# FELL PONY SOCIETY MAGAZINE

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Flo Goodbrand-Lloyd competing in national driving trials with homebred mare Hades Hill Perry; dad Tom Lloyd keeping a good grip on the back step



The Epona Project: Eden Arts working with children in Orton School - see p79

# Dates for 2024

#### Recurring fixed dates

- 1 January all FPS membership subscriptions due for renewal
- 1 February FPS Magazine copy deadline, Spring issue
- 15 February For eligibility to vote for Council, annual subscription must be paid by this date
- 1 October FPS Magazine copy deadline, Autumn issue

#### 2024

- 6 April (Saturday) Annual General Meeting, Orton, Cumbria.
- 3rd 5th May Highland and Fell Pony Camp, Linnel Wood near Hexham
- 11 May (Saturday) Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Cumbria
  - 12 May Dorset Show
- 26 May, 14 July & 8 September (all Sundays) Midlands East Horse & Pony Shows, Gotham

- 2 June (Sunday) South Cumbria Show, Westmorland County Show Ground
- 16 June (Sunday) Midlands Fell Pony Show - MESG and MWSG combined show
- 12 July South West Area Support Group Show at the Dunster Country Fair
- 4 August (Sunday) Breed Show, Dalemain, Cumbria
- 8 September Southern Breed Show, Berkshire College of Agriculture
- 26 October FPS Sale at NW Auctions, Crooklands
  - 16 November Foal & Youngstock Show

Dates and venues are correct at time of printing.

Please check the Calendar on the FPS web site or ask the Office for confirmation.



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Council meets every 2 months, in January, July & November (via Zoom), March, May &

September (face to face).

# From Our President

I am pleased that our sale went well in October, and wish all the owners well with their new purchases.

Congratulations to those Fell Ponies representing the breed at both the Horse of the Show, in October and the London International Horse Show, in December.

Thanks to Council and the Office Team for all their hard work in running the Society.

I wish everyone a happy and safe 2024, hoping that there is an improvement in the weather and I hope to see members at events throughout the year.

Barbara Bell

# Chairman's Report

I followed with interest, on Facebook, those members who took part in the 96 mile challenge commemorating the life our late patron Queen Elizabeth II. The vast majority of people derive huge enjoyment from their ponies, whether showing, dressage, driving, hacking, breeding and so on. Social media has many negative sides but it has also positives. We should focus on these positives, promote the versatility of the Fell pony and emphasize the pleasure our ponies bring us, and, most importantly not use it to air our personal grievances. Social media should be used to work for the Fell Pony and the FPS and not against it.

During the last year I have had the pleasure to witness some wonderful classes of Fell ponies. As always, such events cannot take place without a small group of willing volunteers, and to these people we are eternally grateful. As ever more help at all the Society's events is most welcome, especially from some of our younger members. Similarly I would like to thank our Secretary, Katherine, our Treasurer Elizabeth and Admin. Assistants Val and Christine for all their hard work.

Paul Metcalfe has decided that after nearly 25 years serving on the Council he does not wish to stand for re-election in 2024. Paul has been a valued Council member throughout that time and has served as Vice Chairman for the last 5 years, for which I am personally very appreciative. No doubt Paul will remain a staunch supporter of the Society and hopefully he and Bev will continue running the popular South Cumbria show.

The following members have passed away since Spring 2023: Miss J Glass, Mrs I Potter, Miss R Brown, Miss J Paterson, Miss K Chapman, Mrs C Roe, Mrs L Evans, Mrs S Hore, Mrs M Capstick. Our condolences go to their friends and families.

Peter Boustead

# Secretary & Treasurer's Report

Hopefully we can look forward to some better weather as we head towards the Spring. The planning of events is underway as well as a new 'Challenge' for 2024.

The numbers of foal registrations are almost the same as last year with 305 registered to date. Memberships for 2023 totalled 1149 which is an increase on 2022. We are receiving several new memberships which is encouraging, and we are continuing to receive a good number of passports to transfer ownership. Interest in the breed continues to flourish, and long may it continue.

Thank you to all members who have renewed their membership for 2024. All memberships are due for renewal on 1 January, irrespective of when you joined the Society.

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, so please take the time to vote. You will not be eligible to vote at the AGM unless you have renewed your membership.

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 this magazine and on the Society's website.

As you will see from the accounts included in your magazine, they are showing a loss in the last financial year. The Society is still paying out for the upkeep of 1 pony. The prior period restatement of £100,000 relates to a legacy received in 2018, which was at the time treated as unrestricted. The original purpose of the legacy is to contribute to the care of two Fell ponies; there is one pony still alive. The restriction on the funds is limited to the care of the one remaining pony and, on its death, the balance will be transferred to the charity's unrestricted funds to use towards its charitable purpose.

The Society is very grateful for donations received during the year, as well as generous sponsorship received for the shows in 2023.

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

Best wishes Katherine

# 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 who will send them out by post. *Do not photocopy the form*.

Before sending in the form please make sure that:

- The description has been written in BLOCK LETTERS
- All the whorls have been recorded in black ink, and all white has been recorded in red ink
- The location of the chip has been recorded by the vet
- The vet has signed and stamped the form

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 / DNA & 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, so 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.

- 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, 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.
- Please make sure you add the correct postage when sending mail to the FPS office; if in doubt get it checked at the Post Office. Do not use old stamps (without a bar code). If the Society incurs a surcharge then you will be asked to pay.
- 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.

Thank you Katherine



Diana McGrail and Lydvale Beryl, L. Jade and L. Leo all took part in the FPS Queen Elizabeth Memorial Challenge last year



# Fees & Charges

All fees in £ sterling (C	GBP) UK		Overse	eas
	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
To Register Colt or Geld	ling - registrati	ons received to 30	November	
	£10	£20	£15	£25
To Register Filly - regist	rations receive	ed to 30 November		
	£15	£30	£20	£35
To Register Colt or Geld	ling - registrati	ons received 1 - 31	December	
	£20	£40	£25	£45
To Register Filly - regist	rations receive	ed 1 - 31 December		
	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration (does	not include co	st of parentage tes	it)	
	£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 (doe	es not include o	ost of parentage to	est)	
	£50	£60	£55	£65

# Fell Pony Society Bank Details

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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 (overseas only, no need to add if sending payment from within the UK). Please ensure that you use your name as the reference when sending a payment by bank transfer.



# Membership Fees

Type of Membership	UK	Overseas
Full	£30	£40
Associate	£20	£30
Junior	£20	£30
Family	£60	£80

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

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

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

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

# Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually.

No member is entitled to vote for the election of Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February 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.



# **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

<sup>\*</sup> If already DNA typed please apply to the office for appropriate fees.

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.

# Information for FU owners and breeders

Breeders in the EU are encouraged to 'register' their foals with the Fell Pony Society once the passport has been issued in their home country. The FPS can issue the non statutory pages normally included in the FPS passports. These pages will be issued as a separate document, providing the passport has been issued as per the FPS regulations, and this would confirm registration in the FPS Stud Book.

NB the entry can only be added to FPS Stud book providing the application is as per the FPS rules.

There should be no need for DNA typing providing the passport has been issued in the year of birth.

Fell Ponies **will not** be included in the UK Grassroots online, unless they are first 'registered' in the FPS Stud book.

#### The Society can:

- issue stallion licences, stallion service books and accept service details online. Please also note that applications for a FPS stallion licence can *usually* only be considered for ponies already registered with the FPS or NFPS. Please check with the FPS.
- Process applications and renewals for FPS membership
- issue FIS test kits
- · issue DNA test kits
- issue prefix applications to register a prefix with the Central prefix register in the UK.

Please get in touch with the FPS office if you have any questions or you would like to find out more about registering your Fell Pony with the FPS.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.



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https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/affiliates.htm

# Editorial

"Thank you" as always to our contributors and proof readers who make the Magazine what it is

Postage costs went up dramatically in 2023, so Council want your opinion on the options that they are considering for sending out your Magazine - the details are on the facing page.

As Editor, I get the job of preparing the copy for both print and web, so whichever option members go for, it makes no odds to me.

However, I do hope that if members choose to have both a "magazine" AND a "newsletter", the terms will be used accurately when sending me material in future ... after 16 years of *the Magazine* I am still being sent pieces "for the newsletter" so I foresee a lot of hair-tearing and "which do you mean" emails if we end up having both!

#### **Deadlines**

Please make a note of the Magazine's copy deadlines, which can always be found on the web site on the FPS Calendar page, and the Magazine page:

1st February for the Spring issue.

1st October for the Autumn issue.

#### How to set out and send your copy

Submission Guidelines are also on the Magazine page of the web site. Please don't send me specially formatted files, or images of text that I can't edit, such as PDFs. Just keep everything simple! If you follow the guidelines, that will save everyone time and effort in getting our Magazine out to you. I also find it is much easier to keep track of your material if it comes by EMAIL rather than via social media.

#### Photographs, photographers and permissions

We will credit photographers if you tell us their names, but do check that any images you send to me or to Claire Simpson are in fact available for us to publish. Give them the Magazine's ISSN, which is on the cover. Photographers can reference the ISSN to support their secondary rights fee claims.

Once again, thanks for sending news and articles. I am also grateful for the occasional words of appreciation sent to the Office about the Magazine. YOU and THE PONIES make it a very special publication.

Sue Millard

# Web Site - Council Minutes

We have listened to members who have been asking, "What does the FPS Council do?" For several years we have made the Agenda of an upcoming Council meeting available on the Society's web site. We are now putting summaries of Council Minutes online as well.

The Agenda and Summaries can be found via links on the About The Society page. Summaries are being published 2 meetings in arrears, ie, after matters have been discussed and after the minutes of that meeting have been approved by Council at a subsequent meeting.

# Options for sending out the Magazine - Increase in Postage Costs

Postage is a huge unavoidable cost to the Society. For example, the Magazine cost approx. £1500 more to send out in November 2023 than the previous year due to 2 increases in postage during 2023.

Council have been discussing the various options but felt that ultimately it should be the members who decide. The majority of members value the receipt of a twice-yearly Magazine through the post and for this reason we do not want to reduce this if members feel we should continue. We're not aware of any other Society that offers their members 2 magazines per year. The option for members to receive the Magazine as a link by email has been available for some time but currently only 2 members have taken up this option.

#### Our options are as follows:

- 1 No action, just absorb the increase in postage costs.
- 2 Increase membership fees\* and continue posting out 2 Magazines.
- 3 Post a printed copy of the Spring Magazine and consider sending a Newsletter (2/3 pages), by post or email, in the Autumn.
- 4 Post a printed copy of the Spring Magazine and send the Autumn Magazine as an electronic link to all those with an email address, with no option to receive by post. Only post to those without an email address.
- 5 Post a printed copy of the Spring Magazine and have the Autumn Magazine available to view only on the website / online.

There will be the opportunity to discuss this further at the AGM under AOB.

\*Our current membership fees are -

Full UK membership, £30, Associate UK Membership, £20 (for others please see p10).

Other Breed Societies -

Full UK member fees vary from £25 plus a joining fee, to £45.





# **Elections for Council**

The following retire from Council this year:

Mr P Metcalfe who wishes to stand down; and Mr B Mallinson (4), Mr WS Potter (12) and Miss C Simpson (3) who wish to stand for re-election.

Number of meetings missed during 5-year term are shown in brackets () after each name.

#### **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 of the current year. 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 2024**

The following have been nominated for election to Council

Miss D Meikle, proposed by Miss K Smith and seconded by Mr A Smith



I discovered the Fell Pony breed as a teenager. I was hooked, and purchased my first pony in 2003. Together with my late mother, we established the Scotshaven Fell Ponies in 2006 in the far north of Scotland with a fantastic filly foal from the Bracklinn stud, and a beautiful broodmare and young stallion from the Lunesdale stud. We currently have 10 ponies and have bred 16 foals to date. We have had our fair share of heart break losing two ponies to grass sickness and one foal to FIS.

I have a wide skill set which I believe I could put to good use on the FPS council. For the last 6 years I have been Treasurer and committee member of the Caithness Riding Club as well as supporting a local Pony Club Centre. I recently qualified as an assistant coach with Horse Scotland and will hopefully be taking part in the FPS probationary judging this year.

The people dedicated to the breed are what makes the difference. I've been striving to highlight the ponies' fantastic qualities for as long as I can remember. I am passionate about our breed and understand the importance of keeping them on open fells and keeping them true to type. If elected to council I will be a useful proactive member and work passionately to help sustain traditional Fell Pony characteristics and promote Fells to all.

#### Mr Kevin Turner, proposed by Mr P Boustead and seconded by Mrs J Dimelow



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 are maintained. At the moment I have two stud stallions, Lunesdale Ace of Spades and Wellbrow Rover.

I have recently completed the probationary judging scheme and found it enjoyable as well as informative. 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.

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.

#### Standing for re-election

#### Mr Barry Mallinson (4) - Prefix Hardendale

I have been involved with fell ponies for over 50 years and registered my first foal in 1971 and have been breeding foals every year since.



Over the years I have seen the fell pony change but I have tried very hard to keep to the true breed type when breeding my ponies striving to breed better ponies which are able to carry out a variety of disciplines.

The whole family are devoted to the fell ponies from breeding through to competing and we were all very proud this year to win the supreme champion at the breed show both ridden and in hand.

I am on the show committee which involves a lot of unseen work to make our stallion and breed show happen each year.

With support from my family I have worked hard to help the society as much as possible with stud visits, open days and over the last few years we have held the "Learning with Fells" days to help youngsters and adults hopefully on the right road with their Fell ponies.

I have been a council member for the last 22 years and would very much appreciate members' support for re-election.

#### Mr WS Potter (12) - Prefix Greenholme



I breed the Greenholme ponies on the fells near Shap in Cumbria.

I have served on the council now for 35 years and although I have seen a lot of changes, I will do my best to keep the bad ones to a minimum!

A good committee should use people with different talents but I feel strongly that the Breeders should be well represented on Council. My intention is to support and encourage Breeders, especially of the semi feral herds, which are of great importance to the future of the traditional pony. I strongly support the Education Scheme for young FPS members.

#### Miss C Simpson (3) - Prefix Farleton



My last 10 years as a Council member have flown by and I would be very happy to continue to help the Society in whatever way I am able.

I am employed as an IT Project Manager, but I'm also kept busy as the FPS Press Officer; which includes looking after the FPS Facebook page and writing reports for various magazines. I particularly like to promote the versatility of our wonderful ponies, so helping to safeguard the future of the ponies, and those who breed them .... it also remains a personal challenge to try to get more copy on Fell ponies into The Native Pony magazine than any other breed.

I created and maintain a risk assessment process for the Society in line with Charity Commission best practice; and identified the risks, and mitigations for

the risks, that face the Society today.

I currently have 3 Fell ponies and have bred ponies under the Farleton prefix. I enjoy all Fell pony related activities, but particularly performance events and carriage driving when I have the time. I'm always happy to discuss issues with members and take comments back to Council.



Two of the FPS Award winning ponies: Above, Ian Brunskill's Lownthwaite Rob Trophy winner,
Townend Jasmine at a "meet the ponies" day at Anthorn.

