

# Good yards Safe yards ...and that's no accident



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## Editors message

Welcome to 'Good yards Safe yards'. This new mini magazine is here to help everyone get the most out of their time spent with horses. Horses are fantastic creatures and have so much to offer. They provide a great way to be active, the opportunity to learn and the chance to communicate on a special level.

Good yards Safe yards hopes to help us all to understand and respect the horse and its environment, and this means a safe and secure place for both people and horses.

There will be tips from top professionals, competitions, news items and helpful product information. If you are a yard owner then why not put this issue up on your notice board for your clients and staff to read. Call us for copies of 'Good yards Safe yards' and the 'Safety with Horses' course leaflet on 01926 651085

Look for details of the new 'Safety with Horses' course offer in this issue.

To register for your place email [safety-with-horses@warkscol.ac.uk](mailto:safety-with-horses@warkscol.ac.uk) or write to Equi Study, Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, Warwick CV35 9BL

Helping you to keep your yard, people and horses safe and happy.

Kind regards

Karen Tolley

Anyone can attend a  
'Come to College Day'  
for help with the  
'Safety with Horses' Course.  
Call 01926 651085  
to book your FREE place

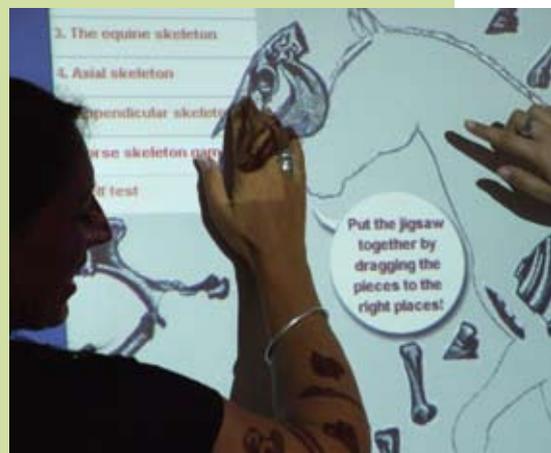


*Ella Mahon a student at Warwickshire College is now able to include the 'Safety with Horses' Level 2 National Award on her Curriculum Vitae*

## LEARNING REALLY CAN BE FUN

Visit the Equi Study/Warwickshire College Stand at top equine events throughout 2008-2009 and enter the Equine Skeleton Jigsaw Competition.

The competition kicks off at the Horse of the Year Show 8th-12th October 2008 and offers entrants the chance to prove how well they know equine anatomy by completing a jigsaw using a hi-tech Interactive Whiteboard. The winners will be those who complete the puzzle in the fastest time with daily prizes to be won and top times going forward to a national competition. Fastest times will be displayed on a leader board featured on the NEW Equi Study Web Site—keep up with the launch date for the new site at [www.equistudy.ac.uk](http://www.equistudy.ac.uk)



# The fastest growing equine qualification in the UK today

Equestrianism and indeed horse ownership is now within the reach of a far higher percentage of the population in the UK. This is great news for this area of leisure and competition, but this trend also creates a new set of challenges in terms of providing the right education to ensure horse welfare and safety.



The 'Safety with Horses' course can be taken anywhere that there is access to horses and equine facilities and by \*anyone who is 16 years and over and resident in the UK (not including Northern Ireland)

As the profile of those involved in owning and caring for horses has changed, so has the way in which this essential knowledge now is handed on.

'Safety with Horses' is a completely new way of learning whilst at the same time gaining a nationally recognised qualification. The learning and qualification package is designed for \*anyone who handles and rides horses.

In the first 3 years 'Safety with Horses' has attracted great interest on a national educational level as well as within the equine world. Winner of a national Beacon Award for the Use of Information Learning Technology to Support the Learner and Enhance Teaching, the package is now being used by the Mounted Police, charitable organisations (such as International League for the Protection of Horses, Riding for the Disabled Association), riding schools and livery yards, in addition to many of the colleges delivering equine studies across the UK.

## What makes the programme so popular?

An incredible 97% of all candidates who complete the package and qualification say that they would recommend the course to others.

For Chief Inspector Lynn Roby the reason Officers at The Greater Manchester Police Mounted Unit now complete the course as part of their training is because "there is nothing else around quite like it".

So far a wide range of candidates from all areas of the equine world have completed the pack and achieved the award.



