettes

Dressage

1st Zoe Styles with Dalefoot Prince

Ridden Showing

1st Nic Brierley, Dalewin Kingpin

2nd Helen Stewart, Hillhead Whisky

Fell in hand showing

1st Helen Stewart, Hillhead Whisky

2nd Nic Brierley, Bankwood Felicity

Fell Hacking

1st Lisa Dunger, Shepparton Tara

2nd Nic Brierley, Dalewin Kingpin

Childrens Ridden showing

1st Charlotte Ward, Roddlesworth
Annabelle

Non Fell in hand

1st Lola Leek, Early Birds Beauty

2nd Lucy Kirkman, Troy

Non Fell ridden

1st Lucy Kirkman, Troy

Non Fell performance

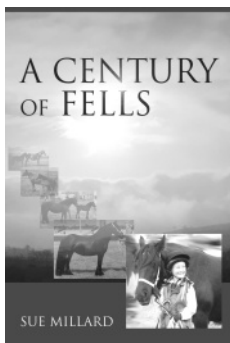
1st Lucy Kirkman, Troy



Award winners at the lunch in November

For information re Points, Contact
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Centenary Book and Film



A Century of Fells is hardback, 219 pages, and costs £20 plus £3 postage.

Type & Conformation is on DVD for £15 plus £2 postage and it can also be watched online at <https://fellpony.co.uk/films>

The book and the DVD are available from the Society Office.

Midlands West Area Support Group

The Midlands West Group committee met on 29th January 2023 at the home of Jayne Walster who not only hosted the meeting but also provided a first class lunch. Ideas and arrangements for the 2023 season were planned and will provisionally include the following.

March 2023 Group Performance Awards for 2022

We have been pleased with the entries received for last year's awards with every section represented and we look forward to presenting our worthy entrants their special H & H rosettes, as well as trophies to the winners, at our presentation lunch to be held in March 2023 (date to be confirmed). Results for the John Glaze Memorial Photography competition will also be announced and we have had some superb entries for this year's competition whose theme was "A Headshot". All the results will be posted and available on our Group web site following the presentation.

Forms for 2023 are now also available from our web site along with a list of entry rules. Please note to enter the awards you must be a current fully paid up member of the Midlands West Group.

April 2023 Group Pleasure Ride - The ride will be hosted and escorted by Karen Bennett, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 5NH. Join in the fun and also get some useful miles for the FPS 96 Miles Challenge. Rosettes for all those taking part. Riders please make sure that you have adequate insurance. More details and a booking form will be available nearer the time.

June/July 2023 New Show - The Midlands West Group Fell Pony Show.

Due to rising costs and low entry numbers, the committee has made the difficult decision to combine the Spring Festival of Fells Show and the summer Derbyshire Fell Pony Show into a new show held at a central location (most likely Rodbaston Equestrian Centre, Penkridge, Stafford, ST19 5PH). There will be classes for everyone and we aim to cover as many disciplines as possible as well as a variety of fun classes. We also hope to include other qualifying classes. All ponies forward must have an up to date vaccination record in their passports.

August 2023 - Greenrivers Stud Visit by kind invitation of Mr Kev Turner. Another chance to visit the stud and see Fell ponies living naturally in the West Midlands (Great Wyrley, Walsall, WS6 7AU). Date and time plus booking form will be available nearer the time.

September 2023 - 'Paws for Mary' Dog Show in memory of Mary Longsdon MBE to be held at Ivy Cottage Paddock, Seighford, Stafford, ST18 9PQ, weather permitting. An opportunity for our Group canines to strut their stuff and to win some fabulous rosettes. All proceeds to Group funds.

Membership

New members are always welcome, and membership of the Group remains at £5.00 for the forthcoming year. Details of how to join the Group, membership forms and full details of events along with schedules and entry forms are available to download from our Group website - www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk or 01785 282922 / diane@fellpony.me.uk or find us on Facebook - Fell Pony Society Midlands West Support Group. Please note being a member of the Midlands West Face Book Group is not full membership of the Midlands West Area Group.