Below: Edinburgh Prize winner, Flo Goodbrand-Lloyd and Hades Hill Perry





Pleasure Ride Endurance points winners, Karen Hynes and Townend Wispa - see p49



Townend Jasmine, Ian Brunskill's Lownthwaite Rob Trophy winner, has regularly attended local village events in harness, including taking Santa to deliver Christmas presents each year, driving the Jubilee Queen to her pageant and taking Ian's daughter Rachael to her wedding - see p 51



Llanerchbrook Perry with one of his rosettes for dressage - see p80



Jacqueline Cheetham's Thornbeck Amy who won the Junior Points Award for daughter Emily. Amy achieved placings in several other sections, including two in Trec with both Jacqueline and Emily - see p44 and 49



# NOTICE OF THE FELL PONY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING To be held on Saturday 6 April 2024 at 1.00 pm At Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **AGFNDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes 1 April 2023
- 3 Matters arising from the Minutes
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- 6 Election of Council
- 7 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31st October 2023
- 8 Resolution to appoint Dodd & Co Accountants as Accountants to the Society
- 9 Reports from Sub-Committees
- 10 Any Other Business
- Members should notify the Secretary, in writing, of any matters relating to
  the Accounts, or any matter requiring a detailed answer that they wish
  to include in the Agenda under "Any Other Business". The Society's
  officers can then respond fully to any concerns. However such business, if
  not raised in this way, will not be discussed. Notifications must be
  received by the Secretary no later than Friday 15 March 2024.
- 11 Presentation of Awards

#### Notice of General Meeting - Memorandum and Articles of Association

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

#### Directions to Orton Market Hall CA10 3RJ

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



(A company limited by guarantee)

#### Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 October 2023

Company registration number: 03233346 Charity registration number: 1104945



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# The Fell Pony Society Reference and Administrative Details

Secretary K Wilkinson

Accountant Dodd & Co Limited

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

#### 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

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Trustees P Boustead, Chairman

P Metcalfe, Vice Chariman

A W Bell
R J Brunskill
S A Charlton
G M Cockbain

R M Eastwood (Resigned 1 April 2023)

M R Goddard J E Greener

T E Llovd (Appointed 1 April 2023)

G H B Mallinson

H G Mawrey (Appointed 1 April 2023)

C S Millard

J Potter (Resigned 1 April 2023)

W S Potter
J L Rawden

C C Roberts (Resigned 1 April 2023)

C H Robinson
C E Simpson
A Thorpe
E A Walker

E J Whitley (Appointed 1 April 2023)

D Wilkinson

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#### Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

#### Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, Memorandum and Articles of Association, a deed of trust and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2016.

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

#### Trustees recruitment and training

Trustees are appointed as per the Society's Memorandum & Articles, 8.1 - 8.6.6, as follows -

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

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

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

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

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

Ballot papers listing all validly nominated candidates shall be posted to all paid up members entitled to vote (paid their subscription on or before 15 February) at their addresses set out in the register of members not less than twenty one clear days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting.

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

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

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

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

Newly elected trustees are issued with a Declaration of Eligibility and a Confidentiality Statement to read and sign. Trustees training was held during the year together with another equine breed

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

#### Objectives and activities

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

The Society's principal activity during the year was acting as a Breed Society and Passport Issuing Office (approved by DEFRA), dealing with registration of ponies/issuing and updating of passports, applications for memberships, publishing a Stud Book and producing two magazines for the benefit of members. The magazine provides a wealth of information about the administration of the Society, news and reports on events held and forthcoming events, merchandise available to purchase and awards presented.

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

Public benefits applicable to the charity's activities include:

#### Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

- the advancement of education through sharing of The Fell Pony film, type and conformation. Made available online for sharing with all interested parties advancing knowledge of correct type and breed standards.
- Creation of challenges through the Area Support Groups, the 100 mile challenge and the 96 mile challenge. Encouraging fell pony owners to partake in distance challenges, Highlighting the versatility of the breed beyond the show ring, creating a community for the challenges on Facebook social media pages.
- Fell pony society Display Team, educating audiences of the general public at country events, giving Fell Ponies a public presence at country shows by performing musical rides and pageants with commentary.
- Learning with fells, educational visits to study open to members who can learn all aspects of ponies being kept in their natural environment.
- Native Pony Roadshows, a joint venture between Five breed societies, an educational roadshow on breed type and way of going open to the public held at locations across the UK
- Probationary judges scheme, advancement of probationary judges through the societies scheme, progressing individuals onto the breed panel following annual reviews of their knowledge and application of the breed standard. Held the annual assessment day to assess the next candidates and their applications for probationary status.

#### Achievements and performance

The overall number of members slightly increased in 2023.

The events held by the Society were well supported, the breed shows were well attended by both exhibitors and speciators, considering the 'cost of living' crisis impacting peoples available resources, interest in the breed from both home and abroad is encouraging.

The Society very much looks forward to a successful 2024.

#### 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 2023 were £124,761 with free reserves of £111,572, which exceeds the current reserves policy.

The prior period restatement of £100,000 relates to a legacy received in 2018, which was at the time treated as unrestricted. The original purpose of the legacy is to contribute to the care of two fell ponies and on the death of the last of these fell ponies, the restriction on the funds is limited and the balance will be transferred to the charity's unrestricted funds to use towards its charitable purpose.

#### 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 9 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P Boustead Trustee P Metcalfe Trustee

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#### 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.

#### 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 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 20.

#### 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 Charities

have 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 Thomiinson FCA Dond & Co Limited

Chartered Accountants

9 January 2024

FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

The Fell Pony Society

# Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
·	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	8,018	13,500	21,518	16,228
Other trading activities	3	2,255	-	2,255	2,635
Investment income	4	1,420	-	1,420	47
Charitable activities	5	71,042	-	71,042	95,844
Total income and endowments		82,735	13,500	96,235	114,754
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		82,850	17,420	100,270	123,381
Total expenditure		82,850	17,420	100,270	123,381
Net movements in funds		(115)	(3,920)	(4,035)	(8,627)
Reconciliation of funds		101.070	440.504	227 227	246 024
Total funds brought forward		124,876	112,521	237,397	246,024
Total funds carried forward		124,761	108,601	233,362	237,397

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

#### Company registration number: 03233346

#### Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2023

	2023		2022 as restated		
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible assets	11		13,189		13,194
Current assets Stocks and work in progress Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12	6,526 2,800 217,726 227,052		6,335 2,833 222,903 232,071	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13 _	(6,879)		(7,868)	
Net current assets			220,173		224,203
Net assets			233,362		237,397
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds			108,601		112,521
Unrestricted funds Unrestricted income funds			124,761		124,876
Total charity funds			233,362		237,397

For the financial year ended 31 October 2023, 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 9 January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

P Boustead Trustee P Metcalfe Trustee

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The notes on pages 9 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

#### 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.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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#### 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 administor/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.

#### 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.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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#### 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.

#### Prior period restatement

This prior period restatement relates to the legacy received in 2018 for £150,000 from Miss Carslaw for the upkeep of her fell ponies. The original purpose of the legacy is to contribute to the care of two fell ponies and on the death of the last of these fell ponies, the restriction on the funds is lifted and the balance will be transferred to the charity's unrestricted funds to use towards its charitable purpose. At the time of receipt £50,000 was treated as restricted and £100,000 as unrestricted, more information has been provided this year and it is apparent that the full £150,000 should have been treated as restricted until the death of the last pony. This has resulted in opening unrestricted reserves decreasing from £227,943 to £127,943 and opening restricted reserves increasing from £18,081. Carried forward unrestricted reserves have decreased from £224,876 to £124,876 and carried forward restricted reserves have increased from £12,521 to £112,521.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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#### 2 Donations and legacles

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations and legacies				
Legacies and bequests		6,000	6,000	4,500
Donations	8,018	-	8,018	4,728
	8,018	6,000	14,018	9,228
Grants				
Horserace betting levy board	<del></del>	7,500	7,500	7,000
	8,018	13,500	21,518	16,228

Of the donations and legacies income in 2022, £4,728 related to unrestricted funds and £11,500 related to restricted funds,

#### 3 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Advertising and sponsorship	2,255	-	2,255	2,635

All of the other trading activites income in 2022 related to unrestricted funds.

#### 4 Investment income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,420		1,420	47

All of the donations and legacies income in 2022 related to unrestricted funds.

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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#### 5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Subscriptions	32,697	-	32,697	32,670
Affiliation fees	412	-	412	315
Al permit	100	-	100	50
Miscellaneous	178	-	178	310
FIS income	2,325	-	2,325	3,880
Stud books and promotional merchandise	8,938	-	8,938	15,614
Shows and other events	6,669		6,669	8,582
Centenary events	-	-	-	13,888
Registration	4,876	-	4,876	5,780
Transfers	7,915	-	7,915	8,560
Stallion licences	2,685	-	2,685	3,082
DNA	2,520	-	2,520	988
Pony sales list	142	-	142	130
Duplicate passports	585	-	585	1,310
Prefix applications	1,000	-	1,000	685
	71,042		71,042	95,844

All of the income from charitable activities in 2022 related to unrestricted funds.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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#### 6 Expenditure

Shows and other events         7,518         7,518         8,20           Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)         6,715         6,715         6,23           Centenary events         -         -         7,66           Stud books and promotional merchandise         5,867         5,867         13,21           Support group         -         -         -         5,867         13,21           Staff costs         31,129         31,129         31,07           Affiliation fees         172         172         16           Prefix registrations         699         699         44           FIS expenses         1,795         1,795         5,02           Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         3,928           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313		Promoting and running the society	Total 2023	Total 2022
Upkeep of fell pony         10,705         10,705         10,83           Shows and other events         7,518         7,518         8,20           Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)         6,715         6,715         6,23           Centenary events         -         -         -         7,66           Stud books and promotional merchandise         5,867         5,867         13,21           Support group         -         -         50           Staff costs         31,129         31,129         31,129           Affiliation fees         172         172         16           Prefix registrations         699         699         44           FIS expenses         1,795         1,795         5,02           Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,08           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,496           Honoraria         4,964         1,496         1,44           Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68 <t< th=""><th></th><th>£</th><th>£</th><th>£</th></t<>		£	£	£
Shows and other events         7,518         7,518         8,20           Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)         6,715         6,715         6,23           Centenary events         -         -         7,66           Stud books and promotional merchandise         5,867         5,867         13,21           Support group         -         -         -         5,867         13,21           Staff costs         31,129         31,129         31,07           Affiliation fees         172         172         16           Prefix registrations         699         699         44           FIS expenses         1,795         1,795         5,02           Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,98           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         1,176         1,176         1,176           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,55 </td <td>Direct costs</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>	Direct costs			
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)         6,715         6,215         6,215           Centenary events         -         -         7,66           Stud books and promotional merchandise         5,867         5,867         13,21           Support group         -         -         50           Staff costs         31,129         31,029 </td <td>Upkeep of fell pony</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>10,830</td>	Upkeep of fell pony			10,830
Centenary events         -         -         7,66           Stud books and promotional merchandise         5,867         5,867         13,21           Support group         -         -         -         50           Staff costs         31,129         31,129         31,129         31,07           Affiliation fees         172         172         16           Prefix registrations         699         699         44           FIS expenses         1,795         1,795         5,02           Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,08           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,44           Touck         70,024         70,024         95,88           Support costs         Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313 <td< td=""><td>Shows and other events</td><td></td><td></td><td>8,207</td></td<>	Shows and other events			8,207
Stud books and promotional merchandise         5,867         5,867         13,21           Support group         -         -         50           Staff costs         31,129         31,129         31,07           Affiliation fees         172         172         16           Prefix registrations         699         699         44           FIS expenses         1,795         1,795         5,02           Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,08           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,44           70,024         70,024         95,88           Support costs         Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         9,365         <	Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	6,715	6,715	6,230
Support group         -         -         50           Staff costs         31,129         31,129         31,07           Affiliation fees         172         172         16           Prefix registrations         699         699         44           FIS expenses         1,795         1,795         5,02           Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,08           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,44           Touck         70,024         70,024         95,88           Support costs         Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         9,313           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire <td>Centenary events</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> <td>7,667</td>	Centenary events	-	-	7,667
Staff costs         31,129         31,129         31,07           Affiliation fees         172         172         16           Prefix registrations         699         699         44           FIS expenses         1,795         1,795         5,02           Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,08           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,44           Touget         70,024         70,024         95,88           Support costs         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,40           Trustee meeting venue hire	Stud books and promotional merchandise	5,867	5,867	13,215
Affiliation fees       172       172       16         Prefix registrations       699       699       44         FIS expenses       1,795       1,795       5,02         Advertising       -       -       10,00         DNA expenses       3,928       3,928       1,08         Honoraria       1,496       1,496       1,446         To,024       70,024       95,88         Support costs       70,024       70,024       95,88         Support costs       86       86       44         Insurance       4,964       4,964       4,40         Telephone       679       679       68         Office expenses       105       105       2         Computer expenses       1,176       1,176       1,05         Printing, stationery and equipment       9,313       9,313       8,65         Postage       9,365       9,365       8,43         Office rent       1,440       1,440       1,20         Trustee meeting venue hire       258       258       7         Accountancy fees       1,455       1,455       1,655         Independent examiner's fee       600       600	Support group	-	-	500
Prefix registrations         699         699         44           FIS expenses         1,795         1,795         5,02           Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,08           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,44           70,024         70,024         95,88           Support costs           Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         600	Staff costs	· ·		31,070
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Advertising         -         -         10,00           DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,08           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,44           70,024         70,024         95,88           Support costs           Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,655           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         600           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5 <td>Prefix registrations</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>443</td>	Prefix registrations			443
DNA expenses         3,928         3,928         1,08           Honoraria         1,496         1,496         1,446           70,024         70,024         95,88           Support costs           Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         1,05         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         600           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5	FIS expenses	1,795	1,795	5,024
Honoraria   1,496   1,496   1,446   70,024   95,88	Advertising	-		10,000
Support costs         70,024         70,024         95,88           Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5	DNA expenses			1,088
Support costs         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         80         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5	Honoraria	1,496	1,496	1,444
Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,176           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5		70,024	70,024	95,885
Travelling         86         86         44           Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,176           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5	Support costs			
Insurance         4,964         4,964         4,40           Telephone         679         679         68           Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,455           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5		86	86	449
Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5		4,964	4,964	4,402
Office expenses         105         105         2           Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5	Telephone	679	679	688
Computer expenses         1,176         1,176         1,05           Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5		105	105	26
Printing, stationery and equipment         9,313         9,313         8,65           Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7.           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         80         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5		1,176	1,176	1,057
Postage         9,365         9,365         8,43           Office rent         1,440         1,440         1,20           Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,055           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5		9,313	9,313	8,659
Trustee meeting venue hire         258         258         7.           Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5		9,365	9,365	8,431
Accountancy fees         1,455         1,455         1,05           Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5	Office rent	1,440	1,440	1,200
Independent examiner's fee         600         600         60           Legal and professional fees         800         800         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5	Trustee meeting venue hire	258	258	72
Legal and professional fees         800         80         84           Depreciation of equipment         5         5         5		1,455	1,455	1,058
Depreciation of equipment 5 5	Independent examiner's fee	600	600	600
Depreciation of equipment5	Legal and professional fees	800	800	848
	•	5	5	6
		30,246	30,246	27,496
100,270 100,270 123,38		100,270	100,270	123,381

Of the expenditure in 2022, £106,321 related to unrestricted funds and £17,060 related to restricted funds.

