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Kimberlake Jophiel, at Full Moon Farm Horse Trials, November 9, 2025.

'Joe', bred by Kimber Bishop of Kimberlake Farm, Missouri, and ridden by Molly Smith, was United States Eventing Association SmartEquine Eventing Pony of the Year 2025

Photograph by Lilian Flemming for Amy Flemming Waters Photography



Heather Mawrey

Heather Mawrey's Greenholme Lady Hawk with filly foal ***Dallowgill Isadora (X)*** *by Foalsyke Little Topper. See the article on Learning with Fells.*

Dates for 2026

Recurring fixed dates

1 January - all FPS membership subscriptions due for renewal

1 February - FPS Magazine copy deadline, Spring issue

15 February - For eligibility to vote for Council, annual subscription must be paid by this date

1 October - FPS Magazine copy deadline, Autumn issue

Dates and venues are correct at time of printing.

Please check the Calendar on the FPS web site or ask the Office for confirmation.

2026

28 March - AGM, Orton, Cumbria

9 May - Stallion & Colt Show, Dalemain, Cumbria

31 May - South Cumbria Show, Crooklands

9 August - Breed Show, Dalemain, Cumbria

TBC September - Southern Breed Show

31 October - FPS Show & Sale at NW Auctions, Crooklands

TBC November - Foal & Youngstock Show



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Council meets every 2 months, in January, March, May, July, September, & November, usually the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Chairman's Report

Welcome to the Spring edition of the FPS magazine. This edition of the Fell Pony Society (FPS) newsletter is filled with valuable information for all members, regardless of your individual interests or involvement with Fell ponies. We aim to ensure that everyone feels included and informed about the Society's latest updates and activities.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to every member, competitor, and sponsor who has supported FPS events throughout 2025. Your enthusiasm and participation have been crucial to the success of each occasion, and I am truly grateful for your continued commitment to the Society.

Organising and running our shows is no small task. These events are only possible thanks to the dedication of many individuals who generously volunteer their time and effort. Whether working as stewards, judges, health and safety officers, or assisting with setting up and dismantling the show, these volunteers are often the unsung heroes working behind the scenes. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude, as their hard work enables all of us to enjoy our ponies and Society events to the fullest. Thank you to all our volunteers for your ongoing commitment and support — the Society simply could not run without you.

This year, we bid farewell to two valued members of our Show Team: John Greener and David Wilkinson, who have stepped down from their roles. We are deeply appreciative of their years of support and wish them both the very best for the future. Their contributions have been greatly valued.

With their departure, we are now actively seeking new volunteers to help ensure the successful running of both the Stallion and Breed Shows. If you are interested in getting involved, please get in touch.

In 2025/26, two Council members have resigned: former Chair Eileen Walker and Vice Chair John Greener. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to them, as well as to everyone who continues to help further and promote the work of the Society.

Our shared love of Fell ponies remains at the heart of everything we do within the FPS, and it is this passion that continues to help our community flourish. Together, we champion these wonderful ponies and uphold the values that make our Society truly unique and special.

Best wishes,

Peter Boustead

From Our President

I hope everyone has had a good Christmas and New Year and wish members and their families all the best for 2026!

Congratulations to those members who had success at shows last year, especially those who travelled to HOYS and other major events, well done! One of my main aims has always been to try and encourage more youngsters to become involved with Fell Ponies. It is beholden on us " older " members to encourage this and offer help support and guidence to those wishing to become involved and learn about Fell Ponies, why breed characteristics came about and why it is important to maintain this knowledge.

I noticed my first snow drops of the year today, and even though there could still be some winter weather to come, with the evenings drawing out I'm looking forward to the spring and new foals appearing and the chance to meet up with members at the Stallion show and have a good old catch up with members.

Glenis Cockbain

Secretary & Treasurer's Report

I would like to begin by thanking our outgoing Secretary, Mrs Wilkinson, and Treasurer, Mrs Parkin, for their help and assistance over the transition period. I am settling into my new, and very varied, role but still have much to learn. It has been lovely meeting many of our breeders and owners and I thank you all for your patience with me and the office team as we continue to update our working practices.

Our admin assistants, Christine and Val, are currently working hard on membership renewals for 2026 and will get your cards to you as soon as possible. Current membership stands at 1106. We are still receiving payments from some members at the old rate. This adds to the workload of our admin staff and slows down the renewal process. Current full membership is £35 for UK and £45 for overseas. We hope that by next year we will be able to accept card payments or Direct Debit.

We have registered the births of 337 foals in 2025, with the last few late registrations still trickling in. A buzz of excitement was felt at both the FPS office and Animal Genetics when we registered foals on behalf of His Majesty The King and sent hair samples for testing.

After a long dark winter, higher feed costs, hay shortages, flooding and snow we are now looking forward to some lighter days. Opportunities to get outside with the ponies are slowly increasing and the showing season is just around the corner. Don't forget to share your adventures and achievements with us for the magazine to keep it varied and interesting.

I would like to thank Lara Kneale for her work as Show Secretary in 2025. Lara has now retired from the position and Deborah Chadwick will take over as the new Show Secretary. I wish her all the best for the Stallion Show and Breed Show this year.

The Society is very grateful for donations received during the year, as well as generous sponsorship received for the shows in 2025.

Finally, I would like to thank President Glenis Cockbain and give special thanks Chairman, Peter Boustead, Jane Rawden and Heather Mawrey for the extra support they have given along with all the other Council members.

I wish you all the best for a long and happy summer.

Bryony Richardson

Secretary & Treasurer

From the Office - we're here to help

Email

It's more efficient for us to contact you by email, using the address *secretary @fellponysociety.org* or *.org.uk*. The old Gmail one no longer receives emails.

Please let us have your email address if we don't already have it, and remember to let us know if your email changes.

Registration / Passports

Registration / Passport application forms cannot be downloaded from the website; they are only available by applying to the office who will send them out by post. Do not photocopy the form.

Before sending in the form please make sure that:

- The description has been written in BLOCK LETTERS
- All the whorls have been recorded in black ink and all white has been recorded in red ink.
- The whorls must be recorded both on the silhouette and as a written description.

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- The location of the chip has been recorded by the vet
- The vet has signed, dated and stamped the form

Please read the guidance notes carefully prior to completion of the forms. Any forms incomplete or incorrectly completed will be returned and this could delay the issue of the passport.

Stallion Service Certificates

The preferred and most reliable way to submit stallion service certificates is online through Grassroots (see p15). **Service books are no longer issued unless specifically requested from the Office.**

Service certificates / notifications of coverings online must be notified by 31 December in the year of covering; if not, any resulting foal will have to be DNA typed to confirm the sire prior to registration. When you input the details online you will receive an email acknowledging their successful receipt. *If you don't receive an email the information has not been received and you should contact the Society without delay.*

Mare Owners - If you are using someone else's stallion, check with them that the relevant details have been lodged with the FPS by 31 December. If the service details have been reported online you (as the mare owner) as well as the stallion owner will receive a system generated email to confirm the details. Keep this safe to accompany the foal registration / passport application.

Stallion owners – Please complete the correct covering dates or running from and to dates (including the year). If the foal birth date is unreasonably outside of the range expected from the covering dates, then the mare owner may be required to DNA test the foal to confirm the sire.

Changes to a Passport

Any changes to a passport should in the first instance be notified to the Fell Pony Society. Please do not notify the Central Equine Database; the Society will do this once the changes have been verified. If you are unsure of the procedure, then please ask.

Examples of changes we need to know:

- change of address/contact details of the current owner
- notification of castration
- change of ownership
- notification of death
- change in 'food chain status'.
- Stallion Licence Applications

Please allow plenty of time for a stallion license to be processed; the colt/stallion cannot be used for stud purposes until the Stallion License has been issued. Part of the requirement for Stallion Licensing is for the pony to be DNA typed. This is currently done through Weatherbys. Issue of the DNA report can take 5/6 weeks from when the sample is returned to the FPS.

Payments by BACS

Please always include your name (even if it's just your surname) as the reference, when sending payments this way.

Since 1 January 2025, payments of premiums from the HBLB grant have been paid solely by BACS. If we don't already have your bank details, please send them through as soon as possible. We have a form you can complete if you prefer.

Renewing your Membership

When renewing your membership you just need to send the payment, and there is no need to send in a completed membership form unless we ask you to or there are changes to your contact details.

The membership fees increased from 1 January 2025, so if you have not already done so, please update your Standing Order in time for 1 January 2026.

It really helps the Society and avoids delays if you can send the correct amount.

Postage

Please make sure you add the correct postage when sending mail to the FPS office; if in doubt get it checked at the Post Office. Do not use old stamps (without a bar code). If the Society incurs a surcharge then you will be asked to pay.

We send standard UK mail by 2nd class.

Passports are returned by Royal Mail Tracked 48, in the UK, or with a proof of posting if going to an overseas destination.

If you wish to have your passport posted 1st class or by Special Delivery, or as 'International Tracked' to an overseas destination, then due to increased postage costs and tariffs, *in addition to* all registration and transfer fees please add:

Special Delivery, UK	£5
Standard 1st class, UK	£1
Tracked 24, UK	£1
Tracked, EU	£9
Tracked, USA	£15

For other overseas destinations please check postal rates with the office.

Sending fees and payments

A list of all the fees and membership rates can be found in every copy of the FPS magazine and on the website.

Payments can be sent by bank transfer, cheque or PO made payable to 'The Fell Pony Society' or by cash if you are sending by Tracked or Special Delivery. Details are below on this page.

We hope that by next year we will be able to accept card payments or Direct Debit.

Thank you

Bryony



Fell Pony Society Bank Details

Important - Please include your name as the reference for bank transactions sent to the FPS.

Account name: The Fell Pony Society Limited.

Bank: Lloyds, Carlisle. Address: 6 Lowther Street, Carlisle CA3 8DB

Sort Code: 30-16-28. Account number: 00254896.

Payments from Outside of the UK

Bank Transfers / Electronic Payments from outside of the UK:

BIC LOYDGB21572.

IBAN GB 86 LOYD 3016 2800 2548 96.

Because exchange rates fluctuate, we cannot accurately quote fees in foreign currencies, so for Overseas payments all Bank Transfers should be in British Pounds sterling (£ GBP), and any charges should be paid in the country of origin.

Our bank makes a charge for the receipt of an electronic transfer from overseas so please add £2 for transactions up to £100, and add £7 for transactions greater than £100. (If you are a UK resident this does not apply.)

You may find that Money Transfer services such as Wise or Xe.com charge less than Bank transfers. In that case please make sure that the figure in the "Recipient gets..." box matches the amount in GBP that you intend to send to the FPS (see the fees list, p10, and please include postage costs for your country where relevant, see above).

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Fees & Charges

		UK		Overseas	
		Member	**Non-Member**	**Member**	**Non-Member**
				**Overseas: Postage & Tariffs to be added where relevant	
Registration					
to 30 November	Colt	£15	£30	£20	£35
	Filly	£15	£30	£20	£35
December	Colt	£30	£60	£35	£65
	Filly	£30	£60	£35	£65
Late Registration		£50	£100	£55	£105
(does not include cost of parentage test)					
Transfer of Ownership		£10	£20	£15	£25
Transfer to Gelding		£5	£10	£10	£15
Prefix *(new application)*		£45	£55	£60	£70
FIS Kit		£40	£50	£45	£55
DNA Kit		£50	£60	£55	£65
Duplicate Passport		£50	£100	£55	£105
(does not include cost of parentage test)					
AI Permit		£25	N/A	£25	N/A
Passport update		£5	£10	£10	£20
(to add vaccinations pages, repair, etc)					

**Due to increasing overseas postage costs and tariffs, along with requirements for equine passports to be tracked, if you wish to have your passport posted as 'International Tracked' to an overseas destination, PLEASE ADD:

EU Tracked	£9
USA Tracked	£15

The EU/USA Tracked rate is payable *in addition to* all registration and transfer fees.

For other overseas destinations please check postal rates with the office.

A correctly stamped, self-addressed return envelope would be much appreciated when return of the passport for a deceased pony is requested.



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Membership Fees

All memberships are due for renewal on 1st January, irrespective of the date joined.

Type of Membership	UK	Overseas
Full	£35	£45
Associate	£25	£35
Junior	£25	£35
Family	£70	£90

If you pay by Standing Order and you haven't already updated it to the relevant figure above, please do so now. If you haven't paid the correct amount in 2026 either by standing order, bank transfer or cheque, and if the balance is not received, your payment for Full membership will be processed as Associate, and for Associate members the amount received will be treated as a donation.

The range of overseas membership types mirrors the UK types, with an additional charge to cover the cost of overseas postage.