Diane Key (Group Leader)

South West Area Support Group

Many thanks to all who came to our party in November at Lewdown. It was a filthy wet day, so to all who made it, a huge well done and thank you.

We talked a lot about ponies, we played a silly game or two, and we had a lovely lunch. An extra special thank you to Bob & Sue McNamara for doing so much to get this event going, especially finding such an interesting speaker for the afternoon.

Upcoming events:

Dorset Fell Show

The show will be held on Sunday 23rd April 2023 at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester, DT2 8PY. This will be in the indoor arena, so the weather can do its worst and we won't care!

Keep an eye on the website for details of the schedule dorsetfellshow.co.uk

Closing date for entries is 15th April 2023.

Area Support Group Show

This will be held at the Dunster Country Fair on Wednesday 26th July 2023. We are again including classes for Dales ponies. I hope that many of you will come to the show, bring a pony or two if you can. The schedule will be available very soon for this. If anyone would like to sponsor a class or a championship, then please get in touch with me.

If anyone has any ideas or a wishlist of events that you'd like to see in the South West, please do get in touch with me and we can have a chat about it.

Sue Howes whereswoolly4@gmail.com or 01598 763542

FPS Next Generation Group

We hope you have all had a safe and healthy winter, and are as pleased as we are to see that spring is just around the corner!!

We have 1 event confirmed this year. We have kindly been invited to help host a stud visit at the GREENHOLME Fell pony stud owned by the Potter Family. It will take place on Sunday 13th August. More details to follow.

We have other ideas in the pipeline which we are working on and when they are confirmed, updates will be on our Facebook page.

WE ARE VERY SHORT OF 'MEMBERS' IN THIS GROUP, CURRENTLY ONLY 3 OF US COVERING THE WHOLE OF THE UK, SO WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE SOME INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU ALL.

If you have any suggestion for events please please get in touch, you can find us on Facebook.

Thanks

Stacy Longrigg

Kayley Radford

Katie Curwen

Dansk Fell Pony Forening (Denmark)

2022 was a year with lots of activities, and Covid finally became something that we were able to navigate with, instead of a hindrance to activities in all Fell related business.

It was also a year with a lot of firsts for the board of DFPP. We started the year with acceptance into the SEGES community which is the agricultural government in Denmark.

The DFPP has formed the rules and governance with a 100% alignment with the breeding standard presented by FPS to ensure that all breeding and handling thereof are compliant with the mother society's appointed breeding goals.

The difference however is that based on the breeding standard each year we have an assessment of the mares and stallions in Denmark solely judged by FPS educated judges.

We are still navigating the society's wishes for the Danish breed and being compliant with the EU regulation that involves passport and assessments of breeds.

As for Stallions we have made an official inquiry to the EU in regard to licenses still being appointed from UK. 2022 was a year where many of us in the board have had personal issues to struggle with as well, and therefore with all ongoing activities we all have been working very hard at ensuring the information flow on the new set-up in Denmark.

At the moment a lot of energy is put into the EU approval that hopefully will succeed this year, ensuring that we are not dependent on Seges to issue our passports.

Huge agricultural shows have been the grounds for this year's Seges approval and we are happy to announce that the Fell ponies have made a exemplary showing in these shows ensuring that the interest and the knowledge about the breed in Denmark and the neighbouring countries is thriving.

We see a lot of requests for Fell ponies in general, which is also why it has become one of our priorities to align as well as possible with FPS and ensure that there are no breaches in the information flow.

In August we had our first assessment, with Chris Grant as judge. It was a huge success and we are happy to report that Chris was very happy with the standard and breeding material in Denmark. This has also driven us to help breeders and coming breeders in the import process that due to Brexit has become more expensive and time consuming. As part of Seges and the EU we are able to provide inputs to legislations, thus ensuring that new flow of bloodlines etc. is secured.

Financially we are putting new initiatives together to uphold and pay the membership and the EU approval process and so far, everything is looking satisfactory.

Currently we have about 40 members in Denmark and working on expanding.