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#### 7 Governance costs

2023	2022
£	£
1,455	1,058
600	600
258	72
800	848
3,113	2,578
	£ 1,455 600 258 800

#### 8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year 1 trustee received a honorarium totalling £996 (2022 - £944).

#### 9 Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	5	6

#### 10 Employees' remuneration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	
Wages and salaries	31,129	31,070

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2022 - No. 0).

The key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £0 (2022 - £0).

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#### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Trophies £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 November 2022 and 31 October 2023	6,647	13,175	19,822
Depreciation			
As at 1 November 2022	6,628	-	6,628
Charge for the year	5	-	5
As at 31 October 2023	6,633		6,633
Net book value			
,	14	13,175	13,189
As at 31 October 2023	19	13,175	13,194
As at 31 October 2022		10,170	10,10
Debtors			
		2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors		181	
Prepayments and accrued income		2,619	2,833
Prepayments and accided income		2,800	2,833
	14		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	•		
		2023	2022

#### 14 Members' liability

Trade creditors

Other creditors

Accruals and deferred income

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.

£

4,221

2,432

6,879

226

£

5,199

2,417

7,868

252

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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#### 15 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 October 2023 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Othe	r
	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	533	-
Within two and five years	-	1,244
188 / V 187 (1884)	533	1,244

#### 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 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2023
	£	£	£	£
General Funds General fund	124,876	82,735	(82,850)	124,761
Restricted Funds Horserace Betting Levy Board Fell Pony Upkeep	8,217 104,304	7,500 6,000	(6,715) (10,705)	9,002 99,599
reli Polly Opkeep	112,521	13,500	(17,420)	108,601
	237,397	96,235	(100,270)	233,362

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.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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#### Prior period

	At 1 November 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2022
	as restated			as restated
		20		_
	£	£	£	£
General Funds				
General fund	127,943	103,254	(106,321)	124,876
Restricted Funds				
Horserace Betting Levy Board	7,447	7,000	(6,230)	8,217
Fell Pony Upkeep	110,634	4,500	(10,830)	104,304
	118,081	11,500	(17,060)	112,521
	246,024	114,754	(123,381)	237,397

#### 18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
Tangible assets	£ 13,189	£	£ 13,189	£ 13,194
Current assets Creditors: Amounts falling due	211,241	108,601	227,052	232,071
within one year	(99,669)		(6,879)	(7,868)
Net assets	124,761	108,601	233,362	237,397
Prior period				
	Unrestricted Funds as restated	Restricted Funds as restated	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	13,194	-	13,194	13,200
Current assets	119,550	112,521	232,071	238,549
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(7,868)		(7,868)	(5,725)
Net assets	124,876	112,521	237,397	246,024

The Fell Pony Society
Statement of financial activities by fund Year Ended 31 October 2023

	2023	2022 £
Income Donations	£ 8,018	4,728
Legacies and bequests	6,000	4,500
Advertising and sponsorship	2,255	2,635
Deposit account interest	1,420	47
Subscriptions	32,697	32,670
Affiliation fees	412	315
Al permit	100	50
Miscellaneous	178	310
FIS income	2,325	3,880
Stud books and promotional merchandise	8,938	15,614
Shows and other events	6,669	8,582
Centenary income		13,888
Registration	4,876	5,780
Transfers	7,915	8,560
Stallion licences	2,685	3,082
Horserace betting levy board	7,500	7,000
DNA	2,520	988
Pony sales list	142	130
Duplicate passports	585	1,310
Prefix applications	1,000	685
TOTAL SEPTIMENT	96,235	114,754
Expenditure		
Upkeep of fell ponies	10,705	10,830
Shows and other events	7,518	8,207
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	6,715	6,230
Centenary events	-	7,667
Stud books and promotional merchandise	5,867	13,215
Support group	-	500
Staff costs	31,129	31,070
Affiliation fees	172	167
Prefix registrations	699	443
FIS expenses	1,795	5,024
DNA expenses	3,928	1,088
Honoraria	1,496	1,444
Insurance	4,964	4,402
Travelling	86	449
Telephone, office and computer expenses	1,960	1,771
Printing, stationery and equipment	9,313	8,659
Postage	9,365	8,431
Office rent	1,440	1,200
Trustee meeting venue hire	258	72
Sundry and advertising expenses		10,000
Accountancy and independent examiner's fee	2,055	1,658
Legal and professional fees	800	848
Depreciation of equipment	5	6
	100,270	123,381
	(4,035)	(8,627)

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## **FPS Trophies and Awards**

#### **Nominated Awards**

If you think the achievements of a person or pony should be recognised for any of these awards for 2024, 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.

2023: The FPS Display Team

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

2023: Flo Goodbrand-Lloyd and Hades Hill Perry

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

2023: Townend Jasmine

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

2023: Annabelle

#### **Points Awards**

#### **Breeders' Trophy**

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

2023:

- 1 and Trophy, Greenholme
- 2 Carrock
- 3 Lammerside
- 4 Dalewin
- 5 Bracklinn
- 6 Rainesmill

#### Premium & Performance Points Award Schemes

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

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

The Greenholme Shandy FPS Trec Award is to encourage owners to have a go at Trec.

To take part this year, please download the relevant forms from the Awards page of the FPS web site: http://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm and submit them when completed.

A new Junior Handler section will be added to the points awards from 2024, using the same form as the other points awards sections. More information on p61.

Detailed results and profiles of the winners can be found in the following pages.

## FPS Premium & Performance Points Awards 2023

It was very nice to see some new people joining in with the points scheme this year, but we could still do with a few more entries in some sections. Don't forget that it is not only a chance for you to win a nice rosette, perhaps some cash and a trophy! But it's also a good way to recognise the breeder of your pony. It's also really good to read the various cards and notes that people pop in with their points forms. The following was especially nice to receive "Thank you for all the work that goes into the points awards. I have truly enjoyed being a member this year. My most favourite Breed Society by far!"

Thank you so much, from me and the others that administer the points!

Don't forget to download your forms for the 2024 season and Good Luck to everyone.

Christine Robinson

#### Foal (4 entries)

1st Carrock Majestic FP7405, Owner/Exhib. John Cockbain 620 points

2nd Craigieloch Gypsy Sun FP7484, Owner/ Exhib. Frank and Morven Lawson

405 points

3rd Rackwood Lizzie FP7423, Owner/Exhib. Eileen A Walker 100 points

4th Rackwood Jewel FP7384, Owner/Exhib. Eileen A Walker 60 points

#### Yearling (1 entry)

1st Fleetham Judith's Rose FP7357, Owner/ Exhib. Susan J Lamb 395 points

#### Two Year Old (2 entries)

1st Bankwood Felicity FP7096 Owner/Exhib. Nic Brierley 1935 points 2nd Rackwood Magic's Finale FP7033. Owner/

2nd Rackwood Magic's Finale FP7033, Owner/ Exhib. Eileen A Walker 290 points

#### Three Year Old (0 entries)

# Four Year Old and over - In Hand (6 entries)

1st Drybarrows Ranger FP71305G, Owner/ Exhib. Susan J Lamb 1140 points

2nd Clifford Blue Chip FP72050G\*, Owner/ Exhib. Georgina Lewis-Roberts

830 points

3rd Lydvale Leo FP73032G Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail 620 points 4th Harthouse Hillman FP71338G Owner/ Exhib. Georgia Ellis 450 points

5th Lydvale Pearl FP6169, Owner/Exhib. Paul Viney 420 points

6th Dalewin Willow FP6731, Owner Edwin Winder, Exhib. Bethany Cousins

345 points

## Four Year Old and over - Performance (7 entries)

1st Clifford Blue Chip, Owner/Exhib. Georgina Lewis-Roberts 1820 points

2nd Harthouse Hillman, Owner/Exhib. Georgia Ellis 1540 points

3rd Thornbeck Amy FP5228 Owner. Jacqueline Cheetham Exhib. Emily Cheetham 940 points

4th Rackwood Hugo FP72014G, Owner/Exhib. Fiona Dillon 760 points

5th Lydvale Leo, Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail 400 points

6th Boyndlie Black Rose FP4876, Owner Jacqueline Cheetham Exhib. Emily Cheetham 330 points

#### Dressage (4 entries)

1st Ruby III FP5032, Owner/Exhib. Carrie-Ann Richardson 1560 points

2nd Picton Lucky Lady FP4738, Owner/Exhib. Kestra French 920 points

3rd Clifford Blue Chip, Owner/Exhib.
Georgina Lewis-Roberts 270 points

4th Lydvale Leo, Owner/Exhib. Diana McGrail 90 points

#### Driven (2 entries)

1st Raisbeck Cappuccino FP70945G, Owner Fiona Bubb, Ex. Linda Wiggan 1830 points 2nd Greenholme George FP72046G, Owner Fiona Bubb, Ex. Linda Wiggan 250 points

#### Junior (2 entries)

1st Thornbeck Amy, Owner Jacqueline Cheetham, Exhib. Emily Cheetham 940 points

2nd Boyndlie Black Rose, Owner Jacqueline Cheetham, Exhib. Emily Cheetham

330 points

Champion Stallion: Dalewin Victor

**Champion Mare: Clifford Poker Princess** 

## COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH SECTION



It's rosette time! Scottish members who completed the Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Challenge gathered for a meal and a chat and to collect their awards

Judy Hills' and Christina Brooks' late mare Shirdleyhill Tara bred by Mrs Y Marsden. Tara and Christina were a partnership that lasted for over 17 years during which they took Championships and Supreme Championships at many shows including The Royal Show, Royal Windsor, Royal Cornwall, Bucks County, EANPS (below) and FPS Southern Breed Show.

Obituary on p88





Reserve Supreme Champion in the FPSNA Performance Premium and Awards Program: DreamHayven Irish Rose, bred by Melissa Kreuzer and owned and shown by Jeanette Marsh. FPSNA Report on p73

Rachel and Emma Woodruff's Annabelle, the veteran awarded the Peahill Basil trophy for 2023, has a blast up the gallop. Profile on p52





Morag Fricker writes: "This is Stennerskeugh Kingpin aka Fudge, and Meres Jumbo Jet aka Sooty, flying at the South Downs Bloodhounds closing meet with my daughters Leah (12) and Vivien (11). Both ponies safe as houses as well as being incredible jumpers. I just love Fells."



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Supreme Champion in the FPSNA Virtual Show: Lammerside Ayla, bred by Gillian Chippendale, owned by Melissa Kreuzer, shown here in the Western Ridden Division by Taylor Bie.

Georgina Lewis-Roberts with Clifford Blue Chip, who has been jumping clear in his WHP classes and enjoying some arena eventing and BD dressage. Profile on p55

FPSNA Report on p73

Hardendale Henry in the Black Hills of South Dakota. FP Conservancy report on p 75



Awards (cont'd from p 44)

#### FPS Endurance Awards 2023

#### Competitive

1st Tynebank Harry, Sarah Norris, 330km acc. 1.196km

2nd Lownthwaite Vincent, Janette Gilmour, 181km

#### Pleasure rides

1st Townend Wispa Karen Hynes, 335km, acc. 423km

2nd Bybeck Jasper, Sue Wardle, 265km 3rd Shadowcroft Pagan Princess, 185km, acc. 615.5km

4th Lownthwaite Vincent, Janette Gilmour, 147km, acc. 1,667km

Well done to you all, and all the best for 2024. Details and entry forms are on the website, along with my details if you need assistance.

Fiona Carradus

## Greenholme Shandy FPS Trec Award 2023

1st Fiona Dillon, Rackwood Hugo, 93 points 2nd Emily Cheetham, Boyndlie Black Rose, 66 points

3rd Jacqueline Cheetham, Thornbeck Amy,
43 points

4th Emily Cheetham, Thornbeck Amy, 15 points



Fiona Dillon and Rackwood Hugo on the orienteering phase of summer Trec, at Bellvue, Kirkby Lonsdale, 2023.

Fiona was the winner by a long way, competing in both indoor winter Trec which covers control of the paces and obstacles only, and summer Trec which is two days with orienteering on the first day and control of the paces and obstacles the second day.

The Cheethams did well though as the summer Trecs are geographically very far apart in Scotland, and to have 2 riders competing using the same horse (though not both at the same time) is impressive.

Tamara J Habberley

# London Marathon April 2024 SUPPORT URGENTLY NEEDED PLEASE!

Val, one of our admin team, has pledged to run 26 miles in the London Marathon in April to raise £1500 in much needed funds for World Horse Welfare, a charity that rescues and re-homes horses and ponies who are in desperate need. Fell ponies have themselves been helped over the years by this charity who rely solely on donations so please show your support for her and this amazing organisation by giving a donation, however small, at <code>justgiving.com/page/val-london-2024</code>. You can donate anonymously or leave a message and read updates on her progress as she battles with the training miles and Lakeland weather here in Appleby.

Every penny will make a difference. Thank you.

## Fell Pony Display Team

Queen's Trophy 2023

The Team are looking forward to another busy year, with a number of dates already in the diary. They are as follows:

Country Fest, Westmorland County Show Field, 1st and 2nd June - Information/Sales Tent and Display

Sandringham Horse & Pony Show, 9th June - Information/Sales Tent

Coniston Country Fair, 21st July - TBC

Lakeland Country Fair, Torver, 18th August - Information/Sales Tent and Display

Blackcombe Country Fair, Bootle, Cumbria, 26th August - Information/Sales Tent and Display

Westmorland County Show, 11th/12th September - Information/Sales Tent on both Days. Display on the 12th.

As always, we are on the lookout for any people who might like to join our Happy Band of Fell Pony enthusiasts, whether with a pony, or to help with the stand and ground crew. If you think you might like to give it a go, then please contact myself, or message us through the Fell Pony Display Team page on Facebook.

Christine Robinson

# Flo Goodbrand-Lloyd and Hades Hill Perry Edinburgh Prize 2023

Flo has been driving ponies since the age of 4 but only started competition driving in 2021. Less than 18 months later Flo was competing at the British Juniors National Championship in 2022 with homebred Fell pony Hades Hill Perry (photos, on cover and p 19).

- Winner of the Kerbeck Trophy at the Fell Pony Society Breed show in 2022 and 2023.
- North West Driving Club Junior Driver and Junior Whip in 2022.
- Regularly placed 1st in the novice class at club events with the North West and North East Driving Clubs and 2nd overall in the North East 2023 points league for Novice Pony.
- Competed at the British Juniors National Championship in 2023 and was asked by the British Juniors Chef d'Equipe if she would like to put herself forward for selection to the European Youth Driving Championships in Sweden in 2024, which has resulted in Flo attending British Juniors training camp at Onley Polo ground in July 2023 and Moreton Morell College in November 2023.

All of this has been made possible by 18 year old Hades Hill Perry. At the North East Driving Club event at Escrick Park in September Perry managed to get the fastest time out of 46 competitors in the first 2 obstacles of the marathon phase (faster than a couple of national champions). Flo has also been an active groom at the Tandem Club meet in 2023. She has played a huge part in helping her dad get his 4-in-hand team of ponies together, and she has started driving pairs.