Tim Stockdale was the VIP guest at a recent 'Safety with Horses' award event. Successful candidates from all over the UK made the journey to Warwickshire College to receive their certificates personally from the very popular top international show jumper. Many of the yards who had taken part got the added bonus of a group photo opportunity with Tim (something for the photo gallery back at home!)



Kim Bailey, Stable Manager  
GMP Mounted Police Unit

## Equine Apprenticeships – its as easy as

1 2 3



If you are working either part-time or full-time with horses in the Midlands area of the UK, you might like to turn your work experience into a qualification. We can help you not only gain your Equine Apprenticeship, but with the added value that your qualification will be a Warwickshire College qualification.

Warwickshire College has a worldwide reputation as the home of equine studies. Our students are always our best advert. If you want to know why Moreton Morrell has maintained a first class reputation, you only have to ask any of the hundreds of employers who have been so impressed by our students over the past 35 years. You could also of course ask any of the thousands of students who we feel will be happy to tell you about their time at Moreton Morrell.

A Warwickshire College Equine Apprenticeship is made up of:

1. A National Vocational Qualification in Horse Care at Level 2
2. The Technical Award – Safety with Horses
3. Completion of our Key Skills Pack

Our assessors will arrange to visit your yard to credit you on the skills you are gaining in the work place and also help you to complete the Key Skills Pack.

Those who have already gained the 'Safety with Horses' Award are already on the way to gaining their Apprenticeship, but don't worry if you do not hold this award already as you can still apply.

And the best news of all – Warwickshire College is one training provider to offer Equine Apprenticeships for FREE\*.

So you see it really is as easy as 1-2-3

Call us to find out how we can work with you in your workplace on FREEPHONE 0800 5884038 or email [employers@warkscol.ac.uk](mailto:employers@warkscol.ac.uk)

\* Warwickshire College Equine Apprenticeships (Midlands region) are open to those aged 16+ and currently working either full or part-time with horses. Most candidates in the Midlands region will be eligible for a FREE programme of training and the award, however you are advised to check that you individually qualify.

# COMPETITION GIVEAWAY

## WIN a dark blue RACESAFE RS2000 body protector!

Treehouse Sporting Colours has kindly agreed to support Good yards Safe yards by providing a fantastic competition giveaway. One lucky reader will receive a top specification RACESAFE RS2000 body protector worth £146!

The RS2000 is tested to meet the highest safety standard - BETA level 3 - and EN13158:2000 and features Velcro shoulder and waist straps for a better fit and adjustability together with removable foam pads for easy washing of the cover.

Treehouse Sporting Colours specialise in body protectors and hats and offer a qualified and experienced fitting service. You can find out more about their products and services by telephone or through their newly launched website [www.treehouseonline.co.uk](http://www.treehouseonline.co.uk) and you can also find them exhibiting at all the major shows.

### Want a chance to win?

To enter, just answer the following question and tell us (in no more than 50 words) about your interest and/or activities with horses.

### Q: What is the highest BETA safety standard for body protectors?

Please send your answer to:

Good yards Safe yards Issue 2 Competition

Equi Study, Warwickshire College, Moreton Morrell, Warwick, Warwickshire CV35 9BL

Or email to [safety-with-horses@warkscol.ac.uk](mailto:safety-with-horses@warkscol.ac.uk)

All entries must be received by 5pm on 27th January 2009

### Terms and conditions

(You must also include your name, address, telephone number and send a photograph of yourself with your horse if you own or ride one, or one of yourself only if this is not appropriate. By entering the competition you are agreeing to be mentioned as a prizewinner in future competition promotions).



## Safety tips

Each issue we will be featuring a safety tip from a wide variety of professionals working in the horse industry.

Here we have a contribution from Lucy Katan, a top professional groom who is now leading the development of the new British Grooms Association.

*"Don't use lead rope clips to secure stable doors, they are incredibly tempting for a horse to play with and then before you know it they have the clip protruding through their lip. If your horse is a 'Houdini', then use a safety bolt up top and a strong kick bolt down the bottom of the door."*



## Good yards ARE SAFE YARDS

Good yards are safe yards and that almost certainly means that the yard is well managed, has a low accident record and offers good service.

Tell your prospective customers about your commitment to safety by gaining the **Approved Location for the Safety with Horses National Award** plaque for the 'Safety with Horses' Course status.