An associate member is unlikely to own a pony and therefore will not wish to take advantage of the pony related privileges of membership.

Family membership may be applied for by married or co-habiting couples and their children under the age of 18 years, all residing at the same address. The two adult members enjoy the rights and privileges of full membership, and the children the rights and privileges of junior membership. Full details are in section 2 of the Articles of Association. Please note that Family membership does not apply to adult couples without children; in these cases the membership is for 2 Full memberships (separate membership forms required).

Membership Renewal

Society memberships fall due on 1 January annually. **PLEASE NOTE the membership fees**, shown above, which were approved by a vote at the AGM in 2025.

No member is entitled to vote for the election of Council if his/her subscription to the Society has not been paid on or before 15 February of the current year, nor to vote at an EGM / AGM if his/her subscription has not been paid by the date of the meeting. Please have your membership card ready to show on arrival.

If subscriptions have not been received by the time we send out the Spring Magazine, a reminder slip is enclosed with it. Members can pay their subscription by bank transfer, or by cheque/PO made payable to The Fell Pony Society and by Standing order dated 1 January. (We hope that by *next* year we will be able to take card payments or Direct Debit, but we do not accept them yet.)



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FPS Stallion Licensing

	Includes DNA/FIS	Already FIS tested**	Already DNA typed**	Already DNA/FIS**
UK Member	£120	£80	£70	£25
UK Non Member	£240	£200	£190	£50
Overseas Member*	£125	£85	£75	£30
Overseas Non Member*	£245	£205	£195	£60

*Apply to the office for the appropriate fees if DNA/FIS tests are to be carried out through an overseas lab.

If either the FIS test or the DNA typing (overseas) has **not been done through the FPS then a letter will also be required from the vet who took the sample, confirming that the identity of the pony was checked.

Information for EU owners and breeders

Breeders in the EU are encouraged to register their foals with the Fell Pony Society once the passport has been issued in their home country.

The FPS can issue the non statutory pedigree pages normally included in the FPS passports. These pages will be issued as a separate document, providing the passport has been issued as per the FPS regulations, and this would confirm registration in the FPS Stud Book.

NB the entry can only be added to FPS Stud book if the application is as per the FPS rules.

There should be no need for DNA typing providing the passport has been issued in the year of birth.

Fell Ponies will not be included in the UK Grassroots online database unless they are first registered in the FPS Stud book.

The Society can:

- issue stallion licences, stallion service books and accept service details online.
  (Please also note that applications for a FPS stallion licence can usually only be considered for ponies already registered with the FPS or NFPS, so please check with the FPS.)
- Process applications and renewals for FPS membership
- issue FIS test kits
- issue DNA test kits
- issue prefix applications to register a prefix with the Central prefix register in the UK.

Please get in touch with the FPS office if you want to find out more about registering your Fell Pony with the Society.



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Please see the International Affiliates page of the web site.

https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/affiliates.htm

Members of FPS Council will from time to time act as an Overseas Sub-Committee.

Editorial

Considering it's January, I've received an extraordinary amount of material for this issue, notably from overseas members. Many thanks to you all, and especially to Claire Simpson who is our Press Officer and writes and collects the show reports, photographs and owner-and-pony profiles. Well done *all* of you, especially those who have sent material early knowing that the AGM is a week sooner than usual. I know many of you have heavy responsibilities at home or work, and I appreciate your dedication!

The DTP software I use to lay-out the Magazine has some miraculous functions (eg making the Table of Contents on p4), but sometimes the copy that comes to me is beyond its aid. Before you send, please do read the Submission Guidelines. They are available on the Magazines page of the web site, and they are meant to help! That will save us both the trouble of me asking you to sort out copy that's unusable as it stands.

Magazine Advertising

We will occasionally print ads if they are Fell-related. No full page spreads or colour. The page size is A5 portrait. Advertising fees, per issue, are:

- FPS members, Half page (1 column or 2 half columns) £50, Quarter page £25.

- non members, Half page (1 column or 2 half columns) £100, Quarter page £50.

Web site Advertising

Don't forget that you can advertise ponies and Fell-related items for sale for 3 months on the Society's web site. Send ads to the FPS Office: the service is FREE to members. Breeders' individual Stud ads can go on the web site for 12 months.

Articles for the next issue

Do you fancy writing something longer for Thinking Space? There is no set theme but articles MUST include practical suggestions for improving something or trying something new with Fells. I will print any reply to a Thinking Space article in the following issue.

As always, it's the personal stories that you send to me that make this Magazine special - so many letters and profiles about ponies cheerfully doing the ordinary stuff that all our lives are made of.

This is one of the points about our FPS Magazine that make it quite different from other breeds' Year Books, so do keep writing about your ponies!

The deadline for the Autumn 2026 issue of the Magazine is **1st October**.

Have a good year!

Sue Millard

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Searching the Web Site

Whether you want information about the ponies, the Society, the breed's history, welfare issues, showing, conservation, membership, Council, or what-have-you, just go straight to the FPS web site, https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk.

Menu and Search

There's a comprehensive Menu and a Search function that examines the whole site, and between them they will provide you with correct information from the FPS. *Caution: Google and other search engines will often misdirect you to information that was copied years ago by unrelated sites, and which is now outdated.*

Council Agenda and Summaries of Minutes

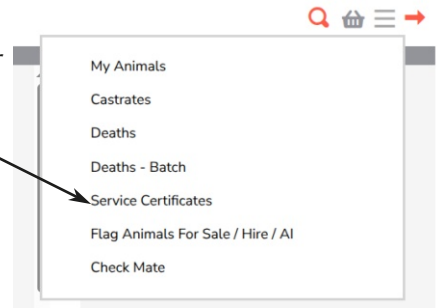
The Agenda and Summaries of Council Meetings can be found via links on the About The Society page. Summaries are published 2 meetings in arrears, ie, after matters have been discussed and after the minutes of that meeting have been approved by Council at a subsequent meeting.

Recording a Stallion Service via Grassroots

You can log in to the Grassroots database at https://breeds.grassroots.co.uk/FELL - or use the live link on the Health page of the FPS web site.

Complete a Stallion Service Slip:

- Click the 3 bars "menu" icon in top right corner of the screen
- Click Service Certificates in that menu
- Click Stallion/colt name
- Click Mating type (natural or AI)
- Enter the Dates of Service (from/to)
- Enter the Name of Female served
- Click Submit



You should then receive an email acknowledging the successful receipt of these details.

If you don't receive an email the information has not been recorded and you should contact the Society without delay.

- Service certificates/notifications of coverings online must be notified by 31 December in the year of covering; if not, any resulting foal will have to be DNA typed to confirm the sire prior to registration.
- If you are the stallion owner – please complete the correct covering dates or running from and to dates (including the year).
- If you are a mare owner using someone else's stallion, check with them that the relevant details have been lodged with the FPS by 31 December.
- If the service details have been successfully reported online then you (as the mare owner), as well as the stallion owner, will receive a system generated email to confirm the details. Keep this safe to accompany the foal registration/passport application.
- if the foal birth date seems unreasonably outside of the expected range from the covering dates, then the mare owner may be required to DNA test the foal to confirm the sire.

Grassroots Pedigree Data

For the extended pedigrees of ponies you need to look at the Grassroots database. Unlike Wiki-type 'pedigree' websites which can be changed by anyone, the data on Grassroots are input solely by the Society Office, which alongside our printed studbooks give an accurate record of ponies for our breed.

New FPS members receive a link to Grassroots via email when they join. You can log in at https://breeds.grassroots.co.uk/FELL - or use the live link on the Health page of the FPS web site. Use your FPS ID number plus your Password. Your ID number is most easily found on your Magazine packaging, on the address label. (Your annual membership receipt number is not your FPS ID.)

If you have forgotten your Password, then you need to go to the Grassroots Log In screen, put in your FPS ID number and "click to Reset Password". Grassroots will send you an email, to the email address that we have on record for you. You use the link in that email to reset your password.

THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

Company No 3233346

Registered Charity No 1104945

Nominations for Council 2026

The following retire from Council this year:

Mrs S Millard (2), Mrs C Robinson (1), Mr A Thorpe (0) who wish to stand for re-election, and Mrs E Walker, who has decided to retire. Mr J Greener has resigned.

Number of meetings missed during 5-year term in brackets ().

TO BE CHECKED

As there are 3 candidates for 5 places, with no further nominations, there will be no requirement for an election.

Thank You from Katherine

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards my retirement gifts.

Thank you also to everyone who sent messages, cards and individual gifts and to those of you who joined us for lunch at the Black Bull, Nateby.

I am truly overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity.

I am thoroughly enjoying 'retirement', particularly the additional time I have to spend with my ponies.

With very best wishes

Katherine

Brackenbank Fell Ponies





THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

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NOTICE OF THE FELL PONY SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on Saturday 28 March 2026 at 1.00 pm

At Orton Market Hall, Orton CA10 3RJ

AGENDA

Video Presentation followed by Q&A – Equine Legacy Project

"Fading Hoofprints"

Followed by

AGM

1 Apologies for absence
2 Approval and adoption of Annual General Meeting Minutes, 5 April 2025
3 Matters arising from the Minutes
4 Chairman's Report
5 Secretary/Treasurer's Report
6 Election of Council
7 Adoption of Accounts for year ended 31 October 2025
8 Resolution to appoint Dodd & Co Accountants as Accountants to the Society
9 Presentation of Awards
10 Reports from Sub-Committees, Areas and Branches
11 Any Other Business

Members should notify the Secretary, in writing, of any matters relating to the Accounts, or any matter requiring a detailed answer that they wish to include in the Agenda under "Any Other Business". The Society's officers can then respond fully to any concerns. However, such business, if not raised in this way, will not be discussed. Notifications must be received by the Secretary no later than **Friday 14 March 2026**.

Notice of General Meeting – Memorandum and Articles of Association

5.2 The accidental omission to give notice to, or non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any person entitled to receive notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

Directions to Orton Market Hall CA10 3RJ

From Junction 38 of the M6, take the B6260, signed to Orton and Appleby. Follow the road for three miles to Orton – the Market Hall is in the centre of the village opposite Kennedys Chocolates.

The Fell Pony Society

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 October 2025

Company registration number: 03233346
Charity registration number: 1104945

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The Fell Pony Society

Reference and Administrative Details

Secretaries	K Wilkinson	(Resigned 1 November 2025)
	B E Richardson	(Appointed 1 November 2025)
Accountant	Dodd & Co Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW	

The Fell Pony Society

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The Fell Pony Society

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	The Fell Pony Society	
Charity registration number	1104945	
Company registration number	03233346	
Principal office	Bank House Boroughgate APPLEBY-IN-WESTMORLAND CA16 6XF	
Registered office	FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW	
Trustees	P Boustead, Chairman	
	P Metcalfe, Vice chairman	(Appointed 5 April 2025)
	J E Greener	(Resigned 16 September 2025)
	A W Bell	
	R J Brunskill	
	D Chadwick	(Appointed 5 April 2025)
	S A Charlton	(Resigned 5 April 2025)
	G M Cockbain	(Resigned 5 April 2025)
	M R Goddard	(Resigned 5 April 2025)
	J Grealish	(Appointed 5 April 2025)
	T E Lloyd	
	G H B Mallinson	
	H G Mawrey	
	C S Millard	
	W S Potter	
	J L Rawden	
	C H Robinson	
	C E Simpson	
	A Thorpe	
	K Turner	
	E A Walker	
	E J Whitley	
	D Wilkinson	

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, as amended by the Charities Act 2022, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, Memorandum and Articles of Association, a deed of trust and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2016.

The trustees have reviewed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems or procedures have been put in place to manage those risks.

Trustees recruitment and training

Trustees are appointed as per the Society's Memorandum & Articles, 8.1 - 8.6.6, as follows –

Council consists of twenty members of the Society. Four members of the Council retire each year but are eligible for immediate re-election at the Annual General Meeting without further nomination. Members shall not be eligible for election to the Council unless they have been Voting Members of the Society for a period of at least five consecutive years.

Nominations for the Council shall be delivered to the Secretary on or before 1st January preceding the Annual General Meeting. Nomination forms will be supplied by the Secretary on request. Nomination forms must be signed by two members qualified to vote at the meeting (the proposer and seconder respectively) and the person proposed must sign the nomination form to signify his or her willingness to be appointed.

The person proposed shall include in the nomination form a statement not exceeding 250 words in support of his or her election. No written canvassing other than the statement in the nomination form shall be permitted.

Election to the Council shall be by way of secret postal vote as follows:

The proposer shall have responsibility for ensuring that the nomination is given to the Secretary on or before 1st January preceding the Annual General Meeting.