Having moved up from novice pony at club events, Flo and Perry will be competing in the open class in 2024 at events throughout the country.

Tom Lloyd

### Townend Jasmine

#### Lownthwaite Rob Trophy 2023

Townend Jasmine (born 28/05/2002) has been owned and loved by Ian Brunskill since he purchased her as a weaned foal from the Townend Stud. Jasmine was broken to ride and drive as a 12-year-old. Since then she has been instrumental in flying the Fell Pony flag in many ways ever since and she is a true family pony. Early in her ridden career, she helped a very nervous young boy, who had learning difficulties, to become a confident and competent rider, and helped him learn the ropes of in-hand and ridden showing. She has taken part in pleasure rides and drives and one day events and she has attended a large number of charity events where she provided pony rides to people of all ages.

In 2015 she became one of the main ponies of the Fell Pony Display Team, taking on a number of parts and different roles (games pony, dressage pony, sledge pulling, carriage driving) and doing lots and lots of "meet the pony" events up and down the country, where the team would talk and promote Fell ponies. When she stood outside the arena at Burghley with Ian, waiting to go in, she was surrounded by people wanting to know more about her and the breed.

She was always the pony used for people to touch, feel and "pet" due to her calm and quiet nature.



She has regularly attended local village events including taking Santa to deliver Christmas presents each year, driving the Jubilee Queen to her pageant and being used as my carriage horse at my wedding.

Jasmine was due to retire last season, but still made a number of appearances with lan and the Display Team in 2023. However at nearly 22 and with a little bit of arthritis setting in, she has now finally been retired. I feel that awarding her the Lownthwaite Rob trophy would be a fitting tribute to a wonderful pony, who turns her hoof to anything asked of her, promotes the nature of our wonderful breed and epitomizes the word "bombproof". She has been a brilliant ambassador for the Fell Pony by demonstrating "you can't put a Fell to the wrong job" because she takes anything and everything asked of her in her stride.

Rachael Brunskill



Jasmine (second pony on the left) when the Display Team's Fells were ridden by the "Devil's Horsemen" after a performance at Lowther Country Fair.

## Annabelle

#### Peahill Basil Award 2023

Annabelle, by the late Darrenvale Warrior out of the late Annie Mather (whom we sadly lost earlier in the year) has been such an advocate for the breed. She came to Northamptonshire with me a number of years ago and since then she has made so many people fall in love with the breed many of them going on to purchase a fell pony themselves.

This year she has had two young riders (Charlotte - 14 and Izzy - 11). She has given her all in everything she has done. She has attended pony club rallies, including dressage, mounted games, cross country and showjumping; show jumping, the Royal Windsor parade, a memorial ride, showing both in hand and ridden, working hunter, SEIB search for a Star qualifier classes, and the TSR young rider of the year. She also had great success in the children's classes at Sandringham, Midlands East and the Southern Breed show.

Aside from the competitive events she has taught so many children. She is steady enough for the tiniest of riders and also picks up a gear when necessary. She is loved by so many and features heavily on our tik tok and Instagram pages showing what fabulous children's ponies Fell Ponies can make. She even attended a 21st Birthday party, being invited in to the Wedgewood pub in Northampton, and was the star of the show.

She has been part of many 'stunt' videos and looks after all of her riders. She really embraces everything that is asked of her and though she is now considered a veteran she is fitter than ever and has just begun doing her first workers classes.

She really is a pony of a lifetime and continues to go out and show people that Fells really can turn their hoof to anything.

Kind regards

Emma Woodruff (Roddlesworth Fell Ponies)



## FPS Youngstock & Performance Points Awards 2023

We are again indebted to Christine Robinson, who has run the Fell Pony Society annual points awards scheme for many years. Christine has worked through the entries and the prize-winners will receive their prizes, including wonderful rosettes embossed with their ponies' names, at the FPS AGM.

Again, foals were comparatively well represented with four featuring in the awards this year, but entries in the other youngstock sections were low, just one yearling, two two-year-olds and no three year olds. Sadly, there was only one entry in both the Junior and Driving sections.

Thanks and congratulations to all our regular entrants; but it is such a shame that more exhibitors don't take part and celebrate their pony's successes. There's no entry fee and there are lovely prizes. All exhibitors need to do is complete a form with details of their placings during the year and ask the judge or show secretary to sign to confirm.

Please do join in next year if you can!

#### Foal Section - Carrock Majestic

(Carrock Blackthorn x Carrock Lilly) Owner/Exhibitor - John Cockbain



John Cockbain won the foal section with his filly Carrock Majestic (Jess) and reports that the family were 'over the moon' to receive the news; especially as Jess is the first foal by Blackthorn, a son of the late Carrock Stride The Nite, whom the family thought so much of.

Jess started the year off by winning at Skelton show and then took second in a strong class at the FPS Breed show, followed by several other wins during the season. Jess not only won her classes, but was also youngstock champion at Bowes and reserve champion Fell pony at Keswick show.

To win the award is even more special for the Cockbains as this year they sadly lost Jess's grand-dam, Townend Sugar, who has been a huge part of the stud and of the family.

All being well John plans to be out at more shows with Jess in 2024.

#### Yearling Section - Fleetham Judith's Rose

(Wildhoeve Adiction x Greenholme Rose) Owner/Exhibitor Sue Lamb



Fleetham Judith's Rose is the first Fell pony bred under Sue Lamb's 'Fleetham' prefix. Her showing career started relatively late in the season as Sue was concentrating on Drybarrows Ranger's VHS campaign.

Described by her judges as a 'strong filly' who 'floats', she was 3rd in the FPS yearling class at the Foal and Youngstock Show, and completed her first showing year as reserve champion in the local riding club youngstock classes, as well as being best yearling in their annual awards.

A great start for the Fleetham stud that no doubt we will hear more of in the future.

#### Two-year-old Section - Bankwood Felicity

(Greenholme Bobby Dazzler x Tynebank Ruby) Owner/Exhibitor Nic Brierley

Nic Brierley won the category for two-year-olds with Bankwood Felicity, it had always been Nic's dream to have a Fell Pony from a foal

and the dream became a reality when she was able to purchase Felicity in 2021.

As a yearling, Nic took Felicity to a couple of local shows and Felicity seemed to thoroughly enjoy it, so last season they went further afield and attended all the MESG shows.

They have entered youngstock classes and some open M&Ms, but have also enjoyed taking part in the Handy Pony class at the MESG shows. Nic reports that Felicity's trust and confidence has improved each time and thinks that these fun classes are a fantastic opportunity for youngsters to see and experience different things; and that it has really helped them to build a very special bond.

When not showing, Felicity lives out with 17 year old Dalewin Kingpin and they enjoy walks out in hand most weekends.

Nic is really looking forward to the future with her lovely pony who tries her hardest to please and takes everything in her stride.



#### Four years and over in hand - Drybarrows Ranger

(Drybarrows Rusty x Drybarrows Jan) Owner/Exhibitor Sue Lamb

In 2023 Sue Lamb's Drybarrows Ranger turned 15 and became eligible to compete at the Veteran Horse Society National Championships. His showing season started in February when they tested the water in veteran classes in local shows. Ranger qualified for regional finals at Highfield House and later, at the Border Union Show, for both the VHS In hand Mountain and Moorland Supreme Final and the Overall In hand Supreme Final.

He completed his 2023 showing season on a high by finishing 5th in the Mountain and Moorland Supreme Final and being the highest placed Fell Pony.

A super first season for Sue and Ranger.



#### Four years and over Performance - Clifford Blue Chip

(Stennerskeugh Smoke x Clifford Poker Princess) Owner/Exhibitor Georgina Lewis-Roberts

Georgie Lewis-Roberts has had a busy season with Clifford Blue Chip whom she describes as her 'do a bit of everything' pony. They started the year mostly competing in flat classes and were lucky enough to qualify for two Royal International Horse Show finals. Blue Chip was also very successful in hand and qualified for the British Isles supreme and silver medal.

Georgie then decided to try something new, and Blue Chip responded by jumping clear in his WHP classes and enjoying some arena eventing. They then



tried BD dressage, a first for them both, where they qualified for the Area Festivals; and this year he has already qualified for the Associated Championships where they will be very excited to fly the Fell flag.

Well done Georgie and the very versatile Clifford Blue Chip!

#### **Dressage Section - Ruby III**

(Murthwaite Gurkha x Ruby II) Owner/Exhibitor Carrie-Ann Richardson

Regular Points scheme entrant, Carrie-Ann Richardson, had another successful dressage season with Ruby III (Karen). This season Karen has proved herself at novice and

elementary level, with scores of 65% plus and rarely out of the top three. They have moved up to bigger venues and competed against BD horses, often beating them.

Carrie-Ann reports that Karen is an enthusiastic mare, and not always the easiest ride, but with the help of monthly training sessions with CE Dressage they have managed to use that energy in a productive way to produce some fantastic tests with scores to match. In fact, Karen



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has improved so much that they were invited to take part in a demonstration evening, where Karen was the only non-dressage type there, proving just how versatile the Fell pony really is.

Carrie-Ann intends to continue their dressage, but now that Karen is 15 years old, they may try veteran classes too.

#### **Driving - Raisbeck Cappuccino**

(Guards Jester x Orton Hall Dusky) Owner Fiona Bubb, Exhibitor Linda Wiggin

Raisbeck Cappuccino (Cappa) has won the driving section again with Linda Wiggin. Linda's daughter, Fiona, has owned Cappa for more than ten years, and like so many Fell ponies, Cappa is another true all-rounder, although his main forte is driving trials.

He has become a judges' favourite in

the dressage phase of driving trials and is renowned for his tight but flowing turns and flying changes in the obstacle phase. He has proved to be an utter joy to own, though Fiona says that he is a real character and must be the centre of attention!



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#### Junior Section - Thornbeck Amy

(Greenholme Heather Mist x Lunesdale Limelight) Owner - Jacqueline Cheetham, Exhibitor - Emily Cheetham

Emily Cheetham (16) won the Junior Performance section in her first year with Thornbeck Amy, who was bought as a happy hacker for Mum, Jacqueline; when it became clear that Amy had a fear of the big wide world but a love of the show ring and a talent for jumping, Emily took the ride.

During the year they attended working hunter, showing, showjumping and TREC competitions; and Emily was very proud to show Amy in hand in the main ring at the Royal Highland Show, their first overnight showing trip.

After many years of borrowing ponies from lovely people local to the FPS Breed show, the family was delighted to be able to travel with their own pony from the North of Scotland to Cumbria attend the show and have a mini holiday. A great day for Emily who was delighted to win the Packway Bellman trophy, awarded to the pony demonstrating the most versatility at the show. Whilst in Cumbria, Emily was able to realise a dream and ride her own Fell on a fell (Crosby Ravensworth), which Amy found very exciting.

To complete the year the pair qualified and competed in the Junior ridden class at the NPS Scottish Championships, Blair Castle. Emily is looking forward to many more adventures with Amv.

## FNDURANCE AWARDS 2023

#### Competitive Section - Tynebank Harry

(Greenholme Yabadabadoo x Greenholme Young Beth) & Sarah Norris

Tynebank Harry (Quarry), is a 15 year old grey gelding with a huge character, who continues to make his mark in the world of endurance with Sarah Norris, having represented Scotland in the Scottish International Team. This year they have added another 330kms to their tally, which now stands at an accumulated total of 1,196kms in competitive endurance competitions.

Quarry went through the FPS annual Autumn sale as weanling and was purchased by Sarah as a four year old.

He's a great example of how our wonderfully versatile ponies can succeed in all disciplines, and another superstar of the Fell pony world sold through the FPS Sale.



#### Pleasure Ride Section - Townend Wispa

(Heltondale Bonzo Boy x Townend Ripple) & Karen Hynes

Karen has owned Townend Wispa (Doris), for two years and considers herself very lucky to have found her after losing her previous pony of 20 years. She has been a member of Endurance GB for over 20 years and thoroughly enjoys riding in different parts of the country, often where access is not normally allowed. Last year was a very successful one, and to Karen's delight the pair were presented with a number of awards by their local Durham and Teesside Endurance Group at their recent AGM and 2023 Awards evening: highest mileage for a pure bred native; highest mileage for a senior rider; 100kms, 200kms and 400kms distance awards and top three placings in the 'overall' categories.

Karen is now looking forward to the challenges that 2024 may bring!

Well done everyone.

Claire Simpson



## FPS NW Area Support Group Foal & Youngstock Show

The Foal & Youngstock Show was held at Newton Rigg near Penrith on 18 November. A good number of exhibitors brought their young ponies to compete and to gain some education and experience away from home; and a large crowd of spectators enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with like-minded friends while watching this year's youngsters strutting their stuff in the indoor arena.

The judge was Fell Pony Society Chairman, Peter Boustead, who enjoyed his day, and thought that the quality of the ponies was good, particularly in the yearling class.

Peter chose Matthew Fearon's filly, Setmabanning Rita (Carrock Stride The Nite x Drybarrows Blencathra), as the overall supreme champion of the day. He described this very sweet, feminine yearling as having a lovely outlook, quality bone and movement. The winning filly foal and foal champion, Brackenbank Lilibet (Dalewin Vesper x Brackenbank Ruby), took the overall reserve supreme for the Wilkinson family; another very good example of the breed, with nice flat bone, a lovely front and sloping shoulder.

Reserve in the foal championship was Lammerside Camilla (Greenholme Kingsman x Murthwaite Beth Tweddle) owned by Richard Hoggarth and the winner of the class for two year olds, Bowins Bubbles (Brocklebank Absinthe x Midtown Harmony), owned by Dorothy Harrison, took the reserve youngstock championship. John Potter won the class for colt foals with Greenholme Rocket (Greenholme Nemo x Greenholme Keepsake) as well as the trophy for the highest placed Hill Bred foal.

Many thanks to the sponsors Brackenbank Fell Ponies and The Howe Family, Rundales Fell Ponies; judge Peter Boustead; Newton Rigg E.C; organisers and helpers on the day;, competitors; all the spectators, and everyone who contributed to make this such an enjoyable event.

