



Welcome to Houghton and Huntingdon Riding Club

The committee would like to welcome you to Houghton and Huntingdon Riding Club and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for choosing to join us.

Huntingdon and District Riding Club was formed in 1964 and in 2015 the club adopted a proposal to be based at Houghton EC and rename itself Houghton and Huntingdon Riding Club. In later years Houghton EC has since closed but the clubs name remains. We have a small committee of volunteers and are always looking for new members to join and bring in new ideas. Please let us know if this is of interest to you.

The club is part of Area 7 which covers Cambs, Herts, Beds, Peterborough and surrounding areas.

We have on average about 120 members a year join, both juniors and seniors with the majority of members taking part in all RC activities including qualifiers. Many have made lifelong friends.



The club is here to provide for its members activities, training, competitions and social events.

We hope you find this document of use, if you have any questions, please do ask us.



Contact Details:

The best way to contact the club is via huntingdonrc@gmail.com you will also receive e mails from this e mail address when we communicate to the club.

HHRC also have a Facebook page where we post lots of pictures and updates. It's a faster means of communication as the majority of members are on Facebook. Please see the link for the page: [Houghton and Huntingdon Riding Club - Home | Facebook](#)

We also have a web site where we post all training details which can also be found on my riding life. [Huntingdon and Houghton Riding Club HHRC - Home \(huntingdonrc.co.uk\)](http://huntingdonrc.co.uk)

HHRC are part of Area 7. For any updates regarding Area 7 please look at [/www.britishridingclubsarea7.com - brcarea7](http://www.britishridingclubsarea7.com)

HHRC are an affiliated Riding Club to British Riding Clubs. To find out more about BRC please follow this link: [British Riding Clubs | British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](#) Here you will also find the Handbook (rulebook) for the year which contains all eligibility details, tests, clothing and tack rules etc.



The committee:

Chairman: Rebecca Robinson chairman@huntingdonrc.co.uk



Hi, I am Rebecca. I live in Cambridgeshire with my family. I have been a member of the club for many years and used to ride myself. I have handed over the reins to my eldest son for now who is an active member of the pony club and I have become a pony club mum!!

Secretary: Emma Roughton secretary@huntingdonrc.co.uk



Hi, I am Emma. I am new to the committee but have taken part in all RC activities for the last few years. I live in Cambridgeshire and have two horses that I compete on. Another sport I really enjoy is Team Chasing!!

Treasurer: Jo Meningen treasurer@huntingdonrc.co.uk



Hi, I am Jo. I have enjoyed riding for many years and have taken part in most RC events in the past. I live in Cambridgeshire and have a daughter who has now picked up the reins!! I love running and being in the sun!!

Membership Secretary: Amy Houlding membership@huntingdonrc.co.uk



Hi, I am Amy. This is my trusted steed Charles!! I live in Cambridgeshire with my family. I have a young daughter who has a little Shetland and they have lots of fun together. I love jumping with Charles.

Safeguarding Officer: Barry Meningen



Hi, I am Barry. I live in Cambridgeshire with my family. I really enjoy eventing and have always taken part in all RC activities. I also coach for the club so you may see me off a horse too!

Training Officer: Rebecca Robinson training@huntingdonrc.co.uk

Socials Officer on Horses: Kerrie Kennedy



Hi, I am Kerrie. I used to be on the committee years ago and have re-joined. I really enjoy socials on our horses so really enjoy this role. I am also the Team Manager for the Seniors for the club for qualifiers. I enjoy taking part in all RC activities especially jumping!! I ride two horses and both are completely different in characters. My fun pony is called Boris!!

Team Managers: Rebecca Robinson, Kerrie Kennedy, Sarah Anderson
chefs@huntingdonrc.co.uk



Hi, I am Sarah. I live in Cambridgeshire with my family. I have been a member of the club and on the committee for many years. I am Team Manager for the juniors in our club. You may also see me on foot as I am a coach for the club. I enjoy all RC activities but really enjoy dressage with my special steed Loz who I am seen here with. I will also be helping Bex with the club clothing will be working alongside Kerrie with socials on horses.

