



The Fell Pony Society

North East Area Group

Registered Charity, Number 1104945

Happy New Year!

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2020 and hope that you find our list of events of interest to you. We introduced our North East Awards Scheme in the spring of 2018 and it has proved to be very popular and generated interest outside our normal group of participants. Awards are presented at our annual Sunday Lunch Event held at Hardwick Hall Hotel on Sunday 2nd February. Please come along and support us. Full details of each of our events and an application form will be emailed to you all as soon as they become available, provided I have an up to date email address for you. It is your responsibility to send your email address to me at eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk. Details will also appear on the FPS website (www.fellponysociety.org.uk) in the Area Support Groups section and on the North East Fell Pony Support Group Facebook page.

Forthcoming Events 2020

February - Sunday 2nd Sunday Lunch Social at the spectacular **Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgfield**. We hope you will all come and share your passion for Fell ponies at a friendly, informal event which is your chance to chat to fellow enthusiasts and to let us know what you would like to do during 2020. The food and surroundings are excellent so please don't miss out.

March - Sunday 1st Native Pony Dressage Training Day at East Durham College – Houghall Campus. All classes are open to registered pure bred mountain and moorland ponies. Classes at Introductory, Preliminary and Novice levels. Schedule will be available very soon.

March – Sunday 15th Beach Ride at Seaton Carew. Open to Fells and friends. This ride will be accompanied by a qualified instructor (Anneli Davidson) and 2 First Aiders (hopefully not required!)

April – Sunday 5th Highland, Fell, Dales and Exmoor Combined Native Road Show 2020 to be held at RDA Unicorn Centre, Middlesbrough. Open to members, judges and enthusiasts but places must be pre booked. Please register your place with Jill Graham: dpsgenssec@gmail.com

May – Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd Hairy Pony Camp, Linnel Wood, Hexham
Joint Fell & Highland pony camp organised by the Highland Pony Enthusiasts Club & North East FPS Group. Email hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk or telephone Chris on 07787124413 for more information.

May – Sunday 17th Native Pony Festival, Crescent Farm, Throckley, Newcastle NE15 9RE
In-hand classes for all native breeds. Ridden and WHP classes. Schedule will be available mid March.

June – Sunday 28th Durham County Show was revived in 2019 but the date chosen clashed with other more established shows so a new date has been chosen in the hope of attracting more entries. A permanent venue has been secured on the Ushaw Estate close to Durham City. We have once again agreed to sponsor the Fell Pony classes so please try and support this show. County Durham needs to have a County Show to fill the gap between the Royal Highland Show and the Great Yorkshire Show.

July – Sunday 19th Pleasure Ride on Cotherstone Moor. This will be an escorted ride, kindly provided by Helen Gallagher of Hillhead Fell Ponies, of approximately 8 miles on paths over open moorland.

September – Sunday 20th (tbc) Native Pony Performance Trials at Linnel Wood, Near Hexham.
A one day event open to all registered native ponies with a separate class just for Fell ponies. Includes dressage, show jumping and cross country. A fun day out as a competitor or spectator.

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