Claire Simpson

#### **Show Results**

#### Class 1. Filly Foal

1st Brackenbank Lilibet, FP7442, Owner & Breeder Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

2nd Lammerside Camilla, FP7461\*, Owner Mr R N Hogarth, Breeder Mrs G Chippendale

3rd Carrock Majestic, FP7405, Owner & Breeder Mr J W Cockbain

#### Class 2. Colt Foal

1st Greenholme Rocket, FP73724C, Owner Mr J Potter, Breeder Mr W S Potter

2nd Waverfoot Kingsman, FP73791C, Owner & Breeder Miss H Lightfoot

3rd Lammerside King James, FP73808C\*, Owner & Breeder Mrs G Chippendale

#### Class 3. Yearling

1st Setmabanning Rita, FP7361, Owner & Breeder Mr M G Fearon

2nd Carrock Royal, FP73526C, Owner Mrs S C Morton, Breeder Mr J W Cockbain

3rd Fleetham Judith's Rose, FP7357, Owner & Breeder Mrs S Lamb

#### Class 4. Two Year Old - Filly or Gelding

1st Bowins Bubbles, FP7057, Owner Mrs D Harrison, Breeder Mr J Miller Snr

2nd Lownthwaite Miss Chief, FP7049. Owner Mrs M Chapman, Breeder Mrs S C Morton

3rd Greenholme Puma, FP73406G, Owner Miss S Cockelty, Breeder Mr W S Potter

# Foal Champion Brackenbank Lilibet Reserve Lammerside Camilla

Youngstock Champion
Setmabanning Rita
Reserve Bowins Bubbles

Supreme Champion
Setmabanning Rita
Reserve Brackenbank Lilibet



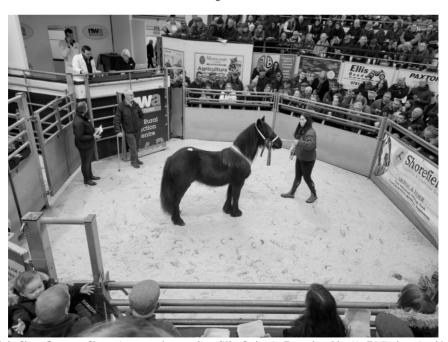
Matthew Fearon with the Youngstock Champion and Supreme Champion, Setmabanning Rita

David Wilkinson and his Foal Champion and Reserve Supreme Champion, Brackenbank Lilibet (left) with Judge Peter Boustead, and Matthew Fearon with his Youngstock Champion and Supreme Champion, Setmabanning Rita





Sale Show Champion was the yearling colt Greenholme Quintessential, bred by Miss RJ Potter, sired by Greenholme Lancelot out of Greenholme What Do U Think. Quintessential sold for 1600 guineas.



Sale Show Reserve Champion was the yearling filly, Dalewin Zara, bred by Mr E Winder, sired by Lunesdale Black Ice II out of Lockholme Darkie III, sold for 2200 guineas.

## Fell Pony Society Show and Sale

The annual Fell Pony Society Show and Sale was held at the NWA Auction Centre near Kendal on 28 October. Ponies entered in the Fell pony sale totalled 76 and were followed by over one hundred other M&Ms and part-breds.

More than 80% of the Fell ponies forward found new homes and the highest price of 6500 guineas was achieved by the first lot, Holling Baby Anne, a seven year old black mare broken to ride and drive from G & R Dunn; the three year old gelding Drybarrows Fordingdale reached 4800 guineas for Zoe Marsden. In the foal section the filly Lunesdale Esther reached 2900 guineas for Bert Morland and the colt Hardendale Kingsman reached 2600 guineas for Barry Mallinson; both had won their classes in the pre-sale show.

Claire Wigley judged the show classes and said that the overall quality and calibre of the ponies presented showcased a commendable representation of our esteemed native breed. Claire explained that the champion pony, the yearling colt Greenholme Quintessential, exemplified all the qualities that she seeks in a Fell Pony. He possessed a compact yet powerful frame, with a deep chest, and strong quarters, standing squarely with a good length of rein. His movement, characteristic of his breed, was purposeful, straight, and featured a smooth, free stride, demonstrating excellent reach in the forelegs and powerful impulsion from the hindquarters. The pony's calm and sensible demeanour reflected the breed's renowned temperament. Overall, the pony's presence, soundness, and adherence to the Fell Pony breed's standard were the key factors that led to its championship win for his delighted owner who had travelled from Norfolk. The colt later realised 1600 guineas in the salering.

The yearling filly, Dalewin Zara, took the reserve championship, and in Claire's view epitomised the excellent qualities of the Fell Pony breed. This pony, with a compact yet sturdy build, displayed a well-balanced conformation emphasising its strength and agility. Much like the champion pony, her temperament exhibited a composed and adaptable nature, echoing the breed's renowned traits, securing its deserved placement as the reserve champion. This pony later realised 2200 guineas.

As always the Sale is a popular event in the Fell pony calendar and a great opportunity to catch up with like-minded Fell pony friends. Thanks to the staff at NWA Auction Centre, vendors, buyers and everyone who contributes to make the day such a success.

Claire Simpson

## New "Junior Handler" Points Award & Competition

The Support Groups have put forward the idea of a new Junior Handler section within the FPS Performance Awards Scheme from 2024, using the same form as the other points awards sections. At the moment juniors can only take part in ridden or driven events, but we would like to encourage them to record their successes in Junior Handler Classes. The points form would be signed by a parent or guardian rather than a judge or show secretary.

Junior members are also invited to take part in a new 'Young Handlers' competition from September 2024 in which, by competing in Young Handlers classes at FPS affiliated shows, they can qualify to take part in a final at the FPS Breed Show in 2025.

Details will be available on the Awards page of the FPS web site, https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm, and the FPS Facebook page.

### Rare Breeds Survival Trust Gene Bank

There has recently been a review of semen held by the RBST Gene Bank, to check its viability etc.

The objectives of the Gene Bank are as follows:

- 1 Recreating breeds or breeding lines if they become lost. Storage for this purpose is long term and does not involve regular use or updating of the collection.
- 2 Support in vivo conservation. The genetic materials can be used to minimize inbreeding and genetic drift in small populations. The combined use of live animals and preserved germplasm can be a very effective conservation tool.
- 3 Material stored in a gene bank can provide a very effective backup if genetic problems occur. (A decrease in effective population size and the resulting high level of inbreeding can increase the frequency of specific deleterious variant genes. This can be the case in even large populations if the gene pool is very small.)
- 4 The development of new lines or breeds, or the modifying or reorienting of a population.
- 5 A resource for scientists carrying out DNA research. Gene banking allows quick and easy access to genetic materials.

FPS Council are thinking about adding to the Gene Bank and welcome initial enquiries from stallion owners who may wish to be considered. Further details will be provided once a stallion has been accepted and this will largely depend on how closely related the stallion is to those whose semen is already in storage. The owner must be willing to send the stallion to the appointed collection centre for the required period of time.

If you're interested, then please email the FPS office.

## Conservation and Grazing Sub-committee

We have recently had an enquiry for ponies, which has followed on from a recommendation from the RSPB at Haweswater. Initially it is for ponies on a loan basis, but quite possibly, if all goes well, the farmers are hoping to purchase some ponies in the next twelve months. I will hopefully have an update on this later in Spring.

I have attended, both in person and via Zoom, several meetings with the Federation Of Commoners, The Cumbria Federation of Commoners and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust. Many of these meeting are to do with the various schemes open to farmers, although they are very worth while, as occasionally there is a little snippet that relates to ponies, and in particular Rare Breed Equines.

After a busy year last year, and all the Centenary events, we are now working through the Breeders Survey and will have a full report later this year.

We ask as always, for all members to keep an eye out for any suitable land that may be available, as we do have quite a number of people who have ponies available for short or longer term grazing.

Christine Robinson

## Voluntary DNA testing of filly foals in 2024

Voluntary DNA testing of filly foals (uncapped numbers) will be offered for 1 year only, from January 2024, test paid by FPS. UK and overseas tests via Weatherbys where possible; USA breeders can use a lab in their own country and then be issued with a credit against future transactions once confirmation is received of the amount paid, up to a maximum of £50.

On request the DNA kit will be issued with the passport application form. The foal should be microchipped at the same time that the vet takes the hair sample. The hair sample must be taken by a vet.

Parentage testing to be carried out where possible.

The FPS will not pay for the DNA test when

- i) the foal is as a result of Al
- the sire is required to be confirmed, eg, there is no service certificate or the service certificate was submitted late
- iii) it is a late registration requiring parentage testing
- iv) the passport application is received after 30 November in the year of birth.

If you're interested, then please email the FPS office.

## THE SOCIETY WILL BE LOOKING FOR

## A NEW TROPHIES SECRETARY

## FOR THE FPS STALLION SHOW AND BREED SHOW

To take over from 2025

and ideally to work alongside the current Secretary for both Shows in 2024.

Mainly required on show days but some time following up the return of trophies may be required prior to a show day.

If you are interested or want to know more about what's involved, please contact the FPS office.

Email secretaryfellponysociety@gmail.com

## FPS Area Support Groups

Area Support Groups arrange events for all ages in their area. FPS Members are welcome at all events. The Groups cover the following areas:

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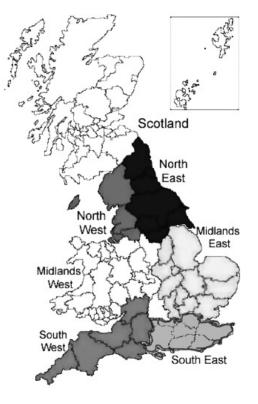
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## North East Area Support Group

During November 2023 our members received their rosettes for completing the '96 mile challenge' in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II. Those who lived within travelling distance attended a pub lunch at 'The Duke of York' in Fir Tree and the others were sent theirs in the post. One of the team entries was from the family who breed Humblesgill Fell Ponies and they came to the lunch proudly wearing their special T-shirts (see photo).



There was much excitement and discussion about the fun of completing this challenge and the need for another one in 2024. Your ideas were discussed at the area groups meeting in January but you will need to wait until the AGM on 6th April to find out what we agreed.

I feel it has been a very challenging winter here in the North East as our land is saturated. When the rain started in mid July 2023, at a time when we were trying to make hay and harvest our arable crops, I began recording our daily rainfall. At the beginning of January this year when I hung up my new calendar, I totalled the rainfall from 22nd July to 31st December. I was shocked to discover that there had been almost 39 inches, which is one metre of rain during that period. No wonder our rivers are full to capacity and the land cannot hold anymore. I hoped that a new year would signal a change in the weather conditions but we have continued to get rain,

wind, snow and ice. Storm after storm has made January a very difficult time for anyone with livestock, especially if it lives outdoors. Fell ponies are very hardy animals but they, like us, have had enough of these dreadful conditions.

Last Saturday, 27th January, the all Fell dressage team known as 'The Fellowship' began their Team Quest journey at Holmside Hall Equestrian. They were very excited and looked really professional in their matching purple and black jackets. Their individual scores were highly commendable and they were placed 4th out of the six teams taking part. I feel this is going to be a fun and rewarding journey for everyone involved and I will provide further information in the autumn magazine.

Our first big event of the year is our annual Sunday Lunch to be held at Hardwick Hall Hotel on the 4th February. This is a social event without ponies so everyone can have a good meal and catch-up as well as plan for the year ahead. The North East Group has their own awards scheme and members will receive rosettes for their achievements during 2023. Our North East Trophies will be presented to: Volunteer - Victoria Parker; Fell Pony Representative - Townend Wispa; Junior Rider/Handler - Leo Tilson; Senior Rider/Handler - Julie Smith. Last autumn the North East Group Committee decided to offer a training bursary in 2024. Applicants must be FPS members and reside in the North East area. The sum of £200 is available to pay for lessons/training and help the applicant to try something new, for them, with a Fell pony. This might include dressage, show jumping, driving, trec to name but a few. Anyone wishing to apply should email eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk for further details and the application form.

We are planning to hold another Fell pony training day at Marwood Equestrian Centre, which is on the outskirts of Barnard Castle, during late March or early April. This will be open to six rider/pony combinations and will give everyone the opportunity to take advantage of the excellent facilities (50m x 30m indoor arena) and coaching by Sarah Tubbs who is both a Level 4 Coach and a Coach Educator for British Show Jumping. Full details will be posted on our Facebook page as soon as they are finalised.

Our annual Fell and Highland pony camp is being held from Friday 3rd May to Sunday 5th May at Linnel Wood near Hexham. This is a fabulous venue, owned by the Charlton family, who kindly allow us to use their facilities. Sarah Charlton and Chris Grant are busy planning this event and application forms will be available shortly. They will be available on the FPS Website and the North East Group Facebook page very soon so please put the dates in your diary.

We enjoyed our Summer Picnic/Social so much last year that we are going to hold another one this year, at my home in County Durham on Saturday 15th June. There will be a few Rackwood Fell Ponies for you to look at as well as the opportunity to chat to Fell pony enthusiasts in our area. We will be holding a photograph competition at this event and full details will be provided on the Flyer when it is published.

I hope 2024 gives us all a real summer with lots of sunny evenings to enjoy our ponies. Good luck and have fun in whatever you do with your four legged friends.

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

## Learning with Fells 2024

The Society will consider applications from any FPS member, irrespective of age.

It is hoped that sufficient numbers will come forward for visits to 2 or 3 studs during 2024.

If you're interested, please send an email to the FPS office, secretaryfellponysociety@gmail.com, by no later than 30 April 2024.

Stud Owners - if you think you could accommodate visitors, then please get in touch with the FPS office with possible dates.

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

## Coming to The Old Courthouse, Shap, this summer!

a photographic exhibition by Ruth on the Hoof

## 'Hidden Hoofbeat of Britain'

Ruth is documenting native ponies in their natural surroundings and the unique characteristics they possess as a result of the environment they live in.

The exhibition will include some amazing images that Ruth has captured of equines in the landscapes that define them plus information about the breeds and some of the challenges that they face.

Dates to be confirmed. Visit www.theoldcourthouse.org

Janet Wood

The Old Courthouse, Main Street, Shap, Cumbria, CA10 3NL

## Midlands East Area Support Group

Since the last Magazine, we held our annual AGM on 11th November 2023, where ideas for Events etc were discussed for 2024; please see below for Events with some dates confirmed and some yet TBC.

On Sunday 10th December 2023, Christine Poole and her Show Team held their annual Christmas Show at Barton Equestrian Centre in Nottingham. Although the weather was awful during the weeks leading up to the Show, the day of the Show was milder and drier! I think it's safe to say that everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the highlight for the children was a surprise visit from Santa who distributed gifts. Full results can be found on our Facebook pages and on our website.

Our Annual Points Awards celebration, will take place on 2nd March 2024 from 6-11pm at Clifton Community Centre, Nottingham. We're hoping to see lots of our Members there to enjoy celebrating everyone's achievements with their ponies in 2023. Any members who completed the FPS 96 miles Challenge will also be presented with their rosettes at this event.

Events for 2024

FPS-MESG Midlands East Horse & Pony Show, Gotham, Nottingham. Our confirmed dates are: 26th May, 14th July & 8th September. The Christmas Show, which will be held at Barton Equestrian Centre, Nottingham, will take place on 8th December.

Sunday 21st April - Ride & Picnic by kind invitation of Judy & Nick Hill to be held at their home in Lutterworth

**September TBC - Social Event** including a lunch, followed by a talk by David Murray regarding his 'Walking with Fells'.

WH & Showing Clinic - Date TBC

Stud visit - Date TBC

Finally, we have some exciting news for 2024. In celebration of the Fell Pony Society's Area Support Group's Silver Jubilee year, we are joining our neighbouring Support Group, The Midlands West for a 'Midlands Fell Pony Show'. The Show will be taking place on Sunday 16th June and the venue will be the Gotham Show Ground, Gotham, Nottingham NG11 0LE. We're hoping lots of FPS Members will come along to support us; being very accessible as only located 5 minutes from Junction 24 of the M1 Motorway. For further details, please keep an eye on our Facebook Group pages.

I hope you all have an enjoyable 2024 with your ponies.

