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Welcome from the Chief Executive

I am delighted to welcome three superb new Patrons, who are all keen to take up the mantle of helping the world's invisible horses: Jonathan and Emma Agnew and Emily King.

When I met with Jonathan to discuss becoming a Patron, what struck me was how welcoming he said the horse community had been to him as an ‘outsider’ when he began preparing for his role as equestrian commentator for the Rio Olympics. Wherever we go in the world it is wonderful to have horses in common with people from all walks of life: from elite riders, such as Emily King, to farmers in Guatemala like Guillermo (who you can read about on page 17) and of course, you our supporters - the very lifeblood of our charity. We all love, respect or rely on horses for our own unique reasons and we share the passionate view that each one is important.

With this in mind our campaign to make CCTV mandatory in all UK slaughterhouses and abattoirs that take horses is aimed at ensuring that even at the very end of a horse’s life his welfare is safeguarded. Whatever your preferences on how a horse's life should end, please join us in achieving this important step for Britain’s horses - and please encourage your friends, family and those across your social networks to do the same. Thank you.
News in pictures...

1. Next year we mark 90 years of helping horses. Whether you've been supporting us since we were the ILPH or if you're new to our family we would love to hear your memories of the charity. Please write to us or e-mail: emmacook@worldhorsewelfare.org.

2. Our young supporters will be delighted to hear we are relaunching our Junior Club. Dazzling eventer Emily King is our Junior Patron and says: “My horses are treated like superstars but I realise not all horses are as lucky, so it’s important that we all do our bit to look out for horses who need World Horse Welfare’s help.” Sign up today on our website!

3. This lovely gelding Computer was awarded Best Cared For Horse by us in the Dundee July in South Africa - a traditional rural race that many working horses take part in. This was a way of emphasising the importance of caring for a horse, no matter what their use, in this area that is still heavily reliant on horses for human livelihoods.

4. In recognition of his significant contribution to welfare, Roly was presented with the British Equine Veterinary Association Welfare Award at this year’s BEVA Congress for leading the way in important welfare initiatives and his ‘unstinting dedication to the cause of improving equine welfare both at home and abroad’.

5. The 2017 Hunks and Horses calendar makes a great Christmas present and every penny raised will be split equally between World Horse Welfare and Testicular Cancer Research UK. The racy calendars have raised tens of thousands of pounds for the two charities and are on sale at www.hunksandhorses.co.uk.

6. We’d love to hear your views on World Horse Welfare News and suggestions about how we can improve your newsletter. Please turn to page 22 and take part in our Supporter Survey.
In May Roly gave an impassioned presentation to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) represented by 180 country delegates, setting out the essential role of working equids to sustaining human livelihoods.

The OIE delegates came together to discuss and vote on the adoption of new welfare standards created to improve the lives of working horses, donkeys and mules around the world.

Our Head of Programme Development Karen O’Malley explains: “Through our membership of the International Coalition of Animal Welfare we have been involved with the consultation process of these standards since 2014 by providing technical expertise. Delegates voted in favour of the proposed standards which will be incorporated within the Terrestrial Animal Health Code. This really is a hugely significant step in protecting the welfare of working equids around the world.”

Now, in collaboration with local partner organisations, World Horse Welfare will provide practical guidance and training to support government initiatives to implement the new standards in our project countries across Africa, Latin America and Asia.

Roly says: “By demonstrating how intrinsically linked working equids are to human development we are committed to improving equid welfare whilst positively contributing to better food security, environmental stability, global health and minimising disease outbreaks.”
The UK’s changing relationship with the EU will undoubtedly provide World Horse Welfare with challenges as well as opportunities. However, we have been influencing policy in Europe for 90 years and while how we do it may change, there is no question that we will continue to be the voice of horses in Europe.

When Ada Cole founded this charity the UK was still 46 years away from joining the single market. Yet she was still effective on the docks of Antwerp and won many legislative improvements for those forgotten horses bound for slaughter.

So how do we adjust to the changing face of Europe? World Horse Welfare’s approach makes us the partner of choice for legislators, charities and stakeholders across Europe and beyond. Our effective international programmes rely on relationships at all levels, often in very challenging environments, and almost four decades of experience working globally demonstrates that leaving the EU will not make World Horse Welfare any less able to improve the welfare of the millions of horses in Europe.