Web Site Officer: Judith Marshall comms@huntingdonrc.co.uk



Hi, I am Judith. I have been part of the club for many years and now hold a non-committee post as the web master. I really enjoy riding with my friends on my pony Toby.

Points Officer: Becca Saunders points@huntingdonrc.co.uk



Hi, I am Becca. I have been a member of HHRC for a couple of years and have really enjoyed being in the club so when new committee members were needed, I thought id put myself down. I will be doing the points league and the newly formed volunteers league where points mean prizes!! I will also be helping Alison to organise socials that do not involve our horses as I also love getting together and having a dance!!

HHRC Organised Unaffiliated Events Officer and clothing officer: Bex Goldsmith



Hi, I am Bex. I am a new member to HHRC having joined last year and when I saw the post looking for members to join the committee I jumped at the chance!! I look forward to meeting more members this season. There's a trend with the committee as I also love jumping too!!



Hi, I am Alison. I take part in all RC Activities and usually seen on my horse Velvet or V as she is known as. When the committee were looking for new people to join, I stepped forward. Becca and I enjoy socials off our horses so together we will be doing this. Make sure your calendars are free as we have some exciting things planned!!

Our membership runs from 1st January to 1st January. To become a member, you must download a form found: [HHRC - Membership \(huntingdonrc.co.uk\)](http://HHRC-Membership(huntingdonrc.co.uk)) once completed and paid you will then start to enjoy the benefits from BRC. You will receive a membership card via e mail from Head Office. If your details do not change year on year the committee made the decision that you could just pay and send an e mail to the membership secretary to state you had paid and nothing had changed. You must remember to do this otherwise we cannot guarantee your details will be processed. Junior members are aged 18 years and under. Senior members are any age above 18.

Insurance: BRC members have public liability insurance cover while taking part in affiliated BRC-organised activities. For further information, contact South Essex Insurance Brokers (SEIB) on 01708 850000 or email megan.gibbs@bhs.org.uk.



BE and BS BRC Leagues:

British Riding Clubs and British Eventing Leagues and BS Discounted Membership Prices:

British Riding Clubs (BRC) offer exciting opportunities to BRC members competing with BE. Continuing for 2022 we will be running a league for all levels from BE80 to BE Intermediate. A cost of

£6.50 per combination will be charged for the year to enter this league. This fee will cover all heights and can be paid over the phone or via the entry website - [BRC Entry website](#)

These leagues will be published on the BRC website and points will be awarded to all BRC members who complete in all levels from BE80 – BE Intermediate excluding FEI *, ** and *** competitions or BE Championships.

BRC and BE will be awarding rosettes to 10th place. Prizes will be awarded in kind.

If you are interested in **registering** for this league, please make payment on the [BRC Entry website](#) and include your horse's BE Registered name in the comments box. Alternatively you can download the registration [form](#) and send to eleanor.mcmahonbrown@bhs.org.uk with confirmation of payment.

To register for the BRC League, members will need to give British Showjumping Membership their BRC Membership number. If you are a BRC member wishing to join British Showjumping for the first time, there is a BRC Membership Offer where both horse and rider can join for a discounted combined rate of £136 for the year.

For further information regarding the leagues or the BRC discounted member offer please call the British Showjumping Membership team on: 02476 698824 or head to the BS website.



Vaccinations of Horses and Ponies:

All horses must have an annual flu vaccination. For further details regarding this please visit: [BRC News | British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](#) and all rules relating to this subject can be found in the Handbook: [BRC Handbook | British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](#)

Clothing: HHRC have various different styles of clothing for you and your horse that can be purchased from: [Category: Houghton and Huntingdon RC - Beewear](#)

Clothing and Tack Rules: These can be found: [BRC Handbook | British Horse Society \(bhs.org.uk\)](#) and we also update members on our web site: [Huntingdon and Houghton Riding Club HHRC - Home \(huntingdonrc.co.uk\)](#) at the bottom of the page.