Ballot papers listing all validly nominated candidates shall be posted to all paid up members entitled to vote (paid their subscription on or before 15 February) at their addresses set out in the register of members not less than twenty one clear days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting.

Completed ballot papers shall be returned to the scrutineer appointed by the Council in a sealed envelope marked "Fell Pony Society Election of Council" to reach the scrutineer not less than ten days before the date appointed for the Annual General Meeting and it is the responsibility of members to ensure delivery. Non UK residents may return their ballot paper by facsimile or e-mail to the scrutineer.

Only correctly completed ballot papers shall be valid and no other form of vote will be accepted.

The validity of any ballot paper shall be determined by the scrutineer.

The result of the ballot shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting.

Newly elected trustees are issued with a Declaration of Eligibility and a Confidentiality Statement to read and sign.

New information sent to the Society by the Charity Commission is forwarded to all trustees.

Objectives and activities

The Fell Pony Society's aim is to foster and keep pure the old breed of pony which has roamed the northern fells for years and to circulate knowledge and general information about the pony breed.

The Society's principal activity during the year was acting as a Breed Society and Passport Issuing Office (approved by DEFRA), dealing with registration of ponies/issuing and updating of passports, applications for memberships, publishing a Stud Book and producing two magazines for the benefit of members. The magazine provides a wealth of information about the administration of the Society, news and reports on events held and forthcoming events, merchandise available to purchase and awards presented.

In determining these objectives and activities the Trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

The overall number of members was slightly less than in 2024, a reflection of ongoing cost of living crisis. Although membership was lower Subscription income showed an increase following the membership rate increase in January 2025, this helped cover the increasing operating costs.

Society Breed Shows were well supported in 2025 by both exhibitors as well as spectators. There is new and continued interest in the Fell Pony, which is pleasing to see. The overseas interest in Fell Pony continues to develop across many different countries spreading the word as to how versatile the breed is.

Fell pony society Display Team had various exhibitions throughout the summer, educating audiences of the general public at country events, giving Fell Ponies a public presence at country shows by performing musical rides and pageants with commentary.

Learning with fells events held in 2025 included educational visits to studs open to members who can learn all aspects of breeding, handling and seeing ponies being kept in their natural environment.

The Probationary judges scheme advanced the current probationary judges through the societies scheme, progressing individuals onto the breed panel following annual reviews of their knowledge and application of the breed standard.

Members of the Society have access to the Grassroots registry which gives access to the Society's pedigree database. An additional feature has been added called Check Mate which creates a simple 'What If' pedigree with common ancestors highlighted.

The Annual sale held in October has a great number of attendees, attracting interest from UK and International buyers. The prices at the sale were not as high as previous, the increasing costs of keeping ponies especially due to the severe hay shortage in many regions and economic pressures may have hindered prices.

The Society is looking forward to working to promote the Fell Pony in the coming year and supporting members for a successful 2026.

Financial review

See analysis following report and statements.

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the Charity. This review encompassed the nature of the Society's continued commitments and future growth.

The review concluded that to allow the Charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, a general reserve equivalent to approximately 75% or 9 months of fund expenditure should be maintained.

The total unrestricted reserves held by the charity at 31 October 2025 were £199,614 with free reserves of £186,439 which exceeds the current reserves policy.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 13 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

P Boustead
Trustee

P Metcalfe
Trustee

The Fell Pony Society

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees (who are also directors of The Fell Pony Society for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard 102 - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

The Fell Pony Society

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 October 2025, which are set out on pages 7 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Joanne Thomlinson FCA
Dodd & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

FIFTEEN Rosehill
Montgomery Way
Rosehill Estate
CARLISLE
CA1 2RW

13 January 2026

The Fell Pony Society

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	9,283	7,500	16,783	12,799
Other trading activities	3	2,030	-	2,030	1,988
Investment income	4	4,298	-	4,298	3,390
Charitable activities	5	72,120	-	72,120	70,198
Total income and endowments		87,731	7,500	95,231	88,375
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		91,179	13,536	104,715	99,396
Total expenditure		91,179	13,536	104,715	99,396
Net expenditure before transfers		(3,448)	(6,036)	(9,484)	(11,021)
Transfers					
Transfers between funds		82,541	(82,541)	-	-
Net movements in funds		79,093	(88,577)	(9,484)	(11,021)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		120,521	101,820	222,341	233,362
Total funds carried forward		199,614	13,243	212,857	222,341

All of the Charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above periods.

The Fell Pony Society

Company registration number: 03233346

Balance Sheet as at 31 October 2025

	Note	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		13,175		13,185
Current assets					
Stocks and work in progress		5,359		6,677	
Debtors	12	3,054		3,251	
Cash at bank and in hand		198,022		207,037	
		206,435		216,965	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(6,753)		(7,809)	
Net current assets			199,682		209,156
Net assets			212,857		222,341
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds			13,243		101,820
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			199,614		120,521
Total charity funds			212,857		222,341

For the financial year ended 31 October 2025, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 13 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

P Boustead
Trustee

P Metcalfe
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The charitable company meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

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Income and endowments

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the Charity before the Charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the Charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administor/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measured with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the Charity.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Where services or facilities are provided to the Charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this benefit is included in the financial statements at its fair value unless its fair value cannot be realiably measured, then at cost to the donor or the resale value of the goods that are to be sold.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

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Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Equipment	25% reducing balance basis
Trophies	Not depreciated

The trophies are included at market value and as the residual value is likely to be at least equal to their cost, no depreciation has been charged on these assets.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs. Items donated for resale or distribution are not included in the financial statements until they are sold or distributed.

Trade Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the Charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Liabilities

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the Charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Operating leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and legacies				
Donations	9,283	-	9,283	4,784
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	15
	9,283	-	9,283	4,799
Grants				
Horserace betting levy board	-	7,500	7,500	8,000
	9,283	7,500	16,783	12,799

Of the donations and legacies income in 2024, £4,799 related to unrestricted funds and £8,000 related to restricted funds.

Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Advertising and sponsorship	2,030	-	2,030	1,988

All of the other trading activites income in 2024 related to unrestricted funds.

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Deposit account interest	4,298	-	4,298	3,390

All of the investment income in 2024 related to unrestricted funds.

5 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Subscriptions	35,030	-	35,030	32,645
Affiliation fees	437	-	437	433
AI permit	50	-	50	150
Miscellaneous	801	-	801	1,110
FIS income	2,510	-	2,510	2,930
Stud books and promotional merchandise	6,079	-	6,079	5,936
Shows and other events	8,253	-	8,253	6,929
Registration	6,075	-	6,075	5,870
Transfers	7,870	-	7,870	6,890
Stallion licences	2,755	-	2,755	3,625
DNA	1,205	-	1,205	2,010
Pony sales list	80	-	80	60
Duplicate passports	530	-	530	485
Prefix applications	445	-	445	1,125
	72,120	-	72,120	70,198

All of the income from charitable activities in 2024 related to unrestricted funds.

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6 Expenditure

	Promoting and running the society	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Direct costs			
Upkeep of fell pony	7,458	7,458	9,600
Shows and other events	6,646	6,646	8,471
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	6,078	6,078	5,181
Stud books and promotional merchandise	5,665	5,665	4,702
Staff costs	38,242	38,242	32,976
Affiliation fees	377	377	152
Prefix registrations	380	380	716
FIS expenses	2,310	2,310	2,313
DNA expenses	2,913	2,913	4,156
Honoraria	1,674	1,674	1,596
	71,743	71,743	69,863
Support costs			
Travelling	85	85	62
Insurance	5,621	5,621	5,161
Telephone	886	886	765
Office expenses	105	105	99
Computer expenses	1,387	1,387	1,026
Printing, stationery and equipment	8,472	8,472	6,549
Postage	9,821	9,821	10,755
Office rent	2,048	2,048	1,800
Trustee meeting venue hire	279	279	196
Accountancy fees	2,858	2,858	1,716
Independent examiner's fee	600	600	600
Legal and professional fees	800	800	800
Depreciation of equipment	-	-	4
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	10	10	-
	32,972	32,972	29,533
	104,715	104,715	99,396

Of the expenditure in 2024, £84,615 related to unrestricted funds and £14,781 related to restricted funds.

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7 Governance costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accountancy fees	2,858	1,716
Independent examiner's fee	600	600
Trustee meeting venue hire	279	196
Legal and professional fees	800	800
	4,537	3,312

8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year 1 trustee received a honorarium totalling £1,074 (2024 - £996).

9 Net expenditure

Net expenditure is stated after charging:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	10	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	4

10 Employees' remuneration

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	4	4

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	38,242	32,976

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2024 - No. 0).

The key management personnel comprise the Trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the Charity were £0 (2024 - £0).

The Fell Pony Society

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Trophies £	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 November 2024	6,647	13,175	19,822
Disposals	(6,647)	-	(6,647)
As at 31 October 2025	-	13,175	13,175
Net book value			
As at 31 October 2025	-	13,175	13,175
As at 31 October 2024	10	13,175	13,185

12 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	-	424
Prepayments and accrued income	3,054	2,827
	3,054	3,251

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	2,295	4,793
Other creditors	826	340
Accruals and deferred income	3,632	2,676
	6,753	7,809

14 Members' liability

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

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15 Operating lease commitments

As at 31 October 2025 the charity had total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Other	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Within one year	569	569
Within two and five years	1,707	2,276
	2,276	2,845

16 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees who are all directors of the company.

17 Analysis of funds

	At 1 November 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 October 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds					
General fund	120,521	87,731	(91,179)	82,541	199,614
Restricted Funds					
Horserace Betting Levy Board	11,821	7,500	(6,078)	-	13,243
Fell Pony Upkeep	89,999	-	(7,458)	(82,541)	-
	101,820	7,500	(13,536)	(82,541)	13,243
	222,341	95,231	(104,715)	-	212,857

Horserace Betting Levy Board - grant received to cover prize expenditure and premiums payable.

Fell Pony Upkeep - legacy received for the upkeep of one fell pony. Following the death of the pony the remaining funds have been transferred to unrestricted.

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Prior period

	At 1 November 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 October 2024
	£	£	£	£
General Funds			-	
General fund	124,761	80,375	(84,615)	120,521
Restricted Funds				
Horserace Betting Levy Board	9,002	8,000	(5,181)	11,821
Fell Pony Upkeep	99,599	-	(9,600)	89,999
	108,601	8,000	(14,781)	101,820
	233,362	88,375	(99,396)	222,341

18 Transfers

The transfer of £82,541 to unrestricted relates to a leagacy received in 2018. The original purpose of the legacy was to contribute to the care of two fell ponies and on the death of the last of these fell ponies, the restricteion on the funds is lifted and the balance transferred to the charity's unrestricted funds to use towards its charitable purpose.

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19 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	13,175	-	13,175	13,185
Current assets	193,192	13,243	206,435	216,965
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(6,753)	-	(6,753)	(7,809)
Net assets	199,614	13,243	212,857	222,341

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	13,185	-	13,185	13,189
Current assets	115,145	101,820	216,965	227,052
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(7,809)	-	(7,809)	(6,879)
Net assets	120,521	101,820	222,341	233,362

The Fell Pony Society

Detailed Income and Expenditure Analysis for the Year Ended 31 October 2025

	2025	2024
Income	£	£
Donations	9,283	4,784
Advertising and sponsorship	2,030	1,988
Deposit account interest	4,298	3,390
Subscriptions	35,030	32,645
Affiliation fees	437	433
AI permit	50	150
Miscellaneous	801	1,125
FIS income	2,510	2,930
Stud books and promotional merchandise	6,079	5,936
Shows and other events	8,253	6,929
Registration	6,075	5,870
Transfers	7,870	6,890
Stallion licences	2,755	3,625
Horserace betting levy board	7,500	8,000
DNA	1,205	2,010
Pony sales list	80	60
Duplicate passports	530	485
Prefix applications	445	1,125
	95,231	88,375
Expenditure		
Upkeep of fell ponies	7,458	9,600
Shows and other events	6,646	8,471
Prizes - premiums (H.B.L.B)	6,078	5,181
Stud books and promotional merchandise	5,665	4,702
Staff costs	38,242	32,976
Affiliation fees	377	152
Prefix registrations	380	716
FIS expenses	2,310	2,313
DNA expenses	2,913	4,156
Honoraria	1,674	1,596
Insurance	5,621	5,161
Travelling	85	62
Telephone, office and computer expenses	2,378	2,090
Printing, stationery and equipment	8,472	6,549
Postage	9,821	10,755
Office rent	2,048	1,800
Trustee meeting venue hire	279	196
Accountancy and independent examiner's fee	3,458	2,316
Legal and professional fees	800	800
Depreciation of equipment	-	4
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	10	-
	104,715	99,396
	(9,484)	(11,021)

Performance Points and Youngstock Awards 2025

Congratulations to all those who took part in the 2025 awards. Once again though, I am a bit puzzled and disappointed that more people don't have a go? There are always lots of posts on Facebook about people getting out and about to all kinds of events, yet relatively few take part in these premiums. There are lovely rosettes to win, with your pony's name on, trophies for many of the sections, plus CASH PRIZES in the main ones – what's not to like? Just have a look on the website under the Awards section to see what you can compete in and how to go about entering. Any questions, feel free to email me.