Best Regards

Stina Noer & Pia Aagaard

Harthouse Hillman

Hillman was backed as a 5 year old and since then he has done a lot of different activities to promote the breed and the society.

He is a very active and key member for the FPS Display Team. He has been in the team since it founded in 2015, being a Roman Soldier's pony, a Border Reiver's getaway steed, a mounted Games pony, and has done the jumping and endurance sections in multiple displays yearly in Cumbria, from Lowther Horse Driving Trials to smaller country fairs.

He always gives 110% and the crowds love watching him. He is applauded for his Games performance, and event organisers from the fairs and shows say that he would be the one they'd like to take home. He takes part in meet-and-greets with spectators before and after each display. In September we travelled around 7 hours down to Burghley Horse Trials. There were hundreds of spectators who came up to speak to us and ask about the breed and their capabilities before our parade. In the arena the atmosphere made Hillman visibly buzz! He pranced around the arena for 15 minutes, and the crowd began clapping in time to his trot. He was definitely a crowd favourite!



Hillman takes part in dressage, where he regularly scores around 65-70% in his intro and prelim tests. Jumping is a favourite of his. He adores going against the smaller, niprier ponies in Mounted Games but also the larger horses when jumping. He schools and competes at around 75-80cm at which he has beaten BSJA ponies. One of the owners called him "the flying Fell" and said he didn't know the breed was so versatile. Someone once asked "When are you getting a bigger horse?" The answer that my mum gave was simply, "She won't grow out of Fell ponies, and Hillman won't stop loving his job."

At Pony Club he attends lessons and competitions and has been a demo pony for younger members earning badges. For Young Farmers doing a Stock Judging competition he was the model while they learnt about conformation and the standard of the breed.

He has hunted with The Vale of Lune Harriers, as well as taking part in many pleasure rides to raise money for charities including the local church, covering around 12 miles.

Our whole family was very proud when he attended Windsor Castle in 2016 for Her Late Majesty The Queen's 90th birthday. It was even more special because my Grandmother Mrs Stuart bred him.

A more chilled aspect of Hillman's life is hacking in our local area, which still promotes the breed because we have several holiday lets around, and visitors from all over the country frequently stop to ask about the ponies, and what they can do.

Hillman completed the 100 mile challenge for the centenary, in which we carried the North West Area pennant onto Corney Fell for an enjoyable gallop!

Hillman continues to promote the Fell Pony Breed through all his fun and triumphs, as well as the Society with the Display Team.

Georgia Ellis

The FPS Sales List, Grassroots, & FPS Member Directory

THESE SERVICES ARE FREE TO FPS MEMBERS

Sales List

Turnover on the **Sales list of Fell Ponies** on the FPS web site continues to be very fast, with foals and broken ponies moving on quickly, although no-shows from enquirers, without the courtesy of an explanation, are also being reported.

We are also receiving more Wanted ads, which are proving effective for obtaining ponies.

The Sales List can be found at http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/sales_list.htm. It is updated with fresh adverts as they are received.

Each advertisement is shown for 3 months, after which time it will be reviewed. To advertise Fell Ponies for sale or place a Wanted ad, please submit details to the FPS Secretary by email, secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Non-members can advertise Fell ponies of which they are the recorded owner, for the fee of £10 for 3 months. Fell Pony related items such as saddles, carriages, and harnesses can also be advertised on the FPS website, subject to approval.

Grassroots Online Registry

FPS members can flag their ponies for sale on the new version of the database. Select the top right button (3 horizontal red lines, **Manage your herd** menu) then in the drop down menu, select 'Flag animals for sale'. You need to give permission, if not already done, for potential buyers to see your address, phone number and email address. Please check with the FPS Secretary if you are unsure.

Member Directory

Listing in the **Member Directory** on the FPS web site is purely voluntary. We do not otherwise publish your personal data.

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.

Native Pony Roadshows

The last of our Native pony roadshows will take place on Saturday 1st April 2023 at Unicorn Trust, Granary Cottage, Stow on the Wold, Cheltenham.