Nic Brierley

FPS-MESG Area Coordinator nicshortland@yahoo.com

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## Scotland (North)

With members scattered between the Orkney islands and the Scottish Borders, we had a good turnout who journeyed to collect their Queen's Memorial Challenge rosettes with a meal and chat. We had enjoyed a super stud visit and discussion day, comparing notes with the President of the Dales Pony Society at Essiecroft Stud in Aberdeenshire.



Frank and Morven Lawson from Dundee took their ponies and display stand to represent the Fells at the RBST Scottish Smallholders exhibition in Edinburgh.

Our members have proudly shown off their ponies around Scotland and beyond, at the Royal Highland Show, the FPS breed show and the NPS Scottish championships at Blair Castle. Hoping for a summer stud visit in the Highlands. Here's to a busy 2024 clocking up the miles again!!!

Jacqueline Cheetham

## Midlands West Area Support Group

The Midlands West Area Group committee met on 21st January 2024 at the home of Jayne Walster who once again not only hosted the meeting but also provided us with a lovely lunch. Treasurer Barry Stamp gave a financial overview of Group funds which remain reasonably healthy. Diane Key reported on the recent FPS Support Group Zoom meetings. There was general support for the Area Support Groups Silver Jubilee Challenge, the 'Learning with Fells' ideas and the potential Young Handler Competitions. Ideas and arrangements for events to be held in the 2024 season were discussed and will provisionally include the following.

#### **EVENTS 2024**

#### Sunday April 21st Silver Jubilee Celebrations Group Pleasure Ride

The ride will be hosted and escorted by Karen and Laura Bennett at their home in Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 5NH. This ride will be no longer than 5-6 miles and is aimed at those wishing to have a gentle ride. Riders will need to have adequate insurance to take part. Rosettes for all taking part. More details and a booking form will be available nearer the time.

Sunday 16th June 2024 - Midlands Fell Pony Show, Gotham Showground, Nottingham, NG11 0LE

In order to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Area Support Groups, we are very excited to be holding a joint show with our neighbours, the Midlands East Area Support Group. This show will be affiliated to the Fell Pony Society with classes for all. We are pleased to announce that Mr Michael Goddard will be judging both the ridden and in hand classes. Judges for dressage and Working Hunter Pony to be confirmed. Contacts for the show are Midlands East - Nicola Brierley at nicshortland@yahoo.com Midlands West - Diane Key 01785 282922 diane@fellpony.me.uk.

#### Date TBC August 2024

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 date.

#### September 2024

'Paws for Mary' Dog Show in memory of Mary Longsdon MBE to be held at Ivy Cottage Paddocks, 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.

#### Autumn 2024

**Emergency First Aid clinic** for both pony and rider. Booking form and more information will be available nearer the date but any expressions of interest are welcome. Please contact Diane Key.

#### **GROUP AWARDS 2023**

We were pleased to be able to hold our 2023 Group Performance Awards in December 2023 which also gave us opportunity to accommodate the presentation of the FPS 96 Mile Challenge rosettes. The event, held on December 16th, was very well supported with a record attendance. We enjoyed, as always, another fabulous carvery lunch at the Hollybush Inn, Seighford and the kind hospitality from landlord Mike and his team. Many thanks also to Heidi Saxon Bland of H&H Rosettes for supplying an array of lovely rosettes.

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The main section winners were as follows:

Overall Performance and Winner of the Eileen Davies Memorial trophy was Raisbeck Cappuccino and Linda Wiggin, who also won the competitive driving class and the highest placed veteran pony. The leisure driving class was won by Eastcote Jenny Wren and Lyn Marshall.

The Ken Saxon Memorial Trophy for the highest placed In Hand pony was awarded to Bankwood Felicity and Nicola Brierley.

Rackwood Hugo and Fiona Dillon were again the TREC trophy section winners.

The dressage class was won by Littletree Dizzy Rascal and Wendy Gallin.

Kate White and Greenholme Waterloo II again won the Happy Hacker section with another impressive number of hours spent in the saddle, taking home the Hugh Marshall Memorial Shield

It was unanimously agreed that The MW Group Committee Award for 2023, which is awarded to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Group or breed, be awarded to Mr Barry Stamp.

The results of the annual John Glaze Memorial Photography competition were also announced. The theme for 2023 was "At Leisure or Rest" and was judged by Jo and Vicky Glaze who reported that it had been another difficult competition to judge as the entries were so good. The winning photograph was that of Severnvale Tyson owned by Maggie Martin.

Full results of both the Group Awards and photography competition are available from our Group website.

#### FPS 96 Mile Challenge.

There were sixteen registrations for the 96 Miles Challenge with fifteen riders completing the challenge. It was very rewarding to see so many of those who took part attend our Group Awards Lunch where the Challenge rosettes were presented. The Lunch also gave everyone the opportunity to meet some new members and welcome them to the Group. For those unable to attend the rosettes were posted out and it was nice to correspond with new members who we hope will continue to join in any future challenges or events.

#### 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 or find us on Face book - Fell Pony Society Midlands West Support Group.

#### **Trophies Appeal**

Many thanks to those of you who have returned trophies to us from both the previous 2022 Spring Show held at Rodbaston and the 2022 Derbyshire Fell Pony Show held at Barleyfields EC. There are still several trophies outstanding and we would be very grateful to have them sent back to us or arrangements made for collection so that they can be re-presented.

Diane Key Midlands West Area Co-ordinator 01785 282922 / diane@fellpony.me.uk

## South West Area Support Group

#### News from the group

Congratulations to Karen Hodge, whose home-bred mare Kalmara Fantasia took third place in the Fell class at HOYS. Fantasia was also the highest placed mare. Karen is rightly very proud of her pony, and says she is delighted with what Lauren Brill has achieved in the short time she has been riding this mare. It was their first time at HOYS, but hopefully not their last.





After only 8 weeks of competing in affiliated competition, Jadine Huxtable (left) with Severnvale Onyx

qualified for the British Dressage Petplan Area Festivals. On the 21st January they competed at Prestige Equestrian, Gloucester at Prelim Bronze and came away with a score of 63.76% - Jadine had the aim of coming away with 63% and over so is thrilled.

Jadine is excited to continue their training to up the percentage with the aim of improvement for the Summer Area Festivals and of course having fun along the way.

#### Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Challenge

There were 28 sign-ups for this challenge last year, and 27 completions. For a small area group that's an impressive number of you taking part. Well done to you all. There will be another Challenge this year, to celebrate 25 years of the Area Groups. This will be launched at the AGM in April.

18 people (and two dogs) came to the SW group lunch in Dorset on 4th November. I hope you all enjoyed it and thank you very much to Sharron Camp for organising this.

#### Coming events

Dorset Fell Show will be held on 12th May, at Kingston Maurward Equestrian College. This is a lovely venue so do come along if you can.

SW Area Group Show at Dunster Country Fair will be on 24th July. It would be lovely to see you there. The schedule will be up on the Dunster Country Fair website, soon.

There might be another meet-up at Berrow Beach, if there's enough interest. Let me know if you'd like to do this, and we'll try to set a date that suits all.

Sue Howes whereswoolly4@gmail.com or 01598 763542

## **FPS Next Generation Group**

We welcome Leanne Nicholls on board as the Next Generation Group's Secretary. Leanne and her mother have Greenleigh Fell Pony Stud based in Cambridgeshire. One of their resident stallions is Lunesdale Warlord who has won many Championships in his showing career, the Stallion and Colt show to name just one. A new stallion they own, Brackenthwaite Bentley, is also known for his success in the show ring with great results. Leanne has owned Fell ponies for 18 years and been breeding for 5 years, showing at local and county level. Leanne is very passionate and enthusiastic to help the group move forward, to help deliver education on the breed, and to help others gain knowledge on these ponies that we all adore!

We have also had the group's aims and objectives amended as some were not being met. They are now as follows:

- 1 To organise educational and training days on the Fell pony conformation, breed type and to promote and gain a greater understanding of semi-feral herds.
- 2 To represent the views of the younger members to the FPS council.
- 3 To encourage the next generation (any age) of Fell Pony Breeders, by creating connections and sharing knowledge from past and existing breeders.
- 4 To listen to suggestions and organise events suitable for younger members.



Next Generation Group Secretary, Leanne Nicholls and Lunesdale Warlord

Events for 2024 are still to be confirmed, so please keep a look out on our Facebook page for further details.

**Thanks** 

Stacy Longrigg - Chairperson Kayley Radford - Treasurer Leanne Nicholls - Secretary

# Fell Pony Society of North America

FPSNA had an exciting year, seeing continued enthusiasm and interest for the Fell Pony.

FPSNA coordinated with FPS to offer the 96 Mile Challenge to North American participants. By the end of the challenge, a dozen Fell Pony owners here on this side of the pond rode, led and drove their way to this accomplishment with their ponies, both as individuals and teams. We are all curious what may be offered for 2024!

FPSNA continued to make subtle improvements to the website, including a new educational series of pages meant to guide those new to the breed here in North America as to the steps and procedures to many of the registry services offered in tandem with the FPS.

We continue to offer the programs and opportunities available in years past, such as the USDF All Breeds Award and our members-only password protected directory and library of FPSNA newsletters, reaching back over twenty years.

Our second virtual show of the year, concluding on Oct 31st, was judged by Ruth Eastwood, and saw a record-breaking number of entries, with a total of 18 Fell Ponies participating. When combined with our summer show in July, with Michael Goddard and Ruth Eastwood conferring for the Supreme, this was a grand total of 24 ponies being judged to the FPS Breed Standard by FPS Approved judges, and the largest Fell Pony only show in the history of the breed on our continent. Full results are found at the end of our report.

Our year-end awards celebration, the Performance Premium and Awards Program (PPA), had competitors enter in every division offered with the exception of junior competitors. We hope to encourage a few juniors to enter next time around. We also redesigned a couple of divisions to better reflect what our members are participating in with their ponies, with a brand new Western Ridden Division and a combined English Ridden for all seats. This year's Supreme Champion 'Fell Pony of the Year' was Lammerside Ayla, owned by Melissa Kreuzer, shown by Taylor Bie and bred by Gillian Chippendale. Our Reserve Supreme Champion was DreamHayven Irish Rose, owned and shown by Jeanette Marsh, and bred by Melissa Kreuzer. Both of these mares had competed in last year's program as well. Congratulations to all our competitors, and thank you for raising awareness of the Fell Pony! Our program results are below, and can also be found on our website.

As always, members are encouraged to submit their events and activities with FPSNA via email at info@fpsna.org. FPSNA is an all-volunteer non-profit organization, in existence for over 20 years and the longest standing, membership based FPS overseas branch in North America, offering community, education and opportunities for competition in a variety of disciplines.

### FPSNA Virtual Show - Fall 2023 Results

### Weanling Colts Class:

1st Desiderata Donato, Owners Cherie and John Hansen

# Weanling Fillies Class:

1st Awesome Acres High Tea, Owner Catherine Martin

### Yearling Fillies Class:

1st Lyndarick Flicka, Owner Melissa Kreuzer 2nd Cumberland Moneypenny, Owner Melissa Kreuzer

3rd Feathered Foothill Fjola, Owner Karla Rogge

### Fillies 3-5 yrs:

1st DreamHayven Selene, Owner Cherie Hansen 2nd Lammerside Ayla, Owner Melissa Kreuzer 3rd DreamHayven Aphrodite, Owner Melissa Kreuzer

### Mares 6-14 yrs:

1st DreamHayven Irish Rose, Owner Jeanette Marsh

2nd JKL Istas, Owner Jane Snar

3rd DreamHayven Decadence, Owner Elise Miller

### Senior Mares 15 + yrs:

1st Hiske van het Westerkwartier, Owner Melissa Kreuzer

# Stallion Progeny Class (needs 3 ponies entered)

1st Stallion & Progeny: Stennerskeugh Danny Boy, owned by Melissa Kreuzer

- DreamHayven Perfect Storm, Owner Cherie Hansen
- DreamHayven Selene, Owner Cherie Hansen
- DreamHayven Irish Rose, Owner Jeanette Marsh

Champion: FPSNA Virtual Fall Show

DreamHayven Selene, Owned by Cherie Hansen

Reserve Champion: FPSNA Virtual Fall Show Lyndarick Flicka, Owned by Melissa Kreuzer

# Supreme Champion FPSNA 2023 Virtual Show Series

(both shows combined, as selected by judges Ruth Eastwood & Michael Goddard):

DreamHayven Selene, Owner Cherie Hansen



DreamHayven Selene

## Reserve Supreme Champion FPSNA 2023 Virtual Show Series

Dragonflyacres Tanna Yondo, Owner Catherine Martin

### 2023 Performance Premium and Awards Program Results

### English Ridden:

1st Lammerside Ayla, Owner Melissa Kreuzer 2nd Scafellpike Jive Talkin, Owner Janice Laube 3rd JKL Istas. Owner Jane Snar

### Western Ridden:

1st Lammerside Ayla

2nd JKL Istas

### Yearling In Hand:

1st Moonlit Blue Bruce, Owner Melissa Kreuzer

### Four Year Old & Over In Hand:

1st Lammerside Ayla

2nd DreamHayven Irish Rose, Owner Jeanette Marsh

3rd JKL Istas

### In Hand Trail & Obstacle:

1st JKL Istas

2nd Greenholme Peggy, Owner Jane Snar

### Open Driving:

1st DreamHayven Irish Rose

# Grand Champion Ridden Performance Pony: Lammerside Ayla

Reserve, Scafellpike Jive Talkin

# Overall Grand Champion Performance Pony (ridden &/or in Harness):

Lammerside Ayla

Reserve, DreamHayven Irish Rose

### Grand Champion In Hand Pony:

Lammerside Ayla

Reserve, DreamHayven Irish Rose

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DreamHayven Tanna Yondo

# Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas 2023 Activity Report

The Fell Conservancy is pleased to report the planning of the 3rd North American Fell Pony National Championships is going well. The show is a sub-component of the largest rare breed equine event in North America coordinated by the equine conservation nonprofit, the Equus Survival Trust, celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

FPS Council recently agreed to the Championships being an affiliated overseas FPS branch show, a first for the Fell Conservancy and for North America. It will be judged by FPS Council member and panel judge, Christine Robinson.

In-hand and ridden Fell pony breed classes are being offered as well as open competition for pony classes, dressage, jumping, arena trail obstacles, and driving. We have every expectation this will be an important event for the continued support and promotion of the Fell pony community on this side of the pond.

The Fell Pony Society support will provide rosettes for one or more of the following:

Supreme NA Champion Fell Pony In-Hand

Supreme NA Champion Fell Pony Ridden

High Scoring Most Versatile NA Fell Pony (points in-hand, ridden, open discipline)

The Fell Conservancy has elected an additional board member to our roster. Long time Fell breeder Kimber Bishop (Kimberlake prefix) of Missouri has joined our ranks. Our board now consists of 5 members, 3 Americans and 2 British, spread geographically in four US states (MN, NC, MO, OH) and our UK member in Devon who keeps us anchored in the mother country.

The Fell Conservancy continues to network and educate on behalf of our North American Fell Pony community, open to any and all registered Fell ponies without bias of affiliations.