Christine Robinson
christine@kerbeck-fell-ponies.co.uk

Awards 2025

Foal (2 entries)

1st Hollowtops Ms Dynamite FP7832.
Boutime Wooster x Greenrivers Ruth Lea.
Owner/Exhib Emma Drewett.
415 points

2nd Kerbeck Solway Storm FP74065.
Greenholme Neil x Kerbeck Night Breeze.
Owner/Exhib Christine Robinson.
395 points

Yearling (5 entries)

1st Wellbrow Rhianna FP7591.
Rackwood Victor x Wellbrow Eleanor.
Owner Judith Butterworth. Exhibitor Brian Butterworth.
665 points

2nd Greenholme Sienna FP7569.
Heltondale Prince V x Thistlebank My Fair Lady.
Owner/Exhib Frank, Morwen and Shonagh Lawson.
585 points

3rd Ellergill Edna FP7585.
Lunesdale Ace of Spades x Cringlemire Rosie Lee.
Owner/Exhib Miss G Ellis & Mrs SR Stewart.
445 points

4th Hardendale Capri FP7542.
Lunesdale Dixie x Hardendale Liberty.
Owner/Exhib Mr and Mrs KS Ellis.
300 points

5th Fleetham Dubonnet and Gin FP7419.
Boutime Wooster x Lownthwaite Cointreau.
Owner/Exhib Susan J Lamb.
100 points

Two year Old (1 entry)

Greenholme Ruby II FP7403.
Greenholme Neil x Wansfell Goldie.
Owner/Exhib Christine Robinson.
80 points

Three Year Old (1 entry)

Fleetham Judith's Rose FP7357.
Wildhoeve Adiction x Greenholme Rose.
Owner/Exhib Susan J Lamb.
795 points

Four Year Old and over In Hand (5 entries)

1st Wellbrow Crystal FP5045.
Heltondale Mountain Mist II x Wellbrow Jade.
Owner/Exhib Anne Peters.
380 points

2nd Kerbeck Night Breeze FP5244.
Greenholme Bobby Dazzler x Kerbeck Night Rose.
Owner/Exhib Christine Robinson.
230 points

3rd Lydvale Pearl FP6169.
Greenholme Eddy x Waverhead Jewel III.
Owner/Exhib Paul Viney
220 points

4th= Lydvale Florence FP6453.
Greenholme Eddy x Lydvale Alice.
Owner/Exhib Linda Lee
110 points

4th= Lydvale Leo FP73032G.
Greenholme Eddy x Lydvale Alice.
Owner/Exhib Diana McGrail
110 points

Four year Old and over Performance (2 entries)

1st Lydvale Leo FP73032G.
Owner/Exhib Diana McGrail.
850 points

2nd Boyndlie Endeavour FP73229G*.
Bluecaps Marcus x Boyndlie Black Rose.
Owner/Exhib Mrs J Cheetham/Emily Cheetham.
440 points

Junior Performance (1 entry)

Boyndlie Endeavour FP73229G*.
Owner/Exhib Mrs J Cheetham/Emily Cheetham.
440 points

Junior Handler (2 entries)

1st Greenrivers Holly FP6485.
Murthwaite Tot x Newburghhill Alice.
Owner/Exhib Katy Pickering
1650 points

2nd Lownthwaite Heidi FP479.
Peepings Raven x Lownthwaite Bramble.
Owner Alison Bell. Exhibitor Mary Bell.
650 points

Dressage (4 entries)

1st Waverhead Fantasy FP623.
Lownthwaite Gary x Waverhead Molly.
Owner Frank and Morven Lawson. Exhibitor James Cameron.
1510 points

2nd Lydvale Leo FP73032G.
Owner/Exhib Diana McGrail. 290 points

3rd Wellbrow Crystal FP5045*.
Owner/Exhib Anne Peters.
260 points

4th Boyndlie Endeavour FP73229G*.
Owner/Exhib Mrs J Cheetham/Emily Cheetham.
230 points

Driving (1 entry)

1st Lydvale Florence FP6453.
Owner/Exhib Linda Lee.
150 points

Trec (2 entries)

1st Boyndlie Endeavour FP73229G*.
Owner/Exhib Mrs J Cheetham/Emily Cheetham.
80 points

2nd Boyndlie Black Rose FP4876.
Carrock I'm Yer Man x Greenholme Kirstie.
Owner/Exhib Jacqueline Cheetham.
50 points

Champion Stallion - Greenholme Eddy

Champion Mare - Lydvale Alice

Breeders Trophy

All In Hand exhibits at the FPS Stallion & Colt Show, the FPS Breed Show and FPS Southern Show are automatically entered for the Breeders' Trophy. The award is calculated on a points basis. The winner for 2025 was Mrs Vychinski's Boutime stud.

1 Boutime
2 Bracklinn
3 Greenholme
4 Dalewin
5 Rainesmill
6 Brackenbank

Peter Boustead

Nominated Awards

The Queen's Trophy: awarded to the Wilkinson family

The Edinburgh Prize: awarded to Tom Lloyd

The Lownthwaite Rob Trophy: awarded to Jane Rawden's Murthwaite Looks Promising

The Peahill Basil Trophy: awarded to Alison Bell's Lownthwaite Heidi

Nominations for next year may be sent at any time. You can nominate yourself / your pony, or someone else who deserves mention. Details are on the FPS web site on the Awards page.

Performance and Youngstock Awards: Winner Profiles

As ever, a big 'Thank You!' to Christine Robinson who has run the Performance and Youngstock Award scheme for many years. A few details of the section winners follow below. All prize-winners who can attend will be presented with their awards at the AGM, which will be held at Orton, Cumbria on Saturday 28 March.

The performance and the driving sections were taken by full-sibling ponies, Lydvale Florence and Lydvale Leo, and the points they have earned make their parents Greenholme Eddy and Lydvale Alice the Champion Stallion and Champion Mare.

Foal

Hollowtop Ms Dynamite (Boutime Wooster x Greenrivers Ruth Lea); Owner/Exhibitor Emma Drewett.

Hollowtop Ms Dynamite, aka Stella, had a fantastic season taking championships and reserves, beating off older horses.



She has taken all the shows in her stride, including busy County shows, and Emma is very much looking forward to their future together.

Yearling

Wellbrow Rhianna (Rackwood Victor x Wellbrow Eleanor); Owner Judith Butterworth, Exhibitor Brian Butterworth

Judith reports that Rhianna attended a few shows over the year to gain experience; and she topped off a good season by taking the youngstock championship and overall reserve



in hand at their final show of the year at Bolton and District Riding Club Championship show.

The family plan to give Rhianna more experience by contesting youngstock classes again this year.

Two Year Old

Greenholme Ruby II (Greenholme Neil x Wansfell Goldie) Owner/Exhibitor Christine Robinson

Greenholme Ruby II originally came to Christine from Bill Potter as a foal to keep her colt company during weaning.

Later the following year Bill asked Christine if she would like to buy her, and Christine replied, 'Yes please!'

Ruby has matured into a lovely, friendly pony and was very well behaved at the shows she attended in 2025.





Two Year Old Greenholme Ruby II

Three Year Old

Fleetham Judith's Rose (Jude) (Wildhoeve Adiction x Greenholme Rose) Owner/ Exhibitor Susan Lamb

2025 was Jude's final year in youngstock classes, and most successful, achieving 8 firsts, 2 seconds and 3 reserve championships.

Winning the 3 year old section of the FPS Points Awards means that she has completed the hat-trick, having previously won the yearling and 2 year old sections; giving Sue even more to be pleased about.

Jude has had wonderful comments from judges and fellow competitors including 'she floats', 'your filly is beautiful', 'this pony can move', 'there is a lot to like here', 'I love everything about this pony' and 'her future should be exciting'. She has grown quite a following with judges, fellow competitors, show organisers and spectators.

This year her outings included the FPS Breed Show, a first time for Sue, where Jude was second in her class; and the FPS foal and Youngstock show where she won her class and took the best 3 year old award. Other highlights included wins at the Border Union and Glendale agricultural shows making Sue proud to have a homebred win at their local, larger shows.

With Jude's successes this year she would have qualified for some in-hand finals had they joined the relevant organisations; with hindsight Sue feels that she should have taken the plunge and joined; but she felt that they wouldn't be good enough….now she thinks she might have been wrong about this.

Four year Old and over, In Hand

Wellbrow Crystal (Heltondale Mountain Mist II x Wellbrow Jade)

Owner/Exhibitor Anne Peters

Anne has owned Wellbrow Crystal (16) for seven years, prior to which she had been a brood mare producing four lovely foals.

She is Anne's first Fell pony and now she wishes she had bought one sooner, as Crystal is such a good all round pony, able to turn her hoof to anything. They like to get out to Wimborne and District Riding club, where, as well as in hand they compete in a mixture of events from showing and dressage, to handy pony and fancy dress. Anne's looking forward to getting out and about in 2026 and having another go at dressage to music which they tried for the first time last September.



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Border Union Show 2025

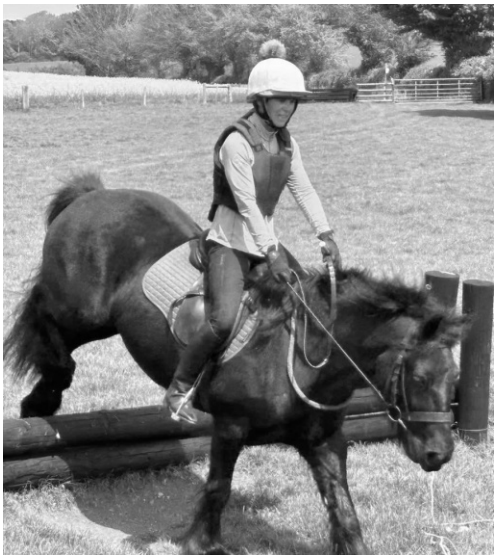


Four Year Old and over, Performance

Lydvale Leo (Greenholme Eddy x Lydvale Alice); Owner/Exhibitor Diana McGrail

Diana first met Leo as a 2 year old, kicking his stable door to get attention.

She bought him as an unbacked 3 year old from Bob and Sue McNamara and has had him for five years. She backed him herself, first sitting on the cheeky 4 year old when it was obvious that he needed something to do; he's quite a character.



His favourite trick is to take out electric fence posts in the field with his teeth, reducing the height of the tape so that he can jump over.

The pair have lessons most weeks and are taking the opportunity to have a go at most things. They have done riding club clinics - flatwork and jumping, cross country, dressage, show jumping and handy pony competitors.

Diana says that she is trying to get him going forward more, which will improve his dressage marks and help him with his jumping; adding that "once the handbrake comes off he has amazing paces."

Junior & TREC Sections

Boyndlie Endeavour (Bluecaps Marcus x Boyndlie Black Rose); Owner/Exhibitor Mrs J Cheetham/Emily Cheetham

Boyndlie Endeavour was a lockdown baby, named after a space rocket. The family originally had plans to use him for breeding and took him to a few in hand shows as a youngster; even travelling all the way from Aberdeenshire to the Stallion Show in 2022.

Emily broke him to ride herself whilst he was still entire and attended a few clinics and lessons. People were surprised to hear he was a stallion, as his behaviour in an arena was always better than in the lorry park.



Stephen Hammond Photography

However, they had to take the practical decision to geld him in 2025.

A gentle introduction to competitions followed, with super performances in jumping, dressage and most recently TREC; and very encouraging comments in every dressage test. So, lots to look forward to in the future for this bright partnership.

Dressage

Waverhead Fantasy (Lownthwaite Gary x Waverhead Molly); Owners Frank & Morven Lawson, Exhibitor James Cameron

James Cameron feels hugely honoured to win the dressage section with Waverhead Fantasy. He reports that when her owners,



HKF Photography



the Lawsons, suggested that they tried some dressage, he thought it was a great idea to help her focus and gain confidence.

James loves riding her as she tries so hard to improve. They started with some local unaffiliated competitions, but soon decided to affiliate her. A the My Quest semi-finals at Fife, in the Autumn they qualified for both the Introductory and Prelim classes.