The event is a combined event with five Native breed Societies, Dartmoor, Exmoor, Dales, Fell and Highland.

Open to members, judges and enthusiasts the event is free but you must pre book your place by emailing.

dpssec@dartmoorponysociety.com

Michael Goddard

Pregnancy Scanning Our Native Ponies

This article is about the practicalities and ethics of scanning rare breeds such as Fell ponies. This is my second year of breeding Fells and I owe a lot of my opinions to discussions with breeders who have decades of experience between them. I hope those breeders who routinely scan, or scan specific 'at risk' mares, or mares served in-hand, will understand that I am not against scanning itself. This article is not intended to inform individual decisions about specific herds or ponies. I am, however, concerned that those breeders who do not, or cannot, presently scan may soon be either expected or required to do so, and about the effect this would have on native ponies.

I have become particularly interested in this subject because one of my mares had twins last summer. Fortunately both foals and the mare survived; for the vast majority of twins the outcome is not so happy. On the morning the twins were born the only advice my vet could give me for their care was retrospective, that I should have had the mare scanned and one embryo nipped out. I had never considered scanning my mares, and even at the time, soaked through and worried sick, it seemed poor advice: which foal should I have had nipped out? They are both precious.



The second time scanning came up was in an interview with Horse and Hound last June. I had hoped that the Queen would see photographs of the twins if the magazine did an article.

We arranged a telephone interview and the first question was, "What did the scan show?" I explained my unbroken mare had not been scanned, that she was a native pony and it wasn't routine. There was a ghastly silence, then the editor said that the magazine couldn't do the article because they couldn't condone breeding without scanning. I was

astonished. It seemed inconsistent with their content, as they often report on show-winning Fell ponies who were bred on the hill, but the editor wouldn't discuss it further.

Should I have had my mare scanned? Was I irresponsible to breed without scanning?

Ultrasound scanning in early pregnancy is commonplace. There may be up to five scans, all involving rectal examination, itself not without risk to the mare. The first scan takes place 14 days after insemination, to confirm pregnancy and if twins are present. A second scan at 21 days checks for normal embryo development, a third at 28 days checks for a heartbeat, and sometimes scans are done at 45 and 60 days to confirm a normal, healthy pregnancy. Around one in a hundred mares will show twins during the first scan.



Ruth Chamberlain

Twins are conceived frequently in all ungulate (hooved) animals. Many species of artiodactyls (even-toed ungulates, like sheep, deer and cattle) regularly carry twins to full gestation. However, surviving twins are very rare among perissodactyls (tapirs, rhinos and equids). This is because the placenta in perissodactyls needs a greater proportion of contact with the uterine wall.

The vast majority of twin conceptions in mares therefore result either in the natural abortion of one embryo, or miscarriage of both twins later in the gestation. Perissodactyls, though long-lived with fertility continuing into late maturity, rear relatively few offspring compared to cloven hooved animals, and populations increase slowly. Any interruption to their breeding from competition or human intervention has a profoundly detrimental effect on natural populations. Tapirs are in decline, rhinos are almost extinct and wild horses have been extinct for centuries (the Takhi [Przewalski's horse] were bred in captivity in the early twentieth century and reintroduced to the 'wild').

Fortunately for us, the descendants of these extinct wild horses are friendly and biddable and their populations can be increased easily with managed breeding.

Managed breeding is not necessarily only a good thing, however. In semi-wild herds a certain amount of natural selection inevitably occurs for the fittest, not the prettiest, pony, counterbalancing the breeder's continual selection for specific phenotypical features.

Fell breeders became particularly aware of the need for genetic diversity because of Foal Immunodeficiency Syndrome. A policy was devised to maintain a viable Fell pony population: stallions are certified as either clear or carriers at the point of licensing, thus ensuring that any mare can breed with clear stallions, and, whilst care needs to be taken with carrier stallions, there is no risk of foals being born with the homozygous FIS genotype so long as they serve clear mares.