Victoria Tollman, Secretary/Treasurer

Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas

Results continued from previous page

# Supreme Champion Overall (In Hand and Performance Divisions):

Lammerside Ayla

Reserve, DreamHayven Irish Rose

### Mare Progeny Performance Premium:

Hiske van het Westerkwartier, owner Melissa Kreuzer

# Stallion Progeny Performance Premium:

Stennerskeugh Danny Boy, owner Melissa Kreuzer

### Born in North America High Point:

DreamHayven Irish Rose

### Born Overseas FPS High Point:

Lammerside Ayla

Most Versatile Pony:

Lammerside Ayla

The All 'Rounder Award:

JKL Istas

### Ambassador Pony:

1st Stennerskeugh Frances, Owner Nichole Jansen

2nd JKL Istas

3rd= Laurelhighland Black Diamond

3rd= Littletree Matador, Owner Jane Snar

# Dansk Fell Pony Forening (Danish Fell Pony Association)

After receiving the honour of becoming a daughter society and part of the Danish Agricultural Board, we have been working on our EU-approval to recognize the breed in full with the pedigree in EU.

Despite the legal help that we had in getting and formulating the approval in accordance with the EU law, adapted to Danish law, it became complicated due to new taxation on farms of any kind in Denmark and legislation regarding horses, illness in horses, new demands on how to hold and keep horses and ponies, feeding, riding, stables, paddocks... yes everything has been regulated and this of course not only affected the people helping us but also Fell pony owners all over Denmark.

Board members have been touched with personal issues, and as for myself I was diagnosed with cancer in February 2023. So of course we had to regroup and rethink everything, so like our versatile pony breed, assignments were spread out among the still relatively new members of the board and they ran with it. We can happily share that:

- Fell ponies have been shown in almost all major shows in Denmark with full support from DFPF and the initiatives the breeders and owners have taken.
- We have had influence on the movement of breeding and horses in general in Denmark and feel that we also have a say in the political arena.
- Held our first grading and show in Jutland for many years, once again gathering Fell ponies in that region.
- Supported any positive promotion of Fell ponies, who are often represented in the Danish online horse magazine *Malge Tout*.
- Coordinated on the local fairs, shows and agricultural showrings for Fell ponies.
- Supported the gathering and collection of the breeders within DFPF, and supported the development on selling, breeding and promoting the breed.
- Ensured we inform people in accordance with regulations and directives from PFS and EU.
- Enforced the frames of breeding and usage of Fell ponies in Denmark and addressing any issues through the guidelines and rules of FPS.
- DNA and genetics that has been applicable since 2016.
- Trying to establish communication with our Swedish neighbours
- · Sending the application for EU approval.

To be completely honest the road back from Covid was tough and we are in general seeing hesitation with breeding in Denmark. Breeders are afraid that they cannot sell their foals and ponies, not only for Fell ponies but overall there are no foals, ponies or horses for sale.

We produced 7 foals in 2023, and are expecting 9 in 2024. We have seen a steady increase in members of DFPF and overall we have a good economy, driven by hard work from the board, wise economic strategy and own payment of the board members, all to ensure we are reading for the EU approval.

We are at the current time planning the course and focus areas for 2024, any input is welcome. And please, all guidelines and what you need from us, is available to you, just let us know.

Best wishes, Stina Noer, Chairman

# Swedish Fellponnyföreningen (Swedish Fell Pony Association)

The annual meeting was held on February 5 2023 at Maria Borgegård in Äspesta, Märsta. The Constituent board meeting was held online on February 14. The board had another 10 board meetings online and 2 work meetings online.

4 membership magazines have been sent to members online.

A Calendar for 2024 has been made and sent out to those who ordered.

The Swedish Agricultural Agency has finally approved the Swedish Horse Breed Organization as the breeding organization for the Swedish Fellpony Association, Swedish studbook and breeding plan. This means that the Fell pony has been given a breed code, so you can change your supplementary registration (for Fells with English or Dutch passports), and exchange temporary Swedish cross-breeding passports for purebred ones. Fells with Swedish passports can be additionally registered in FPS, England (requirements for stallions with Swedish passports who will apply for a cover license there).

Lisa Wahlberg and Elin Månsson took Fell ponies with them to Swedish Horse Breed Organization's further training of conformation judges in Hörby, and showed and told about the breed.

National Show has been held at Lisa Wahlberg, Gunnarp, Hörby, September 16. Judged by Barry and Tracy Mallinson, Hardendale stud in England. 10 Fells attended the show and plenty of visitors came to watch.

Members of the Swedish Fellponnyföreningen were invited to participate in the summer meeting of the Carriage History Society in July.

A Fell meeting for those interested was held at Åsa Pettersson, Ärla Eskilstuna. Fell meeting for those interested was held at Berit Magnusson's, Hemsjö Alingsås, where Alexandra Strålenhielm demonstrated ground work with different Fells.

# Activity plan for the Swedish Fell Pony Association for 2024.

Submit material to Swedish Horse breed Association, to be included in their breed presentation on Facebook.

Annual meeting 3 February, at Annika's place in Falkenberg. Activity with lecture on centred riding.

National show in September, date, place and judge to be announced later.

2-3 local Fell Pony meetings with activity.

Member news, Fellbladet, 4 times a year, via email to members.

A Calendar for 2025.

Arrange "the month's Fell" on the website, where a member leaves a photo and story for each month.

Åsa Pettersson, Chairman

# Results of the 2025 Calendar Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted photographs. There were so many outstanding entries, making judging very challenging.

This year the calendar competition was judged by a member from the Scottish Area Support Group - they will receive a calendar with our grateful thanks.

The photographer of each selected photograph qualifies for a free calendar. The overall winner of the calendar competition, Mrs Gilly Chippendale and the runner-up, Mr Andrew Forde, also receive an FPS voucher (for £10 and £5 respectively).

Cover picture Gilly Chippendale, Cumbria

January Ruth Eastwood, Wigtownshire

February Andrew Forde, Ayrshire March Carly Steadman, Dorset April Mark Torode, Guernsey

May Katherine Wilkinson, Cumbria

June Joke Postma, Holland
July Anna Watson, Cumbria
August Catherine Wrigley, Cumbria
September Christine Robinson, Cumbria
October Gilly Chippendale, Cumbria
November Emma Wrigley, Cumbria

December Vojtěch Klečka, Pačejov, Czech Republic

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

Now we look forward to entries for the 2026 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.

Thank you again

Michael Goddard, michael.goddard2014@gmail.com

# 2024 FPS Challenge

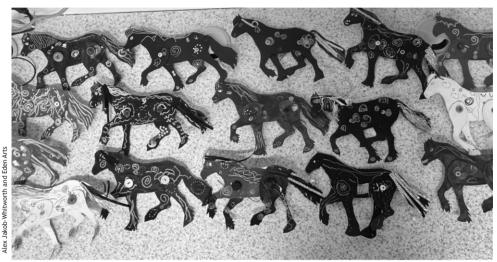
# The Challenge continues!

Details are being finalised and will be announced on the FPS web site Challenge page https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/centenary.htm, and on our Facebook page. The starting date for the Challenge will be 6 April, the date of the FPS AGM. We welcome stories and photographs to put in the Autumn issue 2024.

# **Epona Community Engagement Project**

Jo Bramley-Wright of Eden Arts, Penrith, has invited the Fell Pony Society to be involved in the 'Epona' Community Engagement project. Thanks to funding from the former Eden District Council and a 'Love Your Landscape' grant from the Westmorland Dales Landscape Partnership, the project began in late 2023. Jo says:

"Our Epona Community Engagement Project has seen the lovely 'Towford Harmarnie' the Fell pony visiting schools with Libby Robinson from the Fell Pony Heritage Trust. BBC Cumbria visited Tebay Community Primary School and heard from the children taking part in the workshops. With thanks to Westmorland Dales Landscapes Partnership, Westmorland and Furness Council and Arts Council England."



The project involves workshops with 11 schools in the Tebay Gorge area (including Appleby Grammar and Kirkby Stephen Grammar year 7 pupils). These workshops have brought together the artist and writer Alex Jakob-Whitworth, heritage expert Chloe Brownlee-Chapman, and writer Anja Phoenix.

The Fell Pony Society is contributing background information and images to an exhibition which will showcase the children's interpretations of Fell ponies and original work produced by Alex Jakob-Whitworth. It will take place in the shopping 'Street' walkways of Rheged, Penrith, later this year. You can follow developments on the Eden Arts web site here: https://www.edenarts.co.uk/projects/epona, and on their Facebook page.

The Epona Project forms part of a wider project with the ambition to create a large-scale piece of land art on the side of Blease Fell in the Tebay Gorge area, echoing the ancient tradition of chalk horses in the south of England, and at the same time to raise awareness of Cumbria's native Fell pony and the semi-feral herds in the north of England. You can read more here: https://epona.org.uk/epona.

# Llanerchbrook Perry and Dalewin Yasmin

After the loss of my ex racer I wanted my next horse to be low maintenance to keep, with a sensible head on its shoulders but still having an engine. My first thought was a Dales and I viewed a few but I didn't really find the right horse. The Dales community were really supportive and suggested I try a Fell, to which I replied, 'Aren't they just kid's ponies? I'm really tall!' I was reassured that this is not the case as Fells can carry the leg for a taller rider. After interacting with some of the Fell Pony Society members I found a pony to view.

The first Fell I saw was a 3 year old gelding, all black. He couldn't have performed worse for a viewing and was up to all kinds of harmless but comical mischief. I couldn't help but laugh and thought maybe that's what I need after grieving for my last horse. The lady who was selling him told me 'he loves cows' as I watched him grooming one over the fence 'and if you want a Fell, you'll need a good sense of humour.'

Perry is my first Fell. He turns 9 this year and there's never been a dull moment. He will have a go at anything I ask. I genuinely believe he would walk through fire if I asked him. He's safe enough that he's taught children to ride, looking after them with great care and he has taught me all sorts of tricks to keep me on my toes. He's successfully competed in dressage, jumping, showing, Trec, fancy dress... he will do any job.

At Farndale show: Bracklin Ella (left) 1st placed Fell & Dales 4yr old and over, and champion Fell, with her owner Jules Smith; Llanerchbrook Perry (right) 1st in the Fell & Dales under 3yrs, and reserve champion Fell, with Laura Wilkinson.



I had never really been into showing prior to owning Perry, I'd done the occasional ridden show on my Welsh D as a teenager but that was all. A friend who owns and shows Welsh Cs convinced me to take Perry to some of our local shows. Both Perry and I really enjoyed it so we've just carried on from there. We've made so many friends.

A couple of years ago I'd gone to the annual autumn Fell Pony sales at Crooklands for an educational day out and to socialise with other Fell Pony fanatics. I was really taken by a few of the foals. I thought about them a lot when I got home and before I knew it, I'd seen one I liked and she was arriving the week before Christmas. Dalewin Yasmin has been a real pleasure to have around. You'd never know she was living out on the Fell almost wild before she arrived. The two of them share a paddock and get along really well.

Yasmin will turn 3 this year and had a fantastic season last year at some of our local and agricultural shows. I'd like to continue with showing as it will be her last year in the Youngstock classes and it's a great opportunity for exposure to busy environments for her early education. I'll start walking her out on the roads and around fields in hand in preparation for next year when she will begin her ridden career.

Perry made a great start with dressage last year and he loves to jump so my hopes are for him to continue progressing in his ridden work.

I enjoy showing because you feel rewarded that other people can recognise the hard work you put into keeping your pony in great condition. It's a good opportunity to socialise too and if you get a rosette that's fantastic but my favourite part is spending time with my pony and getting a nice photo! Llanerchbrook Perry competed in E Riders Ruby League Winter 2022-2023 in his first season of Dressage and was placed 4th out of 67 in the League Championship.

Dalewin Yasmin had a bright start to her showing career during 2023 and was placed in every show and class she was entered in. She's a kind, straightforward, hardy filly with plenty of spark. Looking forward to seeing her excel as she matures, she has a bright future ahead. Bred by Edwin & Hilda Winder.

Laura Wilkinson



# Drummersdale Cloudy May

Home bred grey yearling filly

Sire: Hedgethorpe You Can't Be Serious

Dam: Drummersdale April Daisy

Drummersdale Cloudy May achieved 'Rising Star' award in a huge class of 52 in the Stars Aintree Young stock class, with her owner Veronica Webster, 13 years old.

Joanne Webster

# IESEL LUBRICANTS

Bracklinn Sadie by Banksgate Jupiter out of

# **Bracklinn Sadie**

Bracklinn Sadie, purchased from the Hill Bred Gems Online Pony sale. I think this sale is a brilliant idea, far less stressful for the foals than going through an auction and I hope that the online sale will become an annual event.

Sadie attended her first show on New Year's Eve and gained 1st Foal class, Champion Foreign / Rare breeds class, 1st Foal class and Reserve Champion Mountain and Moorland Large Breeds.

I look forward to getting Sadie out more this year.

Colette Hincks

# Being a 'Tortoise' - Reflections on the Challenge

A big thank you to everyone behind the scenes in the Fell Pony Society who helped to organise and facilitate The Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Challenge last year. I think I speak for everyone who took part - thank you also for these stunning rosettes, which I'm sure now take pride of place in many homes throughout the UK and abroad.

My rosette for The Queen Elizabeth II 96 miles Memorial Challenge came by a special delivery and a visit from the lovely Sharron Camp. I first met Sharron when I was thinking of buying a Fell about 3 years ago, she very kindly suggested I should go and meet her and her Fell, Eva and the rest is history.

My boy - Raisbeck Romeo - arrived from Scotland to Dorset, 2 years ago. We have had our ups and downs in that time for sure, including about a year ago, when he underwent major surgery on both his back legs, followed by 12 weeks box rest and a serious diet plan!! We did though decide it was time to join the challenge party and I was determined to make the 96 miles somehow for Her Majesty and that beautiful rosette.

For me and a few others the whole 96 miles was not easily achievable in the time. So a few of us formed a sub group, the 'not so able or older riders and ponies challenge club' aka Team Tortoise. We all set off on steady short walks - ridden or in hand. We did what we could and reported back the distance, no matter how small. We all loved every moment. Our group miles soon totalled up and after 6 months we were delighted to reach the magic 96!! Sharron very kindly organised a group pub lunch for the rosette presentations

This has been a great help to me, as an older rider, it's helped me get my motivation and confidence back with my little rhino after many tough months. Thanks to everyone who supported me and to my wonderful husband for the lovely walks we had together and the beautiful views over the Blackmore Vale - slow progress but as they say "Romeo wasn't built in a day"!

Rosie Gall

# Nabside Guinevere

Nabside Guinevere (Cinders) is 6 years old and I bought her as a yearling from the annual Fell Pony sale. We do a bit of everything together. gallivanting around countryside, to showing, we try not to take life too seriously. Cinders is the kindest pony I have ever met and takes it all in her stride. I run a podiatry clinic with my husband so life is very hectic and my Fell Ponies keep me sane! I decided to give the SEIB Search for a Star at Netherton a try in June 2023 and to my absolute amazement we qualified for Your Horse Live in November. Over the summer months we were reserve champion at Border Union Show and won best Fell Pony, reserve supreme pony at Berwickshire Show and came 9th place at Blair Castle. I hope to continue



competing this year under saddle and maybe try my luck at a few working hunter classes.