Fantasy performed amazingly well, and they soon found themselves heading ten hours south to Arena UK for the My Quest Introductory Finals in November where, despite the awful weather, they finished in the top half among big dressage horses.

James says that since then, it seems that Fantasy has finally found her confidence and self-belief as she is now producing results around the 70% consistently at Prelim level.

So, in the future, he hopes to aim as high as possible, and to try some dressage to music; but the most important thing is that he and Fantasy continue to enjoy each other and develop their relationship.

James would like to say 'Many thanks' to the Lawsons, for giving him this opportunity.

Junior Handler

Greenrivers Holly (Murthwaite Tot x Newburghhill Alice); Owner/Exhibitor Katy Pickering

Katy Pickering reports that thirteen year old Layla, winner of the new Junior Handler section, has gained a lot of confidence through showing Greenrivers Holly (Willow), who is their first Fell pony. They compete with her in M&M, rare breeds and turnout, as well as young handler classes.

Willow was purchased in September 2024 from a family in Wales, where she had been a field ornament for a number of years. So, she had done little and was very green. Their patience has paid off, and she has proved to be an amazing pony, a credit to the breed and her breeder.

Their Winter plan is to do some dressage and then try to qualify for ESUK, Equifest and Sunshine tour, as they had the pleasure of competing at ESUK last year.

Willow and Layla won the evening In Hand Horse Championship there, having qualified in the Rare and Foreign Breeds class.

Endurance

Townend Wispa (Heltondale Bonzo Boy x Townend Ripple), Owner/Exhibitor Karen Hynes

Wispa, aka Doris/Dozza, topped the pleasure ride mileage again after a very successful season with Endurance GB pleasure rides. They completed 30 different rides and covered another 722 kms.Karen is delighted with Dozza. She loves the rides and is always willing, and faces different challenges without any hesitation.

Claire Simpson



Driving

Lydvale Florence (Greenholme Eddy x Lydvale Alice), Owner/Exhibitor Linda Lee

I am so proud of Lydvale Florence, my 8 year old mare. We have just come to the end of our first driving season. She was backed under saddle at 7, but our plans were always for a ride and drive pony. I have been driving for over 30 years with natives and cobs but never a Fell.



We are lucky enough to know Bob and Sue McNamara of the Lydvale Stud. When we went to visit them, like going to buy a puppy we were "only going to look." Much to everyone's surprise Florence walked up to my husband, the one non-horsey person in the household, and picked him.

So, home came a 2 year old filly.

2025 started when the clocks changed and my friends Carl and Mel Wilton from the Great Western Harness Club offered to start Florence's driving career. We had already done a lot of groundwork, and after a month away she was home again.

Now we just needed miles under our belt, and what better way than to take up the British Driving Society "Drive 4 Fun" 2025 challenge. Our target for the Bronze Award was 100 accumulated miles by 31st October.

During the summer we ventured out to pleasure drives with the Great Western Harness Club drive and British Driving Society Devon. Everyone was so supportive.

Our highlight was a driving show in Cornwall with Tracey and Brian Ball organising, competing in our first novice driving class. Florence was amazing in the ring with 9 other turnouts and waited patiently for her turn. Well pleased with 6th, but better still the 1st in the driving skills class.

We achieved our 100 miles on 29th October. Our longest drive was 8.5 miles. Iin all my years of owning horses I have never previously worn out a new set of shoes between farrier visits! Bring on 2026.

Regards

Linda Edgson

COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH SECTION



Georgia Norton and Mosshey Centurion representing Meon Riding Club, champions at the NAF5 British Riding Clubs National Dressage championships*



Rodney Parrish

Linda Edgson and Lydvale Florence on a road drive, racking up miles towards the BDS Drive 4 Fun challenge of 100 miles driven in the year. Linda and Florence also won the FPS Points Awards section for Driving.

Sarah Cockelty's 4 year old Kinniside Annabell had a successful first show under saddle, winning both her novice classes at Sparket Equestrian Events, Greenlands



Simon Beedie



Claire Simpson

Champion at the Foal & Youngstock Show, Alistair Smith's Bracklinn Merryn (Rocky II x Bracklinn Alice)

Reserve Champion at the Foal & Youngstock Show, Hilary LIghtfoot's Waverfoot Songbird (Waverfoot Gary x Waverhead Skylark)



Claire Simpson



Real Time Imaging

Lownthwaite Heidi qualified at The North of England Show in June 2025 for the Senior Showing and Dressage Limited (SSADL) championship finals held at London International Horse Show.

Champion at the FPS Pre-Sale Show was Gareth and Rachel Dunn's 2 year old bay colt Meadowpark Masterpiece (Drybarrows Clearwater x Greenholme Blossom)



Claire Simpson

Lownthwaite Heidi at LIHS

London International Horse Show was the most magical and surreal experience.

Lownthwaite Heidi was amongst 36 senior horses/ponies to qualify for the Senior Showing and Dressage Limited (SSADL) championship finals held at LIHS. Heidi qualified for the in hand championship at The North of England Show in June 2025, giving me my first ever LIHS ticket.

The road to London was a long one, and for a pony who is more accustomed to living out on the fell I'm not sure what she really thought about being pampered and preened within an inch of her life. *(See photo opposite)*

Getting to London Excel on the Friday night was a mission -- who thought that driving a pick-up and trailer into London on the Friday before Christmas was a good idea? Once we arrived it was like a different world.

My daughters, Mary and Sarah, enjoyed taking part in the famous stable decorating competition, hanging tinsel and fairy lights from every corner of the stable whilst my groom/travel companion Lee-ann and I sipped Prosecco from paper cups with our neighbours whom we had just met.

Saturday morning was show time -- no more polishing or practising -- it was time to go out and enjoy the experience.

Stepping into the International Arena with my homebred mare was emotional. The nerves and butterflies disappeared, and pride and joy took their place. I've always enjoyed watching "Olympia" (now London International) on the TV and now I was in that famous arena with my Fell pony in tow.

The class itself didn't quite go to plan. Unfortunately Heidi didn't settle and she kept staring in bemusement at the gigantic TV screen suspended from the ceiling, as if wondering to herself, "How are those ponies trotting in the sky?"

All the same, the whole "London experience" was amazing. The atmosphere was like no other show I have ever been to -- a whirlwind unforgettable 36 hours.

Alison Bell

Voluntary DNA testing of maiden mares in 2026

Voluntary DNA testing of maiden mares (uncapped numbers) will be offered for maiden mares producing their first foal eligible for FPS registration in 2026.

The test will be paid by the FPS, UK and overseas via Weatherbys where possible but US breeders can use a lab in their own country and then be issued with a credit against future transactions once confirmation of amount paid is received, up to a maximum of £50.

On request the DNA kit will be issued with the passport application form for the foal. The passport for the mare should be made available for the vet at the time the hair sample is taken. The hair sample must be taken by a vet.

Parentage testing to be carried out where possible.

One test (per mare) only, will be paid for by the FPS.



Yearling Points Award winner Wellbrow Rhianna (Rackwood Victor x Wellbrow Eleanor) owned by Judith Butterworth and shown by Brian Butterworth (see p40)

Active bidding round the ring at the FPS Show and Sale, as the Wilkinson family bring in Reserve Champion Brackenbank Winston (Bybeck Angelo x Brackenbank Violet)



Claire Simpson

Endurance Awards

Competitive Rides

1st Lownthwaite Vincent - Janette Gilmour, 186km - Accumulated distance 2,504km

Pleasure Rides

1st Townend Wispa - Karen Hynes, 722km - Acc. 1,659km

2nd Shadowcroft Pagan Princess - Alison Knight, 189km - Acc. 1,072:5km

3rd Lownthwaite Vincent - Janette Gilmour, 135km

4th Greenholme Shandy - Tamara Habberley, 124km - Acc.335km

5th Stunstead Muscovado - John Adams, 41km - 1st Year

Well done to you all, and all the best for 2026.

The forms to be used are on the FPS website. Please contact me if you have a query or need any advice.

Please also make sure that if your results are in an email attachment it's in a format that I can read! Otherwise please post your form to me: Overdale, Crook Road, Staveley, Cumbria LA8 9NG.

If you need any advice: email me at fionacarradus682@btinternet.com or telephone 01539 821790.

Thank you

Fiona Carradus

Competitive Rides Winner (left) - Jeanette Gilmour and Lownthwaite Vincent, 186km in 2025; and (right) Pleasure Rides Winner - Karen Hynes and Townend Wispa, 722km in 2025





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"Junior Handler"
& Young Handlers Competition

The Support Groups put forward the idea of a new **Junior Handler section within the FPS Performance Awards Scheme**, starting last year and using the same form as the other points awards sections. See p43 for an account of this year's winner Katy Pickering. We would like to encourage you to record your successes in 2026.

The Points record card has been updated on the Awards page of the FPS web site so you can list your achievements in this section. For this section, the points card can now be signed by your parent or guardian rather than a judge or show secretary.

Junior members are also invited to take part in a new **"Young Handlers" competition**.

In the year from September to August, juniors can take part in Young Handlers classes at FPS affiliated shows, events, open days and so on, which qualify you to take part in a final at the FPS Breed Show.

Details can be found on the Awards page of the FPS web site, https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/awards.htm, and the FPS Facebook page.

Training Bursary 2026

The aim of the bursary is to offer a grant up to the value of £250 to a Fell Pony Society member under 25 years of age. See p78 for an account from last year's winner Annabel Fraser.

- Applicants who are under 18 as of 1 January 2026, must be current junior FPS members or their parent/guardian must be a current Full FPS member.
- Applicants over 18 must be current FPS members in their own right.
- Training must be completed on a registered Fell Pony.

The bursary may be used for:

- A series of lessons with an instructor, in any discipline.
- Attendance on a short, intensive training course with approved instructors.

The bursary will be paid to the successful candidate either direct to the instructor on production of an invoice, or by re-imbursement to the candidate on production of receipts for the training.

A condition of the successful application will be to send photos and write a short report for the FPS Magazine to say how the bursary has been used and what has been learnt.

If you are interested, please download the application form from the website (or request a form by email), and return it, either:

1) By post to The Fell Pony Society, Bank House, Broughgate, Appleby, CA16 6XF or

2) By email to secretary@fellponysociety.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 1 May 2026

The successful candidate will be notified by 31 May 2026.

FPS Trainee Judges Scheme

Assessment days are held periodically to assess the knowledge base of candidates and their motivations for becoming a judge.

Trainees are allocated to accompany established judges at shows and events each summer.

If you would like more information about the Trainee Judges Scheme please give Jenny or Michael a call or email using the contact details listed below.

Secretary - Jenny Grealish - 07557 309987, fpsjudgessecretary @gmail.com

Chairman - Michael Goddard - 07964 209243, michael.goddard2014 @gmail.com

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FPS Display Team

Once again the Team are looking forward to a busy show season.

We go to a variety of different events, from small Country Fairs to large County Shows, and all things between. They are mainly in Cumbria, but we do travel further afield at times.

At some events we take the Information and Sales tent, occasionally with a pony for the public to meet, and at others we take our ponies and put on a display portraying the history and uses of the ponies, plus a short ride to music.

17th May	Cragg House Farm Open Day, Buttermere.
End May/Start June	CountryFest, Westmorland Showground TBC
15th August	Arthington Show, Otley TBC
26th August	Ennerdale Show
2nd week September	Westmorland County Show TBC

If you would like to help out and showcase our wonderful ponies, either as Ground crew, or perhaps with a pony or two, then please get in touch through our Facebook page – Fell Pony Society Display Team - or email our Secretary Christine Robinson, christine@kerbeck-fell-ponies.co.uk.

Learning with Fells 2026

The Society will consider applications for LWF from any FPS member, irrespective of age.

It is hoped that sufficient numbers will come forward for visits to 2 or 3 studs during 2026.

If you're interested, please send an email to the FPS office secretary@fellponysociety.org by no later than 30 April 2026.

Stud Owners – if you think you could accommodate visitors, then please get in touch with the FPS office with possible dates.

There is a bursary, payable from the Mary and Henderson Dodd Memorial Fund, of £50 for each participant to assist with travelling expenses, provided at least two visits are attended.

Please, if you have been allocated a place and you can't attend, contact the host even if it's last minute. Unfortunately, in the past there have been many non attendees who don't even notify the host that they are not coming. Our hosts for these events give their precious time to share their ponies and it is only courteous to let them know if you are unable to attend.