Our campaign to end the long-distance transportation of horses across Europe for slaughter remains at the heart of our work. At the beginning of September I spent two days in Brussels – one meeting with the OIE and another with the European Horse Network – both influential organisations. We presented to dozens of MEPs and welfare organisations at the Intergroup on Animal Welfare in the European Parliament in mid-September, and this autumn will be pressing for adoption of Julie Girling MEP’s proposals to provide guidance on responsible equine ownership across the EU. Her proposals were inspired by our groundbreaking report ‘Removing The Blinkers’ - which EU policymakers believe will prove invaluable in shaping future legislative provision for horses. With your support, we have long positioned ourselves as a voice of authority and a trustworthy advocate for the horse. Whilst after the UK withdraws from the EU we will no longer be able to rely on the outstanding support and help we have received from so many British MEPs, we will carry on our regular dialogue with MEPs from the other 27 Member states, the European Commission and other decision-makers.

The economic uncertainty around Brexit of course means we will have to work harder to bring in much needed funds, but I can reassure you that our compassionate team at head office and at each of our four UK centres is mindful of how every penny is raised and spent to help horses and is dedicated to ensuring we continue to help the number of horses we do. We have redoubled our efforts to further develop trusting relationships with you, our supporters and we value every generous donation. We strive to repay your generosity with a transparent approach to fundraising, promising never to share or sell your personal information and being careful to direct your money to help the horses who need it most – whether in the UK, in Europe or in desperately poor countries elsewhere.

“We may be leaving the EU but we are not leaving Europe – as a country or as a charity – and will remain Europe’s strongest promoter of horse welfare.”

To keep up-to-date on all of our campaigning activities visit our website or call Kirsten Cooke on +44 (0)1953 497232 to order a copy of our campaigns leaflet.
The sad reality is that thousands of horses will end their lives in a UK slaughterhouse this year, but how they are treated at the end of their lives is effectively ‘invisible’ as there is no guarantee that CCTV is being used to help monitor their welfare.

Please join us in calling for the mandatory use of CCTV in all of the UK’s equine slaughterhouses NOW and in the future.

While we have clear laws setting out how to protect horse welfare at slaughter, public confidence that these are adhered to has been severely undermined by revelations unearthed from covert CCTV footage in 2013. Unsurprisingly this has also undermined public confidence in slaughter as an option.

We want to ensure that the whole slaughter process is made transparent through the mandatory use of CCTV or other recording technology in all UK equine slaughterhouses and is accessible and checked by the relevant authorities, such as the Food Standards Agency (FSA) to support their monitoring efforts. CCTV is already recommended by the FSA, British Veterinary Association, UNISON and the Farm Animal Welfare Council among many other organisations.

Almost 50,000 of you asked Defra for mandatory CCTV in 2013, but they said its installation should be voluntary. However in 2015 the uptake of CCTV has plateaued at 49 per cent across UK ‘red meat’ slaughterhouses. This is why we need a mandatory approach.

Installing CCTV in all UK equine slaughterhouses will help reassure the public that every horse going to a slaughterhouse will have his or her welfare monitored throughout.

World Horse Welfare is committed to continually improving the welfare of horses for their entire lives. That is why we are currently looking into welfare at slaughter, from the moment a horse steps off the lorry to the very end of their life. We need to be fully informed about every step of the process so that we can lobby for any necessary improvements, as well as to help horse owners understand the process and to arm them with the necessary questions to ask should they consider using a slaughterhouse as an end of life option for their horse. Keep updated on our findings via our website.

You can sign our online petition at www.worldhorsewelfare.org /CCTV and share the petition over the page with others who you think will want this issue brought out of the shadows.
We, the undersigned, petition Defra to legislate that CCTV (and/or alternative technologies) is made mandatory in all UK equine slaughterhouses.

This petition may only be signed by British citizens and UK residents over the age of 18 years. Please post your completed petition back to:
Kirsten Cooke, World Horse Welfare, Freepost Plus RRXL-LHJS-YEKK, Anne Colvin House, Snetterton, Norfolk NR16 2LR

To find out more about World Horse Welfare’s CCTV Campaign or to take our action online please visit:

www.worldhorsewelfare.org/CCTV

Thank you for making your voice heard on this important issue. If you would like additional copies of this petition please contact: Kirsten Cooke on +44 (0) 1953 497232 or e-mail kirstencooke@worldhorsewelfare.org.

