



HPEC North East & FPS North East Support Group - Highland and Fell Pony Camp  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

Camp organisers: Chris Grant (Tel: 07787124413) & Lucie Gear (Tel: 07980 277903)

Venue: Linnel Wood, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 1UB (Easily accessed from the A69)

By kind invitation of the Gear and Charlton Families.

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2026 sees the twentieth running of camp - that means we've welcomed over 600 pony and riders since 2007 and we can't wait to do it all again. The camp will run from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The usual fun and antics are planned and we hope you'll be able to join us again. Participants will be given a degree of choice in the riding activities they do, allowing them to tailor camp to what they want and hopefully help them achieve any goals set beforehand. Throughout the camp you will work in small groups of similar (pony and/or rider) abilities, with encouraging and supportive instructors, who will be on hand to help riders work in their own comfort zone. There will be demonstrations over the course of camp and the fun unmounted activities too. As usual, we will be concluding Camp with a spectacular of some sort... you'll have to wait and see what 2026 has in store. One thing we always try is to have a camp with great camaraderie and friendship. All riders will receive a participation rosette.

The camp costs £165 per pony & rider who are members of HPEC or FPS and £200 for non-members. (Membership of HPEC is £10. FPS membership £35) NB After 1<sup>st</sup> April, a refund is only available if we have someone to fill your space.

Spectators are welcome at a charge of £20 per day to cover food costs or £30 for the weekend.

Price includes → All Camp activities

Lunch & Evening Meals (Breakfast is not provided, however Milk, Tea and Coffee will be available)

Camping Space

Demonstrations

Rosettes

The Camp Spectacular!

A whole weekend with Native Ponies and Native Pony people!!

**Prices do not include** → Food for ponies (please bring what they need including hay)

Stabling - this is payable in cash to Sarah at the beginning of the weekend.

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If you do not wish to camp, B&B is available locally. Please book early to ensure a place.

Peth Head Cottage, Juniper. Contact 01434 673286 (Joan Liddle)

Dene House, Juniper Contact 01434 673413 (Margaret Massey)

Travellers Rest Inn, Slaley. Contact 01434 673231 (also available to book online)

Travelodge, Hexham See Website for details.

Limited stabling at Linnel Wood is available, as well as some paddocks and small yards. Pony accommodation should be booked on your camp booking form and paid for in cash (to Lucie) upon arrival and given to the Stable Manager. Stables are £50 for Friday and Saturday night including bedding. Yards and Paddocks £35. Extra bedding will be available at cost by arrangement.

The camp is open to members and non-members of the clubs, but as spaces are limited, members of the clubs will be prioritised. Please also note that we will try and balance the numbers of Highlands and Fells. Riders must be 16 years or over and those under 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. For more information please contact Chris on the number above or email [hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk)

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**RIDER DETAILS**

Name:	
Address:	
Day Tel & Mobile:	
Email:	
Emergency Contact Name & No:	
Dietary requirements:	
<b>PONY DETAILS</b>	
Reg. Name:	
Breed:	
Height:	
Sex: (Please circle)	Mare            Gelding

**ACCOMMODATION DETAILS**

I would like to book: (to be paid in cash on arrival)		
<u>Stable</u>	<u>Yard</u>	<u>Paddock</u>
I will be travelling with my pony daily:		
I am camping/ staying in my lorry:		
I have booked a B&B:		
I am travelling to camp with:		
Please return booking form along with camp fee (£165 for members, £200 non-members) to: Christopher Grant, Birks Cottage Farm, Heddon Birks, Northumberland, NE15 0HF or email <a href="mailto:hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk">hpecnortheast@hotmail.co.uk</a>		
Payment by BACS to <b>Highland Pony Enthusiasts Club</b> <b>Account number: 13967247</b> <b>Sort Code: 40-34-18</b>		

**HPEC & FPS NESG - Events Disclaimer To be signed by all participants.**

*I understand that the organisers of the event, landowners, instructors, The Highland Pony Enthusiasts Club and The Fell Pony Society North East Support Group accept no liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, ground spectators, or any other person or property whatsoever.*

*I confirm I have my own third party liability insurance. SIGNED: .....*

Name ..... Date .....