FPS Show and Sale of Registered Fell Ponies - 25th October 2025

The Fell Pony Society Sale of Registered ponies has been a popular event in the Fell Pony calendar since 1957; so, for almost 70 years it has provided an opportunity for breeders to showcase their stock and been a great event for buyers to choose a registered Fell Pony. It is also a social occasion where enthusiasts can meet with friends and enjoy a day in the company of Fell pony folk.

With a varied entry of ponies, ranging from broodmares, ponies broken to ride or drive or ready to be backed, down to newly weaned foals, there was something for everyone at the 2025 sale, which was held at NWA Rural Auction Centre in South Cumbria. Many of the top quality ponies goin through this sale go on to have success for their new owners in the showring and as performance ponies or become excellent breeding stock.

The pre-sale show, judged by Glenis Cockbain, gave vendors an opportunity to exhibit their ponies, and potential buyers an opportunity to view the ponies out of the pens.

Glenis awarded the overall championship to Gareth and Rachel Dunn's Meadowpark Masterpiece, a 2 year old bay colt by Drybarrows Clearwater out of Greenholme Blossom. Masterpiece is a quality pony, purchased out of this sale as a foal, and selling this time for 2600 guineas (£2,730). *(See Colour photo pages)*

Reserve Champion was awarded to Brackenbank Winston, a black colt by Bybeck Angelo out of Brackenbank Violet from the Wilkinson family.

Glenis said that these ponies were well put together and stood out with their good movement and good bone.

The highest price was realised by Helen Wenden's Llanerchbrook Caraway, an 8 year old black mare by Waverhead Copper who had been used as a broodmare and successfully shown in-hand before being broken to ride. Caraway sold for 2800 guineas (£2,940).

The foals peaked at 2000 guineas (£2,100) for Greenholme Tamsyn by Greenholme Diego, and for Greenholme Tasha by Greenholme Quirky, both from John Potter.



Claire Simpson

Reserve Champion Brackenbank Winston, black colt by Bybeck Angelo x Brackenbank Violet.

Colt foals were topped by Brackenbank Jim Bob, a black colt by Bybeck Angelo, from the Wilkinson family, and selling to 1300 guineas (£1,365). The Wilkinson family were awarded the Isobel Potter Trophy, kindly provided by the Fell Pony Heritage Trust for the highest priced colt foal.

Thanks to NWA, everyone who exhibited and those who helped on the day.

If you are interested in buying through the annual Sale, but have questions, or are daunted by the process, please contact any FPS Council member who will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Claire Simpson

Numbers entered

Class 1 - 4 Years and Over - 14 entries; (Brood Mares x 3, Licensed Stallion x 1, Broken Ponies x 4)

Class 2 - 1-3 Year Olds - 25 entries

Class 3 - Colt or Filly Foal

Fillies x 21, Colts x 49.

Total entered for the sale 109

Foal and Youngstock Show - 2 November 2025

The Fell Pony Society Foal & Youngstock Show was held at Rookin House, Troutbeck, near Penrith, on 2 November. This was a new venue for the event, in a beautiful setting near Blencathra which looked magnificent in the glorious sunshine.

A good number of exhibitors brought their young ponies to compete and gain education and experience away from home, and a crowd of spectators enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with friends while watching this year's youngstock.



Claire Simpson

Judge Paul Metcalfe with his pick of the Youngstock Show entries: Champion, Alistair Smith's Bracklinn Merryn, and Reserve Champion, Hilary Lightfoot's Waverfoot Songbird

The judge, Paul Metcalfe from Killington, enjoyed his day and thought that the quality of the ponies was very good. Paul chose Alistair Smith's foal, Bracklinn Merryn, as the overall supreme champion of the day. This lovely filly impressed with her super bone, joints and movement and took the trophy for the highest placed Hill Bred foal.

Reserve Supreme went to Hilary Lightfoot from Wigton and her homebred yearling Waverfoot Songbird.

The Reserve champion foal had been placed second in the class for filly foals: this was Brackenbank Emily, owned by Katherine and David Wilkinson from Murton.

The second placed yearling, Halstone Dakota's Dream, took the reserve youngstock championship for Cally Wood from Hethersgill.

The Wilkinson family also won the prize for the best 2 year old with Brackenbank Lilibet.

Many thanks to the sponsors Brackenbank Fell Ponies; judge Paul Metcalfe; Rookin House; organisers and helpers; competitors; spectators and everyone who contributed to make this such an enjoyable event.

Claire Simpson



Claire Simpson

Reserve champion foal Brackenbank Emily, owned by Katherine and David Wilkinson

Results

Judge: Mr Paul Metcalfe

Class 1 Filly Foal

1st Bracklinn Merryn, FP7694, Owner & Breeder Mr A Smith

2nd Brackenbank Emily, FP7708, Owner & Breeder Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

3rd Greenholme That'll Do, FP7760, Owner & Breeder RJ & BK Potter

4th Horngill Dainty, FP7705, Owner & Breeder Mrs S Longrigg

5th Greenholme Truffles, FP7753, Owner & Breeder RJ & BK Potter

6th Horngill Daisy, FP7703, Owner & Breeder Mrs S Longrigg

Class 2 Colt Foal

1st Bracklinn Bobcat, FP74066C, Owner & Breeder Mr A Smith

2nd Deepghyll Alfie, FP74190C, Owner & Breeder Mrs C Savage-Weltzien

3rd Kerbeck Solway Storm, FP74065C, Owner & Breeder Mrs C H Robinson

Class 3 Yearling Colt, Gelding or Filly

1st Waverfoot Songbird, FP7649, Owner & Breeder Miss H Lightfoot

2nd Halstone Dakotas Dream, FP7554*, Owner & Breeder Miss C P Wood

3rd Lunesdale Guardians Akiva, FP73945G, Owner, Miss E J Richardson, Breeder Mr A W Morland

4th Bracklinn Merrill, FP7612, Owner & Breeder Mr A Smith

5th Brackenbank Ruby Red, FP7587, Owner & Breeder Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

6th Hardendale Mercedes, FP7540*, Owner Mrs M Waugh, Breeder Mrs G H B Mallinson

Class 4 Two and Three Year old Filly or Gelding

1st Fleetham Judith's Rose, FP7357, Owner & Breeder Mrs S J Lamb

2nd Brackenbank Lilibet, FP7442, Owner & Breeder Mr & Mrs D Wilkinson

3rd Halstone My Deer, FP7411, Owner & Breeder Mrs C P Wood

Foal Champion	**Bracklinn Merryn**
Foal Reserve	**Brackenbank Emily**
Best Two Year old	**Brackenbank Lilibet**
Best Three Year old	**Fleetham Judith's Rose**
Youngstock Champion	**Waverfoot Songbird**
Youngstock Reserve	**Halstone Dakotas Dream**
Supreme Champion	**Bracklinn Merryn**
Supreme Reserve	**Waverfoot Songbird**

Dressage for all: left, Diana McGrail and Lydvale Leo (Performance Awards, p42); right, "The Fellowship" Dressage Team from the North East Support Group (p59).





Results of the 2027 Calendar Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted photographs. There were so many outstanding entries, making judging very challenging.

This year the calendar competition was judged by two members from the South West Area Support Group. The judges commented: “We loved looking through all the pictures, and were impressed by the quality of the photography, which made this quite difficult to choose.” The two judges will receive a calendar with our grateful thanks.

The photographer of each selected photograph qualifies for a free calendar. The overall winner of the calendar competition, Gilly Chippendale, and the runner-up, Maggie Martin, also receive an FPS voucher (for £10 and £5 respectively).

Cover picture	Gilly Chippendale, Cumbria
January	Nicola Patterson, Derbyshire
February	Chris Wood-Gee, Dumfries & Galloway
March	Tom Lloyd, Cumbria
April	Sarah Elizabeth James, Cumbria
May	Sophie Edwards, Cumbria
June	Maggie Martin, Gloucestershire
July	Gilly Chippendale, Cumbria
August	Tracey Woolaghan, Cumbria
September	Karen Whitell, Devon
October	Sophie Edwards, Cumbria
November	Georgia Ellis, Cumbria
December	Heather Mawrey, North Yorkshire

Congratulations to everyone listed above. Calendars should be available at, and following, the Spring AGM.

Now we look forward to entries for the 2028 calendar! As before, landscape format images (i.e wider than high) are preferred to portrait format although we still accept good portrait images. Either digital or hard copy have to scale up to the calendar format at 11" X 7" and therefore need to be of high resolution (300dpi minimum). See the FPS website for more information.

Thank you again

Michael Goddard, michael.goddard2014@gmail.com



FPS Area Support Groups

The Support Groups support Fell ponies and their owners in each area of the UK and help to communicate information from the FPS office in Cumbria. Area Groups have their own structure, and arrange events, activities and shows for all ages in their area. FPS Members are welcome at all events. The Groups cover the following areas:

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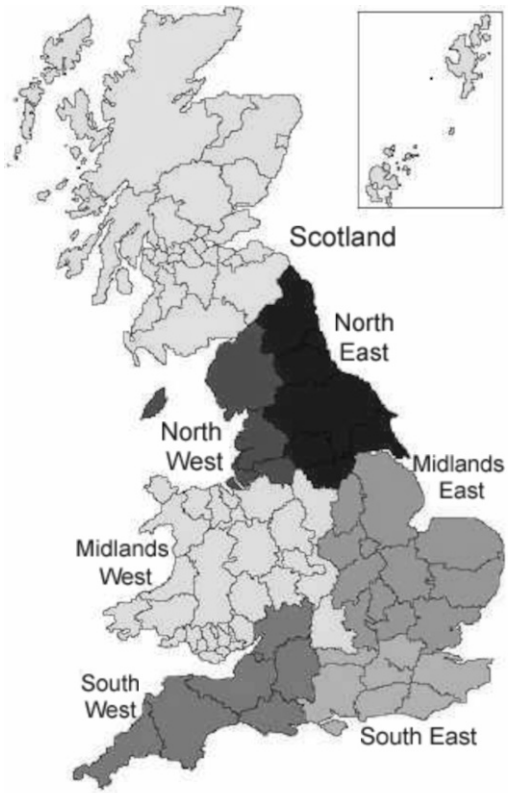
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Midlands East - TBC

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South East - TBC



Updates to Area Support Group Information

Calendar of Events

Our insurers ask us to list publicly all the events run by FPS, so, Area Support Group organisers - if you have missed the Magazine deadline this time, will you please send your list of planned events to the Office as soon as you can? We will publish them straight away on the FPS web site's Calendar of Events.

Organiser Contact Details

Midlands East and South East Area Groups: new contact details will be published on the web site as soon as they are confirmed.

North East Area Support Group

'Happy New Year' everyone. I bet many of your New Year resolutions have already failed, as I know mine have. The plan to hack out at least twice a week failed miserably when the really icy conditions arrived in the middle of January and my injured knee was still troubling me. I have had physio and box rest but I am still lame. I'm at the hot showers and ice gel stage but really frustrated that I still have a lot of pain. The latest specific exercises to strengthen everything around my knee are beginning to work but dare I plan to start showing? Maybe by April but not the Valentine Show mid-February as I had hoped.



Team Quest Semi-Finals 2025

I told you in the autumn magazine, that the North East dressage team, The Fellowship, had qualified for the Northern Regional Finals on 11th October at Holmside Hall Equestrian Centre. We had an enjoyable day but our performances were not quite good enough to enable us to qualify for the Nationl Finals in November. We qualified for the Northern Regional Finals in 2024 and 2025 so are determined to give it another go in 2026 because we believe in 'third time lucky'. We currently have six members in our team, but we are allowed seven, so if there is anyone out there who would like to join us, then please get in touch. Our competition venues are Alnwick Ford Equestrian Centre, Holmside Hall Equestrian Centre, RDA Unicorn and Northallerton Equestrian Centre. You do not have to compete at every competition as a team can compete with three or four riders. We are a crazy bunch of ladies so it is always lots of fun and helps you focus on improving your scores. The team is very supportive of each other so there is always someone willing to help you. Please get in touch with Team Leader, Eileen on 07990521205 if you want to give it a go.

Our first event of 2026 is our annual Sunday Lunch Event on 8th February, held at Hardwick Hall Hotel. We have an excellent three course meal followed by the presentation of rosettes and trophies following competitions held during 2025. We have added an extra trophy this year, in memory of Vicki Brown, who died early in 2025. This trophy is specifically for dressage as that was Vicki's passion. I am delighted to say that we had three entries for the Junior Rider/Handler award after our plea for nominations.

Our North East trophies will be presented to: Junior Rider/Handler – Ella Defty; Senior Rider/Handler – Peter and Ann Marie Troy; Fell Pony of the Year - Fleetham Judith's Rose; Volunteer – Sarah Brown; Dressage Rider – Rebecca Elliott. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in our points awards.