The details you submit will be shared with Defra on this occasion to ensure that your participation in this petition is valid.

* By ticking these boxes you agree to us contacting you to keep you up-to-date with our work and fundraising.

If you would ever like to change the way you hear from us, please call +44(0)1953 497239 or email info@worldhorsewelfare.org. We value our supporters and do not sell their details.
A mother and son from Derbyshire have been handed lifetime bans from keeping equines after they left five ponies, including one foal, shut away in two shipping containers.

World Horse Welfare Field Officer Rachel Andrews worked in partnership with the RSPCA, Derbyshire Police and Trading Standards to seize the suffering ponies in February of this year and bring about the prosecution against their owners. She said: “There was nowhere safe or dry for the ponies to rest and the only food available was mouldy. Shipping containers are not somewhere that any animal should ever be housed, even on a temporary basis, and the terrible conditions these ponies were forced to endure were completely unacceptable. The ponies were invisible to anyone passing by as the containers are the last place you’d expect to find them.”

All of the ponies were taken to our Penny Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre. Allana has already found a loving new home and Victor, Vienna and Kiara are making good progress. Sadly, tiny Shetland Robin was suffering from severe dental problems as well as a sinus infection which did not respond to treatment, so was put to sleep to end his suffering.

Anthony Melland was given a six-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months, ordered to do 150 hours of unpaid work and to pay £400 costs, as well as a lifetime disqualification from keeping horses. Janet Melland was given a 16-week curfew, ordered to pay £400 costs and also disqualified from keeping horses for life.

Rachel said: “To see these ponies outside enjoying the fresh air and the nourishment they desperately needed was fantastic – they are now promised the secure and happy life they deserve.”
Earlier this year World Horse Welfare and BEVA (British Equestrian Veterinary Association) Trust joined forces to pilot three collaborative training workshops in two of our project countries, Cambodia and Nicaragua.

Dr Marta Ferrari was the first BEVA funded veterinarian to visit our Cambodia project. As well as passing on her extensive knowledge she was able to learn about the techniques used to help community members develop their husbandry skills: “Horse owners are not given a lecture on what they should or shouldn’t do to prevent problems - instead they are asked to write or draw the problems that they perceive to be most significant to the health of their pony,” she explains. This technique is proven to help people take ownership of their horse’s welfare by identifying issues as well as possible solutions.

Dr Theo Van Delf went to Nicaragua in October to deliver practical dentistry training to the veterinary students at our partner university, Universidad de Ciencias Comerciales, and Dr Markus Wilke will follow-up the veterinary training in Cambodia later this year focusing on wound management, treating infection and respiratory conditions and ophthalmology. We look forward to this productive collaboration with BEVA Trust continuing.

Equinos de Honduras, World Horse Welfare’s partner in Honduras, has recently began supporting El Arca Honduras through helping groups of children and people with additional needs, using the horse as a therapeutic mediator to develop their skills. The benefits offered by these activities are endless and the team have already conducted the first 4 lessons. By interacting with horses self-esteem, attention span, control of emotions and increased communication were just some of the skills that participants benefited from. They also learn to care for a horse by taking part in grooming, washing and feeding sessions, before having a ride. The affection for horses is evident within a very short space of time.

Have you seen our powerful and uplifting new film showing the important work we are doing in Guatemala? Watch it on the Guatemala pages of our website or visit Youtube/horsecharity and share it across your social networks.
Thanks to your support we are able to change the behaviour of those who influence the welfare of working equines at all levels, from owners through to senior Ministers in central government. Our aim is to be the ‘go to’ organisation for working equine health and welfare. Here Director of International Liam Maguire explains our approach.

“All of our work involves influencing people to change behaviour - working with equine owners is central to our success and directly helps thousands of horses each year. At local government level we are shifting perceptions of working equines to ensure their value is recognised. This gives us credibility and has enabled us to collaborate with other influential organisations, such as Save The Children. This collective approach gives us a stronger voice with which to approach Ministers responsible for legislation which will positively impact equine welfare. In Senegal and Lesotho we have been effective in raising the profile of the humble working equine to Ministers and the result is that the true value of those equines is recognised.