Rowan Bowman

FIS is one obvious risk to our Breed, but there are many other factors which can lead to a narrowing of the gene pool and the loss of Fell characteristics, whether from breeding primarily for showing, or from the loss of hill herds and the subsequent pernicious loss of hardiness as more mares live in-by. I fear that the most imminent risk to the Fell pony breed is the over medicalisation of the breeding process itself.

My contention is that although there is a firm belief that breeders must take every precaution to ensure a healthy foal every time, and that is commendable, it is not necessarily the best thing for rare native breeds. There is evidently a growing perception that scanning is the right and responsible thing to do; and in this nation of animal-lovers and lobbyists for the veterinary industry, this perceived good practice

could easily turn into legislation. A 2021 academic paper from Poland recommends scanning and twin reduction for all mares, regardless of the practicalities of breeding semi-wild herds. In a rare breed such as the Fell pony, the free-living mares who would be most difficult to scan are the very ones who contribute most to the breed's innate hardiness. If scanning becomes an integral part of breeding we risk losing these genes.

In nature the breed is strengthened by individuals who survive difficult circumstances: traditionally the ones who come back from the fells at their mothers' heels. Breeders look for external characteristics as indicators of hardiness, such as open round hooves, blue horn, good pasterns, flat bone, small ears and silky feather, but the only real test is to expose this bundle of genetic information to its place of origin. Few breeders now can put every pony out on the fells for a season to see if thrives or not, so we need frequent back-breeding with mares who do survive on the fells.

The first problem with scanning semi-wild native mares is that it is difficult and distressing for them and necessitates sedation and restraints. Such stress, especially before implantation, risks natural abortion of all embryos present. The efficacy of scanning is dependent upon the breeder knowing when each mare was served; so stallions can't run freely with them.

The mare that holds to a stallion in a field may not have held on the fells for many complicated factors: that pregnancy may also stop a better foal being conceived later in the season. Each managed stage of the process removes the opportunity for natural selection from a pregnancy. The breeder cannot second guess what's best for the breed, but natural selection does so ruthlessly and effectively, and does it better with less human interference.

The second problem with scanning is the random loss of embryos. 1% of pregnancies in horses begin as twins and, of these, less than 1.5% continue naturally as a twin pregnancy. Mechanical reduction to a single embryo is effective in 70% of cases, providing that the procedure takes place within thirty days of fertilisation. The vet does not know which embryo should be saved for the good of the breed, and sometimes both foals are lost.

Scanning is not a magic bullet and it removes the process further from natural



Ruth Chamberlain

selection. I know two breeders who have lost twins perinatally following scans which showed a single foetus, and I have been contacted by three breeders who have lost both embryos following the 'nipping' procedure and subsequently had difficulty getting the mare in foal, anecdotal evidence but supported by early work from Wisconsin University (1982).

The third problem with scanning is the human factor. The added expense and extra work would make hill breeding impossible.

Anything that makes hill breeding more difficult puts at risk the breed's ability to retain its hardy characteristics.

In summary, native pony breeds need informed management in order to survive. Herd management preserves hardiness best when a certain amount of natural selection takes place.

Scanning, by contrast, is a tool for tightly managing reproduction, which only needs to be used in specific circumstances. If scanning becomes perceived instead as routine good practice (or indeed legislated for as a 'welfare' issue), then we will no longer be able to breed from semi-wild mares because of the impracticalities of scanning them, and their hardiness will be lost to the breed forever.

Additionally, scanning itself can compromise pregnancies and artificially control which foals survive without regard to the selection of the best genes.

Finally, any added difficulty and expense risks the extinction of the hill-breeder, a disaster for Fell ponies.

Rowan Bowman, Liddelpark Fell Ponies

I would like to thank Rosie MacDiarmid, MRCVS, for editing and providing literature and discussion; Jenifer Morrissey, of Willowtrail Fell Ponies, for editing and advice; and also those members of the online Fell pony community who have taken time to share their experiences with me.

FPS Display Team 2023

The Team has three purposes, and the two most important are to educate the general public about Fell ponies and to show the ponies performing. The third is to sell Fell-related merchandise, to give visitors a starting point for conversation about our breed, provide them with a tangible memento, and bring in some revenue.