Once again we are going to offer a Training Bursary. Applicants must be FPS members and reside in the North East area. The sum of £200 is available to pay for lessons/ training and help the applicant to try something new, for them, with a Fell pony. This might include showing, show jumping, dressage, driving, Trec, to name but a few. Anyone wishing to apply should email eileen@rackwoodfellponies for further details and the application form. Entries close 15th March 2026.

After seeing many members enjoying the FPS challenges over recent years, we have decided to offer a 2026 North East FPS Group Challenge. This is going to be different as you set your own goal. There will be a mileage element of 25, 50 and 100 miles (Bronze, Silver & Gold), to lead, ride or drive your pony, together with an additional challenge of doing something you have always wanted to do but never got around to doing. This part of the challenge can be supported by photos that can be shared on a North East Challenge page. e.g. Trec, Equitation, Jumping, Dressage, Dressage to music, Beach Ride, Hunt ride, Showing etc. You must set your challenge when you enrol at a cost of £10 per person. This challenge will open on 1st April 2026 and close on 30th September 2026. Rosettes to everyone who completes their challenge.

Our annual Highland & Fell Pony camp will be held at Linnel Wood, near Hexham between 1st and 3rd May 2026. This event is organised by Lucie Gear and Chris Grant and entry forms will be available soon. Let us hope that the weather is kind to us this year and allows us to stay the full weekend and make full use of the facilities. This will be the 20th Hairy Camp, so I hope everyone enjoys the weekend.

During June we have a Summer Picnic/ Social, which is a free event, but we expect you to support the raffle in aid of group funds. This year's venue has not been finalised so please watch our group Facebook page, and our group page on the main FPS site at www.fellponysociety.org.co.uk for more details.

The local show season begins in July and runs through to end of September so we do not organise any events during this period. We often talk about holding an autumn pleasure ride but as there are several rides taking place at this time, it is often overlooked. If any of you would like to volunteer to organise an autumn pleasure ride, then please speak to any member of our committee.

Eileen A Walker
(eileen@rackwoodfellponies.co.uk)
North East Area Support Group

North West Area Support Group

The North West Area Support Group is being re-launched in 2026, with a new committee coming together to plan the next steps and the events that will be hosted during the year.

Bethany Cousins (bethcousins17@outlook.com) has kindly agreed to take on the role of Secretary. Events suggested so far include a pleasure ride and afternoon tea; a social evening; and the group will take back responsibility for running the Foal & Youngstock show from the Office.

No doubt there will be plenty of other ideas when the committee meets, and we'll keep everyone up to date by posting details when the events are confirmed.

Hoping to see lots of members during the year at our events!

Claire Simpson

Midlands West Area Support Group

The Midlands West Area Group committee will be meeting on February 22nd at the home of Jayne Walster who has very kindly offered again to host this for us. During the meeting we will be planning this year's events, and Treasurer, Mr Barry Stamp, will give his annual financial overview. Group funds, while limited, remain as last year reasonably healthy. We will also be discussing Group membership and whether we will be able to run any shows for 2026. This will depend on running costs, which seem to rise dramatically every year, locating a suitable venue, and finding sufficient volunteers and competitors. We will of course advertise any show or future events and dates with the FPS and they will also be available on our Facebook Group and web site – details below.

Group Awards 2025

We held our 2025 Group Performance Awards Luncheon on Saturday 29th November 2025 which was very well attended and it was great to see both new and old faces. In fact we welcomed our youngest ever junior members, 11 month old twins Albie and Alfie Udall who both received special rosettes to get them started!

We all enjoyed, as always, another fabulous carvery lunch at the Hollybush Inn, Seighford, and the kind hospitality from Abby, Tom and Team. Many thanks also to Heidi Saxon Bland of H&H Rosettes for supplying a beautiful array of rosettes for our prize winners.

The main section winners were as follows:

Overall Performance Awards and Winner of the Eileen Davies Memorial trophy was Raisbeck Cappuccino and Linda Wiggin who won both the competitive and leisure driving classes and was also the highest placed veteran pony.

The Ken Saxon Memorial Trophy for the highest placed In Hand pony was awarded to Rackwood Sophie and Marsha Holtham.

Rackwood Hugo and Fiona Dillon were once again the winners of the TREC section.



Our youngest ever junior members, Albie and Alfie Udall receiving their special rosettes from guest presenter Ken Anderson (centre)



2025 Midlands West Area Group Performance Awards Prize Winners

The dressage section was won by Greenholme George and Fiona Bubb.

New for 2025 was a section for Endurance Riding and this was won by Greenholme Shandy and Tamara Habberley.

Kate White and Greenholme Waterloo again won the Happy Hackers section with another impressive number of hours spent in the saddle, taking home the Hugh Marshall Memorial Shield.

It was unanimously agreed that The MW Group Committee Award for 2025, which is awarded to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Group or breed, be awarded to longstanding member, Fiona Dillon. It was felt that over the years, Fiona has been and continues to be a great ambassador for the breed, successfully competing in both dressage and TREC events, demonstrating the great versatility of the Fell Pony.

The results of the annual John Glaze Memorial Photography competition were also announced. The theme for 2025 had been "The Weather" and it was judged by Jo and Vicky Glaze who reported that it had been another difficult competition to judge as the entries were so good. The winning photograph was taken by Nicola Patterson.

Full results of both the Group Awards and photography competition are available from our Group website or on our Facebook Group. Forms for the 2026 Annual Performance Awards will be available to download from our website.

Membership

New members are always very welcome, and membership of the Group remains at £5.00 for the forthcoming year. Details of how to join the Group, membership forms and full details of events, along with schedules and entry forms, are available to download from our Group website or you can find us on Facebook.

Trophies Appeal

Despite frequent requests, there are still several championship trophies outstanding from the 2022 Derbyshire Fell Pony Show which was held at Barleyfields EC. We would be very grateful to have these sent back to us or arrangements made for collection so that they can be re- presented.

Diane Key

Midlands West Area Co-ordinator

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Group web site: www.westmids-fellponies.org.uk

Midlands East Area Support Group

Changes are happening just now, so please see our Facebook Group "Fell Pony Society - Midlands East Support Group" or our website http://fps-mesg.co.uk/.

CURRENT VACANCY - FPS-MESG Area Coordinator Job Role

The Support Groups were set up by Mary Longsdon to support Fell ponies and their owners in each area of the country and to help communicate information from the FPS office in Cumbria. Each area has its own structure and is free to put on its own activities and shows.

Midlands East covers a large area from Nottingham through to Norfolk and Suffolk. It has a Coordinator, a Membership Secretary, two Treasurers and a Performance Awards Organiser. Each county has a named contact person.

Requirements for Coordinator

- Contact point for anyone interested in Fells or wanting information about Fells
- Pass on information from the FPS office to Show Organisers or relevant people
- One meeting with FPS Council a year to give a report to the Council. Usually on Zoom
- Two reports a year to go in the FPS magazine - deadlines 1st February and 1st October
- Yearly summary of accounts to FPS office end of March, also list of Shows/ Activities
- Organise an AGM; usually in October each year
- Email or face to face communication with the other organisers
- Support with coordinating any Activities/Shows
- Two newsletters a year with dates or other information for MESG members. Posted on the Facebook FPS-MESG Group page and the website
- Posting information to Facebook site and website and keeping the website up to date
- Coordinating Points evening with Performance Awards Organiser

Please contact me to express your interest, either via pm or by sending an email to nicshortland@yahoo.com

Thank you

Nic Brierley

Contacts for MESG

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Facebook Group "Fell Pony Society - Midlands East Support Group"

Website http://fps-mesg.co.uk/.

South West Area Support Group

The South West Hairy Pony Fest will be running on Sunday 4th May at Kings Sedgmoor Equestrian Centre. There are many classes for you to enter and it would be super to see some of you there. This is a lovely show and well worth a visit.

Suzy McKirgan has a school report on her young Fell Townend Polo. He is currently staying with Jess Talbot and learning all about being a ridden pony. He will be gently introduced to clinics and novice showing classes this season. Polo was bought direct from the Townend stud and has been living in Somerset ever since.

No photos this time round. I think most of us are currently too busy trying not to sink in the mud to take any pics!

As ever, if there is anyone out there in the South West who would like to get involved in organising events in your area, please do get in touch with me.

Sue Howes
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North Scotland Area Support Group

We had a really disappointing year.

We had several great ideas but 3 lots of plans were left hanging with 'Yes we might host you but we will get back to you later.'

I spent so long waiting for my queries to be answered I just ran out of months in the year, and I'm still waiting. Really frustrating, and that means no report for the Magazine.

It's very disheartening but we are still here, and I promise to do better this year.

Thank you

Jacqueline Cheetham
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Space available if needed for any announcements not already covered.

I have photographs I can put here if nothing needs to be added

News From Overseas: Denmark

A happy New Year from the Danish Fell Pony Society (Dansk Fell Pony Forening).

For us—and for everyone involved in the breeding and use of ponies and horses in Denmark—2025 was a significant and eventful year. Despite a noticeable decline in the number of foals registered across all breeds in Denmark, we are pleased to report a continued strong interest in both the breeding and sale of Fell ponies nationally.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated individuals who, with hard work, passion, and genuine enthusiasm, travel hundreds of kilometres to present and promote Fell ponies throughout the Danish countryside. It brings us great joy to see Fell ponies not only in the show ring, but also active across a wide variety of equestrian disciplines. In Denmark, Fell ponies can be seen in mounted trotting (Monté), driving, trekking, show jumping, dressage, and agility—each helping to showcase the versatility and beauty of the breed.



Eise Fan'e Seadwei taking advantage of the snowy weather

Membership numbers have remained stable, and we have even seen growth. We continue to focus strongly on establishing a solid foundation of knowledge regarding the origins, type, and correct breeding of Fell ponies. This remains a cornerstone of our work. Our grading show, carried out with the valued support of FPS judges, ensures that breeding in Denmark follows FPS standards and remains firmly rooted in the traditional characteristics of the Fell pony.

Alongside this core mission, we have also needed to navigate an increasingly complex regulatory landscape. EU-level requirements —interpreted and enforced through Danish law—place substantial emphasis on animal welfare. Horses used in sport, breeding, or kept as companion animals are subject to stringent rules. Participating in events that may gather 400 horses and ponies and up to 60,000 spectators per day calls for extensive preparation, documentation, coordination, and responsible planning from everyone involved in Fell pony activities.

Bakkely Ice Surprice beginning her Dressage career with 65.0 % in LD1 and winning a first place.



New court rulings affecting equestrian practices have also required our attention. As a result, we have been actively involved in meetings within the joint national committee for equestrian breeding, ensuring that the interests of Fell pony owners and breeders are represented.

Finally, it has been a busy year supporting our members with documentation, legal interpretations, administrative require-

ments, and other responsibilities that come with running a recognised society.

We are grateful for the ongoing support and guidance from the FPS, which greatly assists us in fulfilling these obligations.

We look forward to continuing this important work in the year ahead, to carry on the important work of promoting and keeping this wonderful Breed.

Stina Noer
Chairman



Cara Mia, with her Foal Hollyhuset Cadeau



Bakkely Bine, Michaks Penellopi, Summerhouse Gretel and Michaks Lavina at Landsskuet Herning



Some of the hard working Fell people enjoying each other's company at Landsskuet Herning





Bakkely Ross, Showing his winnings after a long day at Mountain and Moorland, Class winner, Junior Champion and Best in Breed

The Fell Pony Society & Conservancy of the Americas

2025 Activity Report

2025 marked the 26th year of operation for the Fell Pony Society and Conservancy of the Americas, and its 21st year as a North American Overseas Branch of FPS.

We've had a quiet year in 2025 after having hosted our 3rd North American Fell Pony Nationals in 2024, FPS approved and supported with FPS rosettes and in partnership with the Equus Survival Trust's rare breed Stewardship Awards of North America (SANA).

Our 2026 board continues with the same members as 2025, consisting of five people: 3 Americans and 2 British, located geographically in four US states (Minnesota, North Carolina, Missouri, and Ohio) and our UK member in Devon who keeps us anchored in the mother country. See board list below.

In the last quarter of 2025, the Fell Pony Conservancy became a member of the American Horse Council, a USA national nonprofit organization that lobbies before Congress and Federal agencies, and serves as a unified voice for the interests of the horse industry.

The Fell Conservancy is pleased to continue supporting and promoting the Fell pony community on this side of the Pond, networking and educating wherever needed on behalf of our North American Fell Pony community. We remain committed to helping any and all registered Fell ponies and owners and breeders regardless of affiliations.