“Take our project in in Zaragoza, Guatemala. Here around 2,400 equines have already benefitted from our work - this is achieved through our community-based approach where we work with local leaders to provide support to those who rely on equines for their livelihoods. Through our partner organisation, the project also works with the Ministry of Agriculture to provide equine training to government vets in the region meaning a further 5,500 are likely to benefit from the project in the future. Then, using our influence with the Ministry of Agriculture and in coalition with other organisations, we aim to work with central government and bring about changes in the country’s laws relating to equine welfare, which could positively impact approximately 260,000 equines across Guatemala.

“It would be reasonable to assume that the functional role of working equines is on the decrease and that their jobs will eventually be replaced by mechanical alternatives. Sadly, this simply isn’t the case. The reliance on working equines is taken for granted and will increase as the availability of fossil fuels and other finite resources to the poorest parts of the world becomes unsustainable. This makes our role in ensuring working equines are visible even more critical.”
Research Pinpoints Welfare Priorities

A four-year study carried out in partnership with the University of Bristol’s School of Veterinary Science was funded by us to understand the welfare status of horses in England and Wales, identify priority welfare issues and explore horse owner and industry experts’ perceptions of these issues.

The study, which included data from vets, farriers, other welfare charities, governing body representatives as well as others from a wide-reaching cross section of horse care roles and responsibilities, established four welfare issues should be urgently addressed:

• unresolved stress / pain behaviour
• inappropriate nutrition
• inappropriate stabling / turnout
• delayed death

Roly welcomed the results: “This scientific study supports anecdotal evidence as well as what we see in our day-to-day work. It will help to inform our campaigning policies and horse welfare priorities going forward.”

The research also makes recommendations about how horse welfare could be improved in the UK. Read the full report at www.worldhorsewelfare.org/survey-equine-welfare-england-and-wales.

Thank you…

This summer thousands of you took part in our action asking George Eustice MP and Lord Gardiner to use the UK’s influence to join other European Member States in calling for a review of the EU Transport Regulation. We will keep you updated on their response. You also generously donated £143,000 to our spring Transport Appeal, which will enable us to continue fighting for an end to these unnecessarily long journeys across Europe to slaughter.
The Control of Horses Act Is Helping Horses

The Act which came into force in May 2015 has reduced fly-grazing and added a vital tool in improving equine welfare

The Control of Horses Act is helping reduce the number of horses subjected to illegal fly-grazing across England and Wales.

The most recent statistics, collected by the RSPCA and World Horse Welfare in January 2016, show that there are estimated to be 3,000 – 3,500 horses currently fly-grazed across England and Wales, the same number as were estimated to be fly-grazed in England alone in 2014.

This is strong evidence that the Act is having a real impact, providing another vital tool in tackling Britain’s horse welfare problems. However, we remain committed to making sure the act is properly enforced.

Roly says: “We campaigned with other welfare and rural organisations for almost three years for tougher legislation to tackle fly-grazing which blights local communities and puts thousands of horses’ lives at risk every year so it is encouraging to see such positive results.” However, he is adamant that more work still needs to be done: “Landowners and local authorities have a responsibility to use it as one of the tools available in helping to further reduce the still large numbers of fly-grazed horses across the country. This appalling practice will simply continue and even worse, increase, if there are no consequences for irresponsible horse owners who put their horses’ welfare at risk by leaving them to fend for themselves on someone else’s land.”

The Control of Horses Act 2015 gives greater power to public and private landowners to remove horses being grazed on their land without permission. Under the Act, horses can now be removed immediately and after just four days ownership of a horse or horses is assumed by the landowner.
Q What can I do if there is a horse that I think has been abandoned in a field close to where I live?

A If you are concerned for the welfare of the horse the first thing you should do is phone World Horse Welfare’s UK welfare line on 08000 480180. If the horse appears to have been abandoned but does not appear to be in any danger, its welfare may not be a concern. Try and contact the landowner to let them know about the potentially abandoned horse. There are Control of Horses Acts which allows land owners to take steps to move abandoned, straying and fly-grazing horses safely and legally from their land.

Rebecca Stojak is a Solicitor and experienced horse owner. If you have a question for Rebecca please e-mail dawnwitney@worldhorsewelfare.org.
Could You Rehome An Iconic Horse?

Not everyone has got the space or time for one of our wonderful rehabilitated horses, but how about an iconic fibreglass work of art?