This year we will perform at:

Countryfest, 3 & 4 June, Kendal County Showground, 2 performances plus stand

Coniston Country Fair, 23 July, Coniston Hall, Cumbria, 2 performances plus stand

Lakeland Country Fair, 20 August, Torver, Cumbria, 2 performances plus stand

Black Combe Country Fair, 28 August, Black Combe, Bootle, Cumbria, 2 performances plus stand

We're not undertaking such an exhausting programme of events as we did for the Centenary, but we are also taking the information stand to Cartmel Show (2 August) and to Westmorland County Show (13 & 14 September).



Off-stage at Lakeland Country Fair last year: Castle Hill Tia Maria behaved so beautifully that a wheelchair user (in the straw hat) felt safe to stand up close to talk to her

Countryfest, Coniston, Lakeland and Black Combe are venues where we keep being invited back, so we're preparing a new display, which will combine a musical ride with a fresh approach to the historical account of our breed. We performed a musical ride before lockdown, but we didn't use it in 2022 because we wanted to emphasise the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, her 40-year Patronage and the Society's Centenary; so this is something extra to practise before we go on the road.

This year we have some young ponies joining us, to replace veterans who have been honourably retired; and our volunteer riders and handlers who braved the considerable challenges of last year's programme are returning to rehearse our new shows. They are also keeping an eye open in charity shops for props and costume items!

In the Tent we are thinning out our merchandise to educational and small promotional items. We are also planning new display banners and maps, to make a more welcoming and coherent background for the team members who talk to the public.

If you'd like to join the Display Team as Tent staff, or as rider, handler, or ground crew - remember we need our "actors" to be available for all four performance dates - please get in touch with Susan Brunskill, Rachael Brunskill-Tarn or Christine Robinson via details on p5 / p13, or our Facebook page.

Sue Millard

New Cumbrian 'neigh'bours join the RSPB team at Haweswater

A small herd of four new Fell ponies has joined the RSPB team at Haweswater, as part of their conservation grazing and regenerative farming operation in the Eastern Lake District.

The four ponies named Gus, Tommy, Dan and Stanley have been purchased from nearby, well-known Cumbrian fell pony breeders - Drybarrows Fell Ponies and Askham Gate Fell Ponies. They have been chosen as they are a native breed to the Cumbrian fells and are very hardy to the upland weather and terrain.



Gus (left) and Stan (right) photographed by Livestock Assistant Faith Garvey

Faith Garvey, RSPB Livestock Assistant who looks after the ponies said: "We're so excited to have these ponies join our team. Along with our mixed herd of 35 Belted Galloway and Highland cattle, and our 300 Cheviot sheep, the ponies are part of our conservation grazing and regenerative farming operation at Haweswater. They will be used to help graze the more dominant coarse vegetation such as rushes, and allow through delicate, less-competitive plants like devil's bit scabious, which is the food plant for the rare marsh fritillary butterfly, an insect we hope will colonise the meadows here in the coming years."

The ponies and cattle help restore the landscape around Haweswater.

When grazed in low numbers, these heavy-footed animals are emulating the wild cattle and horses that would have once roamed this country. They trample bracken allowing trees to grow through and they help to disperse seeds. These animals also create areas of bare ground, which allows wildflowers to grow through, and the insects that feed on the animals' dung, in turn, provide food for birds and mammals.

At Haweswater, the RSPB and United Utilities, who own the site, are working in partnership, because much of the work to restore the uplands for wildlife and people also benefits drinking water quality. Together, they have planted thousands of trees, alongside other important habitat work, such as putting the bends back into Swindale Beck and blanket bog restoration.

Conservation grazing is an important element of this work.

All of these measures lead to increased carbon storage, reduce the risk of downstream flooding by slowing the flow of water off the fells, naturally purify the water for drinking, benefit a wide range of special wildlife and enhance the natural landscape for visitors.