Training and Clinics: We try to be super organised and get the dates planned and organised months in advance so you know exactly when everything is happening so you can plan too. We use my riding life for the majority of our clinics to book onto. Please see our facebook page or web site. There is a link on our home page that takes you straight to my riding life. There is also a link to tell you a little bit about our regular trainers. When attending the clinics please arrive in good time so you are ready to ride at your allocated time slot. Please do not leave horses tied up unattended at any time and please clear any dropping up. We are very lucky we have some lovely venues that we use and have done for many years and we do not want to lose them because we have not cleared up properly. Venues HHRC use regularly are: Home Farm, Alconbury. New farm, Meadow Lane, Earith and Moats Way Equestrian, Hemmingford. Times for clinics are e mailed to all attendees approximately 2 days before the clinic. This e mail is sent directly from the clinic organiser.

Refunds for Clinics:

If we have to cancel a clinic for any reason a full refund will be given. If you cancel for any other reason and we can replace you we will refund you. Please do bear in mind a replacement might not happen until the last minute.

For all refunds you will receive an e mail from the clinic organiser or treasurer and you will need to reply to the e mail for the refund process to continue.

Camp: For the first time in many years HHRC are holding a residential camp in 2022 which has been very well supported by the members. We hope to do this in future years. We hope this continues as a residential camp and will take place in the summer months when it's a bit warmer!!



Balls and other Socials: Prior to Covid 19 we enjoyed BBQ's and balls. It is something we hope to do again very soon. Watch this space.....

Points League and Awards: We run a yearly points league for juniors and seniors. Events you take part in or help with get rewarded 😊 We also run a yearly awards night (sometimes is part of the ball). This is where we recognise members achievements over the year, both on and off horses and award trophies.

Unaffiliated Dressage Competitions: We have run these for the last 5 years at Home Farm, Alconbury. These have always been aimed at give it a go – all welcome. We do however need more help to run these events. Let us know if you think you could help.

Sunday Fun Jump Club: This is something HHRC ran every other month on a Sunday at New Farm, Meadow Lane, Earith. It is something we would live to run again but require a few more hands to organise it.



Qualifiers:

Throughout the year clubs of Area 7 organise qualifiers where there is a chance to qualify for the BRC National Championships and not only represent your club but also Area 7. These take place throughout the year. There are the following events: Indoor and Outdoor Dressage and SJ, Horse Trials, Arena Eventing, Arena Challenge, Combined Training, DTM, Qualdrille. Further details regarding these qualifiers and championships can be found on the BRC website under championships. BRC also offer direct entries of classes to championships. All details relating to qualifiers is e mailed out to the club when dates are confirmed and if you're interested in competing you must contact one of our team managers. From then on you will hear from our team managers direct. They will enter you and put everyone in teams etc. You will be required to provide your horses passport details and micro chip number.

Each club for qualifiers has to pay something called a prelim fee to Head Office at least 21 days prior to the qualifier date. Once these are submitted the clubs are contracted to pay entry fees to the organiser regardless if we WD or not. HHRC pay all members prelim fees and the riders taking part are asked to pay for their entry fee only. If you WD after the prelim fees have been paid you are still required to pay your entry fee. If we manage to replace you a refund will be issued in the same way as training (detailed above)



HHRC have always been very successful at qualifiers and championships and have always had a great time making new friends along the way.

As well as qualifiers there are a lot of other competitions that are open to Riding Club members these include: Hickstead team of 3 showjumping, 2 Day Event, Rockingham International team showjumping, Houghton International team dressage, Bolesworth International team showjumping

Helpers: At qualifiers and championships we have to provide helpers to run the event. This is usually in the form of pole picking, stewarding etc. If we don't supply helpers, teams are eliminated. It is so important that we all rally round and help each other in supporting help at these events. Remember we can only be as successful as a club with the help the club members provide. We also run events throughout the year, all help no matter how big or small is greatly appreciated.

Points League: We are back with points league this year as we are back in full swing. The annual awards night will be back too. Points can be obtained from many different avenues of events that are run. We are also re introducing the volunteers league – for help and support you provide you will gain points and we all know what points mean.....Prizes!!! Watch this space for more details 😊



We hope that you have found this information of use to you and it has given you a flavour to HHRC and BRC. If you have any questions to ask us, please get in touch 😊