Online bidding is open until 4th November for all 14 of our exclusive Invisible Horse Trail horses which were seen at Badminton Horse Trials.

The artists generously gifted their time, so the funds raised from the auction will help the horses you love.

Place your bid at: www.invisiblehorseauction.com

Balmoral Beckons

World Horse Welfare is thrilled to announce that we will be returning to the magnificent Balmoral Estate on Sunday 28th May 2017 for a Pleasure Ride.

Riders will have an exclusive opportunity to explore the estate lands of the Highland home of the Royal Family following routes of approximately 15km or 5km.

You and your horse could wind your way through Lochnagar, the Old Military Road and the ancient Calendonian forest whilst raising money for horses in need.

There are just 100 places for this ride, which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. To register your interest email: francesplume@worldhorsewelfare.org.

FRIENDS STICK TOGETHER

Firm friends Huckleberry and Dash have been rehomed...together!

Their rehomer Samantha Perry visited our Hall Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre and said she just couldn’t resist them: “They are as cheeky as ever - we can't poo pick the field with a wheel barrow as they climb into it or knock it over. Dash adores my mum and my six month old baby Jack, so hopefully they’ll be friends for life!”

Samantha will do some in-hand showing with Huckleberry and Dash and in the future will back them to ride and hopes to do some driving with them too. She said: “We looked at several charities but rehoming from World Horse Welfare was so straightforward - it’s been a great experience.”

Around 50 of our horses and ponies are currently looking for new homes and remember, each one comes fully MOT’d. Visit our website today.
Now you see them...

Our Invisible Horse campaign is putting global horse welfare in the spotlight across every aspect of our work

"Our vision is for a world where every horse is treated with respect, compassion and understanding. We can only ever hope of achieving that vision if the most vulnerable horses are visible." Roly Owers

When we found Brady he was obese, suffering from laminitis, painful leg mites and tachypnea making his breathing laboured. He was on unrestricted grazing, his owners having no regard for his fragile health. Sadly, soon after Brady came into our care he was put to sleep to end his suffering.

Many people are shocked by horses being very underweight but those carrying too much weight are often invisible on livery yards, in fields and at shows.

www.worldhorsewelfare.org/Right-Weight

Responsible horse ownership and welfare often focus on the aspects of care in giving horses a good life but equally important is the responsibility to make sure they have a good death when the time comes. We are campaigning for CCTV to be mandatory in UK equine slaughter houses to ensure that horse welfare is visible right up until the very end of a horse’s life.

www.worldhorsewelfare.org/CCTV
Guillermo, pictured here with his horse Bonito and his children in front of their family home, lives in Panimaquin in Guatemala. Their community had no farriers, saddlers or people with equine expertise, yet his horse is an essential means of transport for the family - fetching wood for them to cook on and food for their cow. Guillermo does his very best to keep Bonito in good condition as with no horse, this family does not eat. However, Bonito’s ancient pack saddle hid weeping wounds. We gave Guillermo access to an affordable new pack saddle and treated Bonito’s wounds so he can work without pain. We also trained a local farrier. The needs of the horses in this community are visible for the first time.

www.worldhorsewelfare.org/international
Supporters in ACTION

Our supporters not only provide the kind donations that allow us to continue our work, they also inspire us!

Here are some photos you have kindly shared with us.

We love to hear about your fundraising efforts, innovative ways you are spreading the word about our campaigns, or how you are getting on with your rehomed World Horse Welfare horse or pony.

Send your fundraising news to francesplume@worldhorsewelfare.org and your horse updates to rehoming@worldhorsewelfare.org