To find out more about the vision for landscape restoration and regenerative farming at Haweswater visit wildhaweswater.co.uk

Annabel Rushton

RSPB Visitor Experience Manager at Haweswater

Conservation Grazing in Kent



We are using M&M ponies within our wilder grazing programme at KWT reserves. Recently I had the delight to meet with our latest recruits to the programme, a beautiful grey Fell brood mare and four cheeky Fell colts who will become part of the initiative later in the year. We also have six Exmoors which will be grazing alongside wild bison in the coming months.

The Fell ponies will be helping us create a rich mosaic of habitats through their natural grazing behaviours.

Sally Smith

Senior PR and Marketing Officer, Kent Wildlife Trust

Ed: We hope to hear more once the ponies are transferred to the Trust's ownership.

Learning With Fells 2023

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 or 3 studs. If any members of the Society would like to take part, please can they contact the office by 30 April 2023. 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.

FPS Calendar Competition

The 2023 Calendar is for sale now from the Office.

Results of the 2024 Calendar Competition

We received a record number of photographs for the competition, which this year was judged by a member from the North East Area Support Group - they receive a calendar with our grateful thanks. Thank you to everyone who submitted photographs. There were many outstanding entries, making judging very challenging!

The photographer of each selected photograph qualifies for a free calendar. The overall winner of the calendar competition, Beverley Ridley, and the runner-up, Claire Simpson, also receive an FPS voucher (for £10 and £5 respectively).

Cover picture	Beverley Ridley, Cumbria
January	Claire Simpson, Cumbria
February	Amber Carling, Wiltshire
March	Dave Frith, Cumbria
April	James Bird, Lancashire
May	Claudia Corner, Surrey
June	Claire Simpson, Cumbria
July	Gareth Hendley, Buckinghamshire
August	Ruth Eastwood, Dumfries and Galloway
September	Sarah Flanagan, Tormess
October	Greta Noble, Cumbria
November	Amalie Engelhart Dall, Denmark
December	Marlyn Mcinnes, Perthshire

Congratulations to everyone listed above. Calendars should be available at, and following, the Spring AGM.

Now we look forward to entries for the 2025 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 therefore need to be of high resolution (300dpi minimum). See the FPS website for more information.

Due to the number of photographs we receive from FPS Members and non members we no longer accept Photos taken by professional photographers.

One more small change to the rules for the next competition - can I ask that you do not send more than two images per family.

Looking forward to receiving them.

Thank you again

Michael Goddard, michael.goddard2014@gmail.com

Holling Black Jack 2000-2022

Jack came to me as an unbroken 3 year-old. I'd gone to look at a Fell with a friend who wanted a new pony, and while we were there, the seller said he had a few more Fells, if we wanted to look. Of course we did, and that's when I saw Jack for the first time. He flung up his head and peered at us from under his forelock, and I think he was mine from then on. When he beat the other ponies to the bucket of nuts I knew he was the one for me, even though I wasn't buying another pony...



We had a lot of fun over the years, and some tears also. Jack gained a few nicknames, such as Destructohorse, and Inspector Bucket, and I gained my first broken bones. For all that, I don't regret my impulse buy. Jack was my dear friend and we spent many happy hours together over the years. We did a bit of showing, and tried Trec and Horse Agility, but mainly we just enjoyed going about the local area and looking at everything we saw on the way.

During the past year Jack has been one of the ponies I took out to complete the 100 Miles challenge. He was retired by then so we did the whole thing with me walking alongside the ponies. I think I enjoyed doing that with Jack more than anything else we ever did. Having an excuse to disappear off with my pony, and spend time ambling about the lanes was just wonderful.

Jack was taken ill on Halloween, and despite the vet's best efforts he couldn't be saved. He was my pony for a third of my life and he had enjoyed robust health right up to the end, so it was an awful shock to lose him so suddenly.

Jack was everything a pony should be - clever, funny, hard as nails and opinionated, and he is much missed.