Nicola McCririck

# **Greenrivers Misty**

My proud Fell mum moments! This is my youngest Fell, 2 year old Greenrivers Misty who has qualified for Stars at Aintree 2 years in a row - first as a yearling, getting placed in

both her classes (6th and 9th out of over fifty competitors) and this year taking the 'Shining Star' award in the Mountain & Moorland, out of 55.

Her next adventure was with my daughter in law at the Youngstock show at Onley, taking reserve champion in her Fell section and making us very proud indeed.

We are new to Fell ponies but truly hooked now and cannot wait to see what adventures we have next year.

Linda Farr



# Sunnybrowe Prince

Born to shine on the centre line...

Our dressage journey began over a decade ago when Aimee Devane, a friend and show producer, found Sunnybrowe Prince for me. There was an instant connection which has taken us on a remarkable adventure. "Mac" embraces everything with enthusiasm wearing a smile on his face.

We began doing Dressage Anywhere online dressage at my friend's arena and it has gone on from there. It has helped us set goals and embrace challenges and compete on a regular basis, helping us to improve our test riding, do specific veteran classes and also try freestyle to music.

In 2022 we were Freestyle to Music and Veteran Intro champions. In January 2023 we were Freestyle to Music and reserve Veteran Intro champions.

In autumn, Dressage Anywhere ran a Veteran championship sponsored by Animal Life, and Freestyle championships which we had to qualify for. Never did we think we would be Veteran Intro champions 20 plus and Freestyle to Music reserve champions.

The judges' comments have really helped us to improve and we will continue to enjoy our dressage journey.

Above all, Mac's charming personality and his ability to do various activities make him a cherished and special character - a pony of a lifetime.

Dreams can come true.

Claire Dawson



# Raisbeck Romeo

I have an immense almost overwhelming pride that I have a Fell in the family. This is something that I have never experienced with any other horses I have owned. I often wonder what it is that can make me so emotional, but I believe it's driven by his sheer beauty! His sire Murthwaite Windrush, a prolific show winner in his time, though sadly not with us now, clearly gave him his good looks.

With a combined age of 80, I think Romeo will be my last pony and I hope he will spend many happy retirement days here with us in Dorset. But I tell him, I'm not ready to hang up my stirrups just yet. So shortly after his arrival and with no knowledge of the Fell showing world, we set off to the Dorset Fell Show.

I had done a lot of showing with my previous cob so I thought, How difficult can this be? I was very wrong on that though. On entering the warm up ring the 4 legged man I knew, turned from a strong gelding in to a fire eating stallion! But small and determined I am and I was not giving in. We got through the class and after nearly being carted around the edge of the arena in a full trot, we were awarded a 3rd, much to my astonishment. He was marked down for being too fat. OK, I thought I have got away with the bad behaviour, so not so bad. So 12 months on and he is nearly 100 kilos down and it's more like riding a pony than a flat backed rhino.

At 15 I think he still has lots of mileage left in the tank. We are already thinking about this year's shows. Somehow I don't think we will be hitting the HOYS heights of fame (like his father did) but it's fun to have a go at local and County level stuff. Thanks to everyone for making this happen, to the massive warm welcome everyone gave us at our first show, also to the Fell FB groups who are so inspiring and kind. I am feeling the love for Fells and their owners.

Rosie Gall



# **Rundales Princess**

Despite having been horsey since I could yell to go on donkeys on the beach, I was in my 40s before I was lucky enough to be in a position to have my own pony. Up to then it was weekly trips to the riding school and the kindness of friends who let me ride theirs. My first pony was a New Forest and when we sadly lost him to colic at 20 I decided I wanted a Fell. I'd ridden them as a teenager and always loved them, and there was the bonus of being something I could get on and off now that I wasn't 16 any more (!)

We were so lucky to find Bess (Rundales Princess) 5 years ago. My aim was to find a safe sensible pony - an all round "nice person" who I could have some fun with, hacking and showing, and with her we hit the jackpot.



Such a lovely character - of course she does have an opinion but most of the time we're on the same wavelength! I'd only ever done low level club showing prior to Bess but she did so well for us that we were encouraged to go up a level to one day agriculturals and County shows. These days my knees are no good for running but my husband took to showing her inhand and I had to put my big girl pants on and get out there doing the ridden! It's great that we're both involved with showing her - he thinks of her as his "best girl" (I know my place).

She's won more for us than I ever could have believed - highlights include winning reserve ridden champion and qualifying for the Picton championship at the Breed Show, and the NPS Ringside stud Ridden Championship at Ryedale Show. She won the 8 year and upward mare inhand with hubby at the 2023 Breed show (he was stunned and I cried at the ringside!) And me taking the Oldest Rider on the day at the last 2 Breed shows - very proud of those!

The photo shows just how much fun we get from her!

I've cried in the ring so many times. I owe her so much for all the fun and happiness she's given us.

We like to get her out and about to do things she finds fun, such as trips to the beach or nice hacks out, too. But it's not all about the winning, we love her to bits just for herself and hope we have many years ahead together - she's going nowhere!

Regards

Ann Marie Troy

# 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 during the autumn continued to be very fast, with ponies moving on quickly once advertised, though ads and sales have slowed over the Christmas holiday period. Wanted ads have proved 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 harnesss 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. Use the 'Manage My Animals' option in the drop down menu, then 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.

### Grassroots Members Admin Online - Passwords

Passwords are not automatically assigned by the system any more - members allocate their own password. This means that new members will receive a link via email to 'set a password' when they join the Society. If for some reason as a current member you no longer have your 'log in' details then you need to go to the Log In screen and "click to Reset Password", and you will be sent a link via the email we have for you, to then reset your password.

### **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 be guided by the listing request form online. Please remember to update your details with any changes when appropriate. Your Listing will be removed at your request, or if your current FPS membership lapses.



### Correction

In the Spring issue, on p 69 we printed a photograph of a pony in Denmark and wrongly captioned it as Townend Penny. After checking with the photographer, Ruth Eastwood, we wish to correct this: it was in fact Drybarrows Penny II bred by the late Mr TC Thompson.

# Shirdleyhill Tara FP3039, 1997 – 2023

S: FP958c - Townend Jonty , D: FP1665 - Hiljon Black Magic

Tara was bred by Yvonne Marsden of Ormskirk. She was foaled on the 24th May 1997. Mrs Judy Hill bought Hiljon Black Magic from Yvonne having had her filly foal Tara weaned off her. Yvonne was herself expecting a baby, and after some discussion it was decided that to have a weanling at this time was not going to be easy, so a home for Tara would be required too. Having agreed a price for Magic, Tara was then included for an extra £50.00. This purchase turned out to be the very best purchase Judy says she has ever made! And so, Tara came home to Judy in Leicestershire.

As a youngster Tara was loaned to the late Miss Jane Glass and shown with success by Debbie Roberts-Jones (nee Hudson). Tara then came back home to Judy and had a filly foal in 2000 - Shepparton Kim by Dene Beau Bawbee. Interestingly, some years later at the FPS Southern Show, Shepparton Kim gained top honours as Supreme Champion - leaving her dam Tara having to be content with Reserve Supreme Champion! What a result for Mother and Daughter!

Back in those days there wasn't the current understanding of FIS or available testing. Tara was a carrier, and sadly lost her second filly foal (by Murthwaite Ben) to FIS.

Tara continued to be shown by Debbie, when possible, notably at Lowther 2005 when she received the Champion Fell Rose Bowl.

In 2006 Judy decided she hadn't the time to do Tara justice and the move to Buckinghamshire with ourselves, Lorna and Christina Brooks, was arranged. Tara was then to be shown in hand and under saddle.

Tara and Christina immediately clicked and a partnership was formed that lasted for over 17 years. This combination went on to be winners in hand and under saddle, celebrating wins, Championships and Supreme Championships at many shows including The Royal Show, Royal Windsor, Royal Cornwall, Bucks County, EANPS, FPS Southern to name just a few. (Photo on p45.)

In 2009 we purchased a 50% share in Tara with Judy, and continued to show her as she matured into veteran classes.

Tara resided at Hemley Hill Farm, being the matriarch of the herd for many happy years. Our last get together with Nick and Judy Hill was for Tara's 24th Birthday, which was celebrated with a special pony 'cake' for Tara and BBQ for other guests.

I'm sure all connections with Tara will agree that she was a very, very special pony. The perfect Fell Mare (certainly in our eyes) and definitely a 'one off'. She was an opinionated mare who ruled the herd and kept everyone in order - she was kind to the young needing guidance, and very firm with upstarts who needed to be taught their place! She enjoyed a full life and leaves a huge hole in all our lives. Darling Tara you will be so missed by your pony herd, by us all and everyone lucky enough to have known you. Here's hoping you're now galloping around with your best friends Bonnie and Tommy (Wolds Storm Petrel and Hemleyhill Genesis) XXX

Lorna and Christina Brooks. Hemley Hill Farm. Buckinghamshire.

# Townend Sugar 1996-2023

S: FP50048C\* - Drybarrows Jeff, D: FP1515 - Townend Shula

As I sit down to write about Sugar its hard to know where to start as she has meant so much in so many different ways to us all. Sugar has been successful in the show ring, very successful at breeding quality offspring, helped various family members learn to ride and show in hand and just generally been a real character and member of the family.

Bred by my late grandfather Eddie Wilson and his wife Margaret in 1996, Sugar would spend the first 5 years of her life there before being given to my mother in late 2001. The following year we took Sugar and her foal (Carrock Imyerman) to our local show (Keswick). The late Chris Thomson of Drybarrows Stud was the judge and he had some strong classes in front of him that day to sort out. Sugar won the mare class shown by my brother (James Cockbain) and I showed Imyerman who won the foal class. Sugar then went onto take the Championship honours that day. We were delighted on the day but as time passed this day took on more significance as it was to be the last Keswick show Eddie Wilson would be alive for. It was wonderful that one of his own would take the top honours at our local show shown by his family. It was also fitting that Chris Thomson would give out top honours to both Sugar and in particular Imyerman who has in recent years been breeding at Drybarrows with much success.



Sugar has been a real foundation for breeding Carrock ponies. She has won the best mare performance points award on a number of occasions thanks to her successful offspring. 6 of her offspring have won classes on at least one occasion at the FPS breed show and won the stallion championship numerous times. Since the north west area support groups foal show expanded to include voungstock in 2014 Sugars been either the dam or grand dam of the winner in 2015 (Carrock Elsa), 2016 (Drybarrows Another Chapter), 2018 (Carrock Lilly) and 2021 (Carrock Duke foal and supreme champion and Carrock Daenerys youngstock champion).

As many of you will know Fell ponies can have a real stubborn streak and Sugar is no exception. Plenty of photos over the years have either taken far longer then necessary or been spoiled by Sugar sulking. That said, when it really matters Sugar has always been there for

our family. Sugar was the go to pony to introduce my daughter Imogen to the show ring and always had the right amount of patience balanced with enough spark to teach a 7 year old girl what to do. In 2016 as a 20 year old mare Sugar (shown by Imogen) won the championship at Hesket-new-market show. Some of you will know this is the local show for the Townend stud so it was quite fitting that Sugar won it in her 20th year with her breeder's great-granddaughter showing her. Not many ponies get the chance to be involved with so many generations of one family but Sugar has played her part in four generations of ours. She has had a special connection with all of us and has left a pony shaped hole in all our lives at Rakefoot.

John Cockbain

# Merchandise list

	Price	P & P	Total	Price P & P Total
CLOTHING				BOOKS/CD/DVD
CAP, baseball	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	A5 BINDERS £8.00 £4.00 £12.00
GILET, fleece	£25.00	£4.00	£29.00	BRITISH HORSE&PONY BREEDS £19.00 £4.00 £23.00
GILET, soft shell	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00	CD, History, photos & news £13.00 £2.00 £15.00
HAT, beanie	£8.00	£2.00	£10.00	CENTURY OF FELLS £20.00 £3.00 £23.00
HAT, pompom	£9.00	£2.00	£11.00	DVD - FP Events 1995-1997 £5.00 £2.00 £7.00
HOODY, full zip	£24.00	£4.00	£28.00	DVD - The Fell Pony £15.00 £2.00 £17.00
HOODY, overhead	£22.00	£4.00	£26.00	DVD - Type and Conformation £15.00 £2.00 £17.00
JACKET, fleece	£21.00	£4.00	£25.00	DVD - Windsor £15.00 £2.00 £17.00
JACKET, soft shell	£30.00	£4.00	£34.00	FELL DIAMONDS £5.00 £2.00 £7.00
SHIRT, polo (adult)	£15.00	£4.00	£19.00	FELL FACTS £2.00 £1.00 £3.00
SHIRT, polo (childs from age 2)	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00	FELL FUN £2.00 £1.00 £3.00
SHIRT, rugby	£15.00	£4.00	£19.00	FELL PONIES in East Midlands £7.00 £2.00 £9.00
SWEATSHIRT, crew neck	£17.50	£4.00	£21.50	HOOFPRINTS IN EDEN £17.00 £4.00 £21.00
TIE	£12.00	£2.00	£14.00	HUMBLING EXPERIENCE £19.00 £3.00 £21.00
T-SHIRT "Fell for a Fell" (adult)	£12.00	£2.50	£14.50	JUBILEE BOOK £5.00 £3.00 £8.00
WAISTCOAT, fleece	£22.00	£4.00	£26.00	LETTERS HOME £8.00 £3.00 £11.00
WAISTCOAT, high-vis	£10.00	£2.00	£12.00	LIFETIME WITH PONIES £20.00 £4.00 £24.00
MISCELLANEOUS				ONE FELL SWOOP £5.00 £3.00 £8.00
BACK PACK	£14.00	£4.00	£18.00	SPIRIT OF THE FELL PONY £5.00 £3.00 £8.00
BADGES	£3.00	£1.00	£4.00	THE FELL PONY (C RICHARDSON) £7.50 £3.00 £10.50
BAG, coloured shopper	£6.00	£2.00	£8.00	TRAVELS WITH A PONY £10.00 £3.00 £13.00
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# For the Next Issue...

If you've got a Fell story to tell, pass it on to Claire Simpson or Sue Millard for the Magazine! E-mail claire.halebank @yahoo.co.uk or sue @dawbank.co.uk

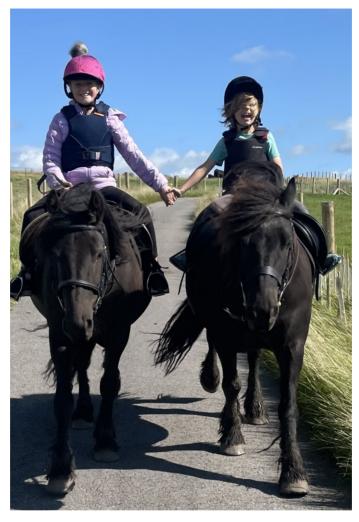
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1st October for the Autumn issue.

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Drybarrows Arabesque (Bess) ridden by Julie Gibson's daughter Ivy (10) and Murthwaite Party Time (Ted) ridden by her son George (8). "Despite much yearning, I never had ponies as a child. I am now an equine vet - probably as a result - and I am so glad we picked Fells for our family."

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