Please remember to send your photo in a large format, as many files are simply too small to feature here - thank you!
1. Olivia Stubbs, aged 13 and her ten-year-old sister Jemima raised £160 by doing a sponsored ride and tack clean. Hard work but worth it! Thanks girls!
2. Kings Equestrian Centre held a dressage to music evening with Strictly Come Riding and Air Ambulance routines, amongst many others. The evening raised an amazing £3,600 which was split equally between World Horse Welfare and The Teddy Trust.
3. Lovely Eloise White donated £8.33 to the charity because she enjoyed her birthday party at Penny Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre so much. Thanks Eloise!
4. Generous fundraiser Janet Stewart held a WW1 Centenary ride raising £327.91. Each year Janet also sells purple poppies to remember the horses who gave so much during the war.
5. Karina Bell and good friends Fleur and Elaine took part in their first ever triathlon relay in memory of their friend Pam Gamblin who sadly passed away from motor neurone disease. They ran, cycled and swam for World Horse Welfare and Rowans Hospice, donating £419.33 to us. Karina said “Pam would have been extremely proud of us. All in all a FABULOUS time!”. Well done to all three of them.
6. Ten years ago Christina and John Woollacott gave World Horse Welfare a donation to mark 25 years of marriage. A decade on they have donated £309 to us to celebrate 35 years of wedded bliss! Another mark of real generosity.
7. Naomi Keay raised £230 for World Horse Welfare at Northmuir Primary School’s MAD (Making a Difference) fundraiser - what a great idea! And thank you Naomi.
8. Rambo (in the foreground) and Levi have been rehomed to Mr and Mrs Ackroyd and were stars of the show when the Ackroyd’s opened their garden to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme. They kindly sent us a donation of £365.
9. Our Director of Finance Jane met brilliant fundraiser Molly McKillop at our Belwade Farm. Molly raised £105 selling second hand tack.
10. Our dedicated Scottish Committee raised £370 for World Horse Welfare by holding a Pony Jumping day at Ian Stark’s Equestrian Centre last August.
11. Runner Sarah Bartlett took part in the amazing Man Vs Horse marathon at Llanwrtyd Wells raising a fantastic £340.
12. Bennachi Pony Club visited gentle giant Digger at our Belwade Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre. They raised £70 as part of their fundraising badge. Great job!
13. Purple is definitely Pauline Corker’s colour! This brilliant fundraising stunt raised £282, which will go directly to helping horses.
14. Reaseheath College has chosen World Horse Welfare as their Charity of the Year and so far have raised £125 - their students have held a number of shows throughout the year. We are so grateful.
15. Charlotte Strachan aged 11 (pictured here on her pony) raised £100 for us at her Dressage and Showing competition. Well done Charlotte!
16. Thanks to Judy Hill who donated £21 to us after selling her surplus equine books at an impromptu BBQ and ride!
Penny Farm  Blackpool, Lancashire.

Open every Wednesday, weekend and Bank Holiday from 11am to 4pm.

The Penny Farm team made the whole charity proud at Equifest in August, which is one of the largest competing events in the equestrian calendar. We took two ponies who are waiting to be rehomed, Fizz and Smurf, and our adoption pony Maggie as well as a rehomed pony, Norman who all did brilliantly with firsts in two separate classes as well as a second and a third plus we won the best condition pony in two classes! You can see Smurf, pictured above, and his friends in action on our Facebook page.

Our annual Open Day in September was one to remember - despite the driving rain the crowds came out in force and a terrific day was had by all. Thank you to everyone who braved the great British summer weather to support us!

An unmissable date for your diary is Sunday 4th December - our Christmas Fair, which promises to be a wonderful day of festive fun!

Carter and Magpie represented the charity at the annual Horse Blessing Service at Lytham Hall (photographed right with organiser Chriss Pollit and lovely grooms Karen & Mandy!). They were both beautifully behaved and did a wonderful job of raising the profile of rehoming. If you’re looking for a special someone then we have some super horses and ponies waiting for you at www.worldhorsewelfare.org/Rehoming.

Glenda Spooner Farm  Somerton, Somerset.

New opening hours: Wednesday to Sunday from 11am until 4pm.

Our President HRH The Princess Royal met many horses and ponies during the official opening of GSF’s new facilities, including Cracker pictured here who is under rehabilitation and will soon be ready to be rehomed. We have some really special horses under rehabilitation, as well as many ready to rehome at the moment, so please keep an eye on the website and our Facebook page - you could find Smurf, pictured above, and his friends in action on our Facebook page.

To mark the launch of our new facilities celebrated artist Sarah White generously donated this lovely picture of Adoption Horse May, which we are so grateful for. A number of Sarah’s pieces are on display around the new Visitor Centre for you to enjoy whilst tucking into a wonderful meal or sharing afternoon tea with friends in our lovely coffee shop.

If you are planning an event - whether a family celebration, an equestrian fixture or a conference - then our friendly, helpful team is ready to help make your event truly memorable. To find out more and arrange a tour please get in touch - gfevents@worldhorsewelfare.org.
**Belwade Farm**  Aboyne, Aberdeenshire.