The following information is required to help us with grouping so that we can hopefully group you where you will achieve most. Please circle the box you and your pony are most likely to be suitable in and write a couple of sentences about you and your pony and what you do.

Pony recently broken/ still very green and/or novice rider, not started pole work.	Pony still Novice with canter not quite established, ready to start very small jumps.	Pony able to complete a prelim dressage test and jump small jumps about 1'6"	Canter is established and pony confident at all paces and over small jumps about 2 ft.	Experienced pony/ rider able to complete a novice dressage test and jump a round of jumps at 2'6" +
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The following is a timetable of activities scheduled for the days of camp. There are five riding blocks over the course of the weekend (Fri PM, Sat AM & PM and Sun AM & PM). For each block attendees must letter their choice for that session. Choice A being most preferred, Choice B as a second option and C as a third preference. Each rider will then have an individual timetable with a camp tailored to what they want.

<b>Timetable notes:</b> Where Novice and Open have been outlined. Novice is for Green or recently broken ponies and those who have just started ridden work. Open is for those more worldly wise who have attended competitions and training days more regularly.				
<b>Friday PM / Saturday AM</b> Chose one session from each column. One lesson & one ride, which will either be Fri PM or Sat AM.		<b>Saturday PM</b>	<b>Sunday AM</b>	<b>Sunday PM</b>
<b>Rideout</b> <i>This ride will be at walk only.</i>	<b>Flatwork - Novice</b> <i>Generic Session with an emphasis on lateral work</i>	<b>Flatwork</b> <i>Test Riding - Working on Accuracy to Improve Marks</i>	<b>Flatwork</b> <i>Test Riding - Working on Accuracy to Improve Marks</i>	<b>The Camp Finale</b>
	<b>Flatwork - Open</b> <i>Generic Session with an emphasis on lateral work</i>	<b>Gridwork - Novice</b> <i>Session using a variety of grids. Will build up to jumping fences</i>	<b>Grasshoppers</b> <i>A confidence building session aimed at introducing pony and/or rider to jumping small x-pole fences.</i>	
<b>Rideout</b> <i>This ride will include Walk, and Trot.</i>	<b>Polework - Non-jumping</b> <i>Exercises utilising trotting poles to improve balance and coordination. This session will be poles only and no jumping.</i>	<b>Gridwork - Open</b> <i>Session using a variety of grids. Will build up to jumping fences</i>	<b>Gridwork - Open</b> <i>Session using a variety of grids. Will build up to jumping fences</i>	
<b>Rideout</b> <i>This ride will include Walk, Trot and steady Canter.</i>	<b>Grasshoppers</b> <i>A confidence building session aimed at introducing pony and/or rider to jumping small x-pole fences.</i>	<b>Polework - Non-jumping</b> <i>Exercises utilising trotting poles to improve balance and coordination. This session will be poles only and no jumping.</i>		
<b>Rideout</b> <i>This ride will include Walk, Trot and Canter and a good yee-haa.</i>	<b>XC - Novice</b> <i>Generic X-country session round the course at Linnel Wood.</i>	<b>Rideout to the Pub</b> <i>This ride will include Walk and Trot and if the opportunity arises a canter.</i>	<b>XC - Novice</b> <i>Generic X-country session round the course at Linnel Wood.</i>	
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SPECTATOR BOOKING FORM

Spectators are very much a part of camp and we welcome participants to bring people along with them. Spectators are able to watch the camp lessons and take part in the extra camp activities such as the demonstrations and entertainment (treasure hunt etc.). We are also happy to provide catering (lunch and evening meal) for the spectators but must know numbers beforehand and have a charge of £30 for the weekend or £20 for one day.

<b>SPECTATOR DETAILS</b>	
Name:	
Address:	
Day Tel & Mobile:	
Email:	
Emergency Contact Name & No:	
Dietary requirements:	

I am attending the camp with:
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