Sue Howes

Merchandise list

CLOTHING	Price	P & P	Total	BOOKS/CDs/DVDs	Price	P & P	Total
Baseball Cap	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	British Horse & Pony Breeds	£19.00	£4.00	£23.00
Crew Neck S/Shirt (adult)	£17.50	£4.00	£21.50	A Century of Fells	£20.00	£3.00	£23.00
Dropped Hem Sweatshirt	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00	CD - Some History	£13.00	£1.50	£14.50
I Fell for a Fell T-Shirt (adult)	£12.00	£2.00	£14.00	DVD - Type & Conformation	£15.00	£2.00	£17.00
Fleece Jacket	£21.00	£4.00	£25.00	DVD - FPS Events 1995-1997	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
Fleece S/Shirt+Collar	£21.00	£4.00	£25.00	DVD - The Fell Pony	£15.00	£2.00	£17.00
Fleece Waistcoat (adult)	£22.00	£4.00	£26.00	DVD - Windsor 2016	£15.00	£2.00	£17.00
Full Zip Hoody	£24.00	£4.00	£28.00	Fell Diamonds	£5.00	£2.00	£7.00
Gilet	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00	Fell Facts	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
Hat	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	Fell Fun	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00
Hi-Vis Waistcoat	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00	Hoofprints In Eden	£17.00	£4.00	£21.00
Hoody Overhead	£22.00	£4.00	£26.00	A Humbling Experience	£19.00	£2.00	£21.00
Polo Shirt (child's from 2yrs)	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00	Jubilee Book	£5.00	£2.00	£7.00
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Pom-pom hat	£9.00	£2.00	£11.00	A Lifetime With Ponies	£20.00	£4.00	£24.00
Rugby shirt	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00	One Fell Swoop	£5.00	£2.00	£7.00
Soft Shell Jacket	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00	Spirit Of The Fell Pony	£5.00	£2.00	£7.00
Tie	£12.00	£2.00	£14.00	The Fell Pony (C Richardson)	£7.50	£2.00	£9.50
Waterproof Waistcoat	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00	Travels With A Pony	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
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Ball Point Pen	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00	Stud Books To 1999 (each)	£1.00	£1.50	£2.50
Car Sticker (I Fell For A Fell)	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	2000 To 2006 (each)	£5.00	£1.50	£6.50
Car Sticker (round/rectangle)	£1.00	£1.00	£2.00	2007 - 2022 (each)	£6.00	£1.50	£7.50
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Gel Pen	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00	Bowls	£2.50	£4.00	£6.50
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Key Ring - Torch	£3.00	£1.00	£4.00	Cutlery Set (with Logo)	£3.00	£4.00	£7.00
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Mouse Mat	£3.00	£2.00	£5.00	Tray	£5.00	£2.50	£7.50
Mug (white pottery, FPS logo)	£5.00	£4.00	£9.00	CENTENARY 100 MERCHANDISE			
Pencils	£0.50	£1.00	£1.50	China Mugs	£8.00	£4.00	£12.00
Permit Holder	£2.00	£1.00	£3.00	or for 4 mugs	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00
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Shoulder Bag	£8.00	£4.00	£12.00	or any combination of 3 items	£7.00	£2.00	£9.00
Table Mats	£7.50	£2.00	£9.50	Coasters			
Tea Towels	£4.00	£1.50	£5.50	(low stock remaining)	£3.00	£1.00	£4.00
Teddies	£4.50	£4.00	£8.50	or for 4 coasters	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00
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Towels	£6.00	£4.00	£10.00				
Umbrella	£15.00						
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Wallets	£7.00	£1.50	£8.50				
Wristbands	£1.50	£1.00	£2.50				
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Calendar 2024	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00				
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or for 4 mugs	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00
Badges, Fridge Magnets, Keyrings	£2.50	£1.00	£3.50
or any combination of 3 items	£7.00	£2.00	£9.00
Coasters (low stock remaining)	£3.00	£1.00	£4.00
or for 4 coasters	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00

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Spring, Steam and Fell pony - Sue Millard and Coppyhill Suzanne (Ruby) wait for Steam Special 34046 "Braunton" as it climbs the Shap gradient of the West Coast railway line at Greenholme in April 2022.

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