All that yards need to do to qualify for Approved Training Location status is to enrol a minimum of 5 candidates and support them through the course to achievement. If you do not have 5 full-time staff you can include part-time staff/freelance staff/volunteers or clients to make up the minimum number.

The programme costs £40 per candidate and this includes everything from materials to certification. The programme is run over 8 weeks on your yard, is flexible and includes tutor support. On the successful completion of a minimum of 5 candidates you will receive a quality Approved Training Centre plaque at no extra cost.

You might wish to use this award as a starting point for your staff to achieve a Warwickshire College Equine Apprenticeship.



For further information read **Equine Apprenticeships – easy as 1,2,3** which appears in this issue.

Yards who have recently achieved Approved Training Location status for the 'Safety with Horses' Course include:

- Seechem Equestrian Centre, West Midlands
- Avon Riding Centre, Bristol
- Stourport Riding Centre, Worcester
- Lee Valley Riding Centre, London
- Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre, London

Yards requiring more information should **CALL Equi Study on 01926 651085 or email [safety-with-horses@warkscol.ac.uk](mailto:safety-with-horses@warkscol.ac.uk)**

# Hats on to Competition Winner Sophie Bakewell



As the first name out of the hat, winner of our latest competition **Sophie Bakewell** can now choose her own new riding hat courtesy of Charles Owen.

Sophie, an ex-student of Warwickshire College owns and manages Skilts Farm Stables, a BHS Approved Livery yard at Beoley near Redditch in Worcestershire. As a result of winning the competition and after learning more about the 'Safety with Horses' course Sophie now hopes to offer the home/stable study programme at her yard and help as many of her staff and clients as possible to achieve the award.



Jackie Vallance from Equi Study (right) presents the Good yards Safe Yards competition winner Sophie Bakewell with a Charles Owen Hat Voucher

## Its a WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN

Join in with the latest 'Safety with Horses' Campaign and not only make your yard a safer place for people and horses, but achieve a national award, get a FREE ticket to a top equestrian event AND meet one of our top riders.

The incredibly successful Equi Study 2007-2008 'Safety with Horses' campaign saw many hundreds of horse owners and employees complete the 'Safety with Horses' home/stable study programme and receive their award from either Olympic showjumper Tim Stockdale or Chief Inspector Lynn Roby of the Greater Manchester Mounted Police.



Successful candidates from Upper Poolands Farm in Worcestershire pictured with Olympic Showjumper Tim Stockdale at a recent 'Safety with Horses' Award event held at Warwickshire College

## Prevention is better than.. loss of life

It is considered that at least 85% of all serious fires in stables and farms are down to arson attacks. Of which, a high percentage will involve the loss of animal lives.

Accidental fires that occur during the day when people are around seldom end up with a loss of an animal's life. In these cases most often the fire is discovered almost instantaneously and staff can react quickly and effectively.

### What can be done?

The threat of an arson attack on stables however small must be taken very seriously and also be a key feature of any fire risk assessment process.

### Practical fire safety tip

Do your stables have access to a fire hydrant or a large lake or pond nearby, (e.g. 60 metres from any building) which is easily accessible for use by the Fire Service? Be aware that it may be difficult to reduce the potential for extensive property damage in the event of a fire, accidental or arson, if access to water is limited.

*This horse is recovering from serious burns*

Further advice on any aspect of fire risk assessment and management for stables can be sought from:

• Harry Paviour,  
Equine Fire Safety Consultant  
Telephone 01608 651116



Enrol on the 2008-09 course and receive a FREE ticket to one of four top equestrian events including Olympia, Badminton, Burghley and Horse of the Year Show. At the event you will have the opportunity to meet a leading rider who will provide an insight into top level competition and answer your questions on jumping or eventing.

There are eight start dates during the year so you can choose the best time for your course to take place. Why not be an early bird and apply now for the first course and QUALIFY for your own national award, a FREE ticket to Olympia and the chance to MEET one of our top riders.

**CALL Equi Study on 01926 651085 or email [safety-with-horses@warkscol.ac.uk](mailto:safety-with-horses@warkscol.ac.uk) for your FREE information and joining pack.**

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If you would like to send an article, story or advert for the next issue of Good yards Safe yards then please contact:

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**T: 01926 318340**