

# Elisabeth Curtis Centre

Riding for the Disabled

## September 2025 Newsletter

## Welcome Back 😊

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the sunshine.

The summer has been as busy as ever, our equine care team have been working very hard alongside our fantastic team of volunteers, sprucing up the centre as well as ensuring for the care of our ponies.

We have hosted pony fun days this summer which were a great success allowing participants to spend more time with our ponies on the ground and going forward this is definitely something we will look to be able to run more of, so watch this space!

Over the summer period we have also delivered some additional volunteer training and we will continue to deliver additional courses over the coming months.

As we return for a new term, we are especially excited to share that we have some new ponies that have been welcomed to the herd. They are currently being assessed and settling in, and we are looking forward to introducing them to you soon.

There are also several updates and key dates for your diary that we wanted you all to be aware of with more details to follow.

We look forward to seeing you all over the course of the next few months and wish to thank you for all of your support.

**The ECC Trustees**

## International Success

Many congratulations to one of our volunteers and RDA East Region participant rep Chris Bradley, who along with his team mates became Virtus Sport World Champions in August. Chris and his horse MBF Harley Rebel also won gold in the individual championships as well!!



## EVENTS

### **ECC AGM:**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September

### **QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT:**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR:**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

### **WINTER DRESSAGE SHOW:**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### **VOLUNTEER XMAS EVENT:**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December



# Participant Updates & Events

## *Winter Dressage Show – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November*

We are delighted to announce our **Winter Dressage Show**! This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the hard work of our riders and ponies, and to come together as a community to celebrate their achievements. We have considered feedback from the participants that took part in the Spring show so there will be a different format for this event.

Further details on dates, entries, and how you can get involved will be shared soon – so keep an eye out! We can't wait to see you there and cheer everyone on.

## *Notification of Price Increase from January 2026*

Due to the rising costs of caring for our ponies and maintaining our facilities, we will be making a small increase to our session prices from 1st January 2026. Group sessions will be increasing to £22 and private rides to £40.

This adjustment will help us continue providing the highest standard of care for our ponies, as well as safe, enjoyable, and well-supported sessions for all our riders. We are very grateful for your understanding and ongoing support.

## *Changes to our Terms and Conditions*

We would like to inform all participants and volunteers that our Terms and Conditions have been updated to include a cancellations policy for extreme weather that relates to both in-house sessions and attendance at national or regional competitions

# Volunteer Updates

## *Reminder – Gloves*

With the start of term, we'd like to remind all our volunteers that gloves must be worn when leading ponies. This is an important safety measure to help protect your hands and ensure you stay safe while working with our ponies.

## *Volunteer Code of Conduct*

As we begin the new term, we'd like to remind all volunteers of the importance of following our Code of Conduct. This helps us ensure a safe, respectful, and positive environment for everyone. Please take a few moments to read through the [Volunteer Code of Conduct](#) on the RDA Website. Thank you for your support in upholding our values and setting a great example for our riders and each other.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who took part in our recent training at Moulton College! It was a fantastic couple of days filled with learning, collaboration, and plenty of fun. We are so proud of the commitment our volunteers show and the positive energy you bring to the Elisabeth Curtis Centre.