*Open all year Wednesday to Sunday, from 11am to 4pm.*

It’s been a busy summer at Belwade Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre with events for the whole family, including a Dinosaur Day, Pollinators and Pond Creatures Day as well as our fantastic annual Country Fayre and Clay Pigeon Shoot. **Thank you to all the visitors and volunteers who made these vibrant events possible, as well as our regulars who give us such wonderful ongoing support.**

International eventer Nicola Wilson is joining us for a Q&A event on **Saturday 19th November** so don’t delay in booking your place for what promises to be a fantastic event. Nicola has won the Scottish Open Championship no fewer than four times on three different horses not to mention picking up team gold at the World Equestrian Games 2010 and Olympic Team Silver Medal at London 2012 Olympics. E-mail lisagardiner@worldhorsewelfare.org to secure your tickets.

If you’re looking for a unique venue for your Christmas party then look no further than Belwade Farm. **Our Party Nights** promise great food, plenty of free parking and a wonderful atmosphere. **Call 013398 85398 or email lizrobinson@worldhorsewelfare.org to book your party.**

Finally, many congratulations to Jude Anderson who recently received her ten year service award from Roly.

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**Hall Farm**  Snetterton, Norfolk.

*Open all year on weekends and Bank Holidays, from 10am to 4pm.*

This year’s **Horse and Country Fayre** was a brilliant day out for all the family. Thank you to everyone who lent their support to this annual event, including our vets, farriers, dentist and physio who came along to give demonstrations to crowds of onlookers. It really put the fun into fundraising! The Atkinson Stunt Riders amazed crowds, who also loved the dog agility, and our fantastic display team, which included our Badminton carriage drivers. **Have you always wanted to try carriage driving?** Hall Farm Rescue and Rehoming Centre holds taster days for people of all abilities - from those who have never been near a carriage, to those who want to get back behind the reins. Perhaps it’s the perfect present for a loved one this Christmas. E-mail jessgrimble@worldhorsewelfare.org or call 01953 499100.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for our **half term, hallowe’en and Christmas calendar of events.** Why not bring the children along to try out our fabulous new play area, which promises to burn off some holiday energy!

We have many wonderful horses and ponies waiting to be rehomed, including experienced lead rein / companion Flicka (pictured right) who is a really uncomplicated little pony. **Rehoming from World Horse Welfare provides you with total peace-of-mind as all of our horses come with a full MOT and ongoing support from our knowledgeable Rehoming Officers and Field Officers.**

Find out more about Flicka and her friends at www.worldhorsewelfare.org/Rehoming.

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To see upcoming events and to find out more about visiting your nearest Rescue and Rehoming Centre please visit www.worldhorsewelfare.org/events
SUPPORTER SURVEY

This is your newsletter so we’d like to know what you think. You can take part in our survey at www.worldhorsewelfare.org/Survey or post your answers back to us: Freepost Plus RRXL-LHJS-YEKK, World Horse Welfare Reader Survey, Anne Colvin House, Snetterton, Norfolk NR16 2LR. Thank you!

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- It’s engaging and inspiring – I want to share it to encourage more people to support the charity
- It provides me with a clear understanding of how donations positively impact horse welfare
- I dip in and out of it looking for stories of interest to me
- I keep it and may skim through it
- I rarely read it
- I recycle it as soon as it arrives

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During 2017 we will mark 90 years of helping horses worldwide. Do you have anecdotes about a horse you rehomed from us many years ago, a loved one who supported us throughout their life or a campaigning action you've taken on behalf of vulnerable horses? We'd love to hear from you.

E-mail: emmacook@worldhorsewelfare.org or send us a note at the Freepost address above.

Thank you!
This year we remembered the horses that played an important role in the First World War Battle of the Somme by creating an online Tribute Fund where supporters could leave a personal tribute, together with a donation to help horses that are in desperate need right now.

We hope to raise £500 through this special fund to help the horses we rescue and rehabilitate in the UK who have been neglected by their owners, and to help working horses in some of the world’s poorest countries.

Supporters have written touching tributes to accompany their donations and we would like to thank everyone who has kindly contributed to this fund.

To make your donation and add a personal message to our First World War Tribute Fund, or to create your own fund in memory of a loved one please visit:

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