Lastly, a big congratulations to Fell Pony Conservancy board member Kimber Bishop, who bred the 2025 SmartEquine USEA Pony of the Year, black gelding Kimberlake Jophiel. This award is a huge honor for any pony breed to be #1, and a first ever for a Fell Pony.

Well done!
Victoria Tollman



Miranda Akins, Photography In Stride, Ohio

Molly Smith and Kimberlake Jophiel
Report on next page

Prepared January 23, 2026 by
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USEA SmartEquine Pony of the Year

The USEA Pony of the Year is an annual award presented by the United States Eventing Association (USEA) to recognize the most outstanding pony in the sport of eventing within the United States.

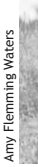
The award was first awarded in 2007 and named "Theodor O'Connor" after its first winner. It celebrates not only athletic accomplishments but also the partnership between the horse and rider, highlighting the dedication and progress made by both. The recipient is selected based on their performance and achievements throughout the year across USEA-recognized events, with points accumulated from competition results.

The 2025 winner was Kimberlake Jophiel, an eleven-year-old Fell Pony gelding, ridden by Molly Patrick for Beverly Patrick who is in her 80's now but still successfully competing with a 4-in hand Fell pony team. Kimberlake Jophiel was bred by Kimber Bishop.

Kimberlake Jophiel

In a remarkable achievement for the breed, Kimberlake Jophiel, (Kimberlake Gabriel x Kimberlake Lady Belle), has been crowned the United States Eventing Association (USEA) SmartEquine Pony of the Year. This marks the first time in U.S. history that a Fell Pony has received this prestigious honor, competing and excelling against full-sized horses in the open beginner novice division.

The USEA Pony of the Year award is given annually to the pony that accumulates the most points in recognized eventing competitions throughout the year. It is a testament to versatility, consistency, and the special partnership between pony and rider, celebrated as part of the USEA's year-end award system.



Amy Flemming Waters

Kimberlake Jophiel, aka "Joe", was born at Kimberlake farm in central Missouri, USA on May 7th, 2014. I always knew Joe was destined to do great things. There was just something special about him from day one. Joe spent his first four years with us; I wanted to be sure his formative years would allow him the time needed to mature. His grandsire, Llancloudy Gabriel, achieved numerous high placings and championships at UK shows from the mid-2000s to early 2010s, with a notable victory at the Royal Windsor Horse Show. Gabriel was owned and produced by Jules Jordan and bred by Gina Feakins.

Although M&M competitions are limited in the U.S., I still had high hopes for Joe to be a top competitor in North America. When Beverly Patrick (current owner) approached me about putting together a four-in-hand driving team of Fell Ponies, I recognized her wealth of knowledge and experience would help him reach his full potential. Beverly Patrick's four-in-hand Fell Pony hitch went on to win the prestigious American Driving Society (ADS) Preliminary Four-in-Hand Pony championships in 2019 and 2022; Joe was part of the hitch during the 2019 championship win.

The 2025 eventing season was very exciting for us all.

Jophiel and rider/trainer Molly (Patrick) Smith from Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, consistently delivered outstanding performances. Their journey together began with impressive second place finishes at both the Winona Horse Trials in Ohio and Seneca Valley Pony Club H.T. in Maryland in May.

The pair then swept first place at Genesee Valley Hunt in New York, Hunt Club Farms in Virginia, and at Waredaca Farm horse trials mid-season in Maryland. They concluded the year with a strong second at the Waredaca Classic three-day event in October which solidified the point lead needed for the overall award.

Joe's rider and eventing trainer, Molly (Patrick) Smith, is an accomplished equestrian in her own right. She earned second overall honors as a Master Amateur



Molly Smith and Kimberlake Jophiel at their final competition of the year, Full Moon Farm Horse Trials, November 9, 2025.

Rider in the Beginner Novice division for 2025. In addition to her professional career as a middle school teacher, Molly trains and competes another Fell Pony, Kimberlake Samuel, representing Team Patrick in Pennsylvania.

The USEA SmartEquine Pony of the Year 2025 award was presented at the annual USEA awards ceremony in New Orleans, LA, on December 13, 2025. In attendance were owner Mrs. Beverly T. Patrick, rider & trainer Molly (Patrick) Smith, and breeder Kimber Bishop. The award included the presentation of the Theodor O'Connor trophy, prize money, and a custom SmartEquine USEA pony of the year embroidered rug. As his breeder, it was very special and a great honor to be there to celebrate with Joe's team. I wish Joe, Beverly, and Molly continued success and the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

Kimber Bishop

Kimberlake Farm, Missouri, USA



Paul Bishop

With Jophiel's awards and ribbons: left to right, rider and trainer Molly Smith, breeder Kimber Bishop, and owner Beverly Patrick.

Fell Pony Society of North America

FPSNA is proud to continue building on more than two decades of service, providing education, advocacy, and support for Fell Pony owners across North America. Our 2025 membership year proved to be the strongest in our history, marking two consecutive years of record-breaking membership growth. We extend our sincere thanks to our members for their continued commitment and confidence in FPSNA, ensuring a strong and sustainable future for the breed.

The second half of 2025 concluded with FPSNA's sixth virtual breed show, judged by FPS Panel Judge Catherine Pickering. Eighteen ponies participated in this event, bringing our annual total to 31 Fell Ponies shown in 2025, the highest participation our Society has ever recorded. DreamHayven Stolichnaya, a four-year-old filly owned by Pamela Clapp, was named Champion, with Drybarrows Havana, owned by Jane Snar, awarded Reserve.

Our 2025 Show Series Supreme Champion, judged in conjunction with Roy Ottink (Wildhoeve prefix), was Llancloudy Magic Diamond, owned by Dr. Cherie Hansen, with DreamHayven Stolichnaya taking Reserve Supreme. Full results are available at www.FPSNA.org.

In December, FPSNA Council hosted its first-ever live Zoom members meeting, titled Understanding FPSNA Bylaws. Chairperson Melissa Kreuzer and Vice Chair Dr. Cherie Hansen led the discussion, inviting members to submit questions and engage directly throughout the session. Attendees gained a deeper understanding of FPSNA's governance framework, and members were once again encouraged to remain in communication with the Society via info@fpsna.org.

As always, members are encouraged to share their events and activities with FPSNA. Now well into its third decade of service, FPSNA remains the longest-standing, membership-based Fell Pony Society overseas branch in North America. Entirely volunteer-driven, the organization continues to cultivate community, expand educational opportunities, and support competition across a wide range of disciplines. We welcome dedicated volunteers to work alongside Council in promoting the Fell Pony, upholding exhibition standards, and ensuring this exceptional breed continues to thrive for generations to come.

Melissa Kreuzer



Llancloudy Magic Diamond

The Fell Pony Society of North America held its third annual Virtual Breed Show last year.

Each year members and non members are invited to submit photos and videos of their Fell pony colts, stallions and geldings in the summer and their weanlings, mares and fillies in the fall.

A Supreme and Reserve Supreme pony is chosen from the champions of each show. Llancloudy Magic Diamond, my 25 year old gelding, earned the title of Supreme Champion out of a total 32 entries in 2025.

I'm very proud of him!

Cherie Hansen

A Full Circle Moment

Recently I took my rising 2yr. colt, Fiddlehead Ayo-aha, on his first trail hike.

In less than a 15 minute trailer haul, I can transport ponies to a variety of incredible nature trails. I delight in offering these first experiences to the young ones, providing opportunity to build trust and confidence as well as co-regulation. It's one of our first focused times together, where the youngster can show me what they choose to put their senses to.

Typically, I get them out there earlier, quite often when they are still with their dams, but since Ayo-aha was the only one of 4 colts that I planned to keep, and I was loaded with more pressing priorities, I delayed this passage ritual with him.

On this first journey together, I realize a significant full circle moment. Ayo is about his business of scenting, watching, listening and processing this new world, while I'm with him, wondering what he thinks about it all.



As we walk together in flow, eyes immersed in the green at our feet and blue above our heads, memories surface of 14 years ago, when walking with Braeberry Victor, my first Fell pony, who was the same age as Ayo now and also happens to be Ayo's full uncle.

With Victor, I had no Fell pony references. He was my first, and I remember being enamored by his curiosity, his calm awareness, and his acknowledgment of me.

So here I am in the present with Ayo, flooded with memories of Victor. Mostly, I remember that hiking with Victor felt satisfying, but the feeling was never fully validated until I found myself next to Ayo, heading down a path together with him.



Recognizing the familial connection between Vic and Ayo was the moment that brought clarity to the past.

I thought about all the challenges, changes and growth I had encountered with dozens of ponies between Vic and Ayo. Some went to competitions and events, some did mentorships and service work, others moved cows, and did liberty.

But the common thread for all of them was the long walk at eye level. Looking forward, I hope to someday walk with one of Ayo's progeny and reach another full circle moment of clarity.

Kimberly Dunn, Fiddlehead Pony Farm,
Oregon, USA

Thinking Space

Experienced owners and breeders may well find some of this is "old hat", but remember there are always first-time Fell pony owners reading here. You may even be new to ponies in general. Whichever you are - please read and think... perhaps even reply?

Maternal Diversity

In January 2000 (which doesn't seem that long ago to me!), I was reading the newsletter of a USA rare breeds organization and learned of an equine breed I wasn't familiar with: the Fell pony. I soon found out there were about thirty Fell Ponies on the North American continent. I was astounded to learn that six of them were not far from where I lived. Within a few weeks I had not only met those six ponies but I had purchased two of them. My Fell Pony journey had begun.

Over the years, my experience with rare breeds has led me to conduct a number of different research projects, including identifying rare blood lines and investigating how popular sires have penetrated our population. My first mare was Sleddale Rose Beauty, so I also conducted a study on where the Sleddale mare lines are today. The rare bloodlines and



Photographs by Ruth Eastwood of some of the mares in this study. Clockwise from top left: Gibside Sally, Redhouse Dusty, Swindale Rose, and Tarnmoor Black Beauty. Sally and Dusty are in the Critical category. Beauty and Rose are in the Lost category.

other research can be found at fellponyobservations.com or by contacting me at workponies@frii.com.

In 2019, Clare Winton, PhD, published her research on the genetic diversity of British native ponies. In it she said, "Ancestral maternal diversity was maintained by most populations, particularly the Fells and Welsh ponies, which exhibited rare and ancient lineages…."[1]

Winton's statement of course caught my attention because it called out Fells. It also suggested I needed to look harder at the female side of the breeding equation. This was especially true because Dr. Winton also said: "The Fell ponies face the challenge of reducing the proportion of FIS carriers in the population, but great care must be taken to ensure unique ancestral maternal haplotypes are not lost in the process." A haplotype is a set of genetic information inherited as a group from one parent. So we had good maternal diversity at the time of Dr. Winton's study, but we need to make sure we do not lose it.[2] What does that require?

I have a soft spot in my heart for mares, so I was very curious about this question. It turns out that paying attention to maternal diversity is important for two primary reasons. First, there is genetic material passed to offspring exclusively through the maternal line.[3] And second, breeding practices tend to limit diversity on the male side, so retaining diversity on the female side becomes more important for the long-term health of the entire population. Some studies on equines generally even suggest that the female side of the breeding equation contributes more to performance ability than the male.[4]

In 2025, I set out to understand what maternal diversity we have and how to not lose it. While I don't have access to DNA samples from Fell Ponies like Dr. Winton did, I do have access to pedigrees, so I undertook a project to learn what our pedigrees might be able to tell us about conserving maternal Fell Pony lines. I'm grateful to the Fell Pony Society for its stud books and for providing access to the Grassroots database. Over my twenty-five years with Fell Ponies, I have populated my own pedigree database using the stud books. When I started delving into this maternal diversity project, it quickly became apparent that it was going to be very time-consuming. To make it possible for me to complete the project, I hired a software engineer to add a feature to my database software to speed things up. I then used Grassroots to double check my results. This article is just a summary of my project. I have posted all the results at fellponyobservations.com.

Overview of My Research Process

I decided to look at one generation of mares, those born from 1976 to 1984 that have descendants in our current population. This date range put my study population after the Inspection Scheme mares were born, so I would have parentage information for all the females foaled thereafter. This date range also put my study population back a

Table 1: Conservation Categories

Category	Description	% mare lines by category
Lost	No female descendants born past 2005	45%
Critical	Aged female descendants not being bred	19%
At Risk	Mares who have female descendants less than 20 years old but they aren't being bred	9%
Watch	Females being actively bred but only by a single breeder or only outside the UK (sometimes both)	14%
Common	Mares who have multiple female descendants who are actively being bred.	13%

generation or more past ponies that are still living so I could get a feel for whether we have actually lost any mare lines. I learned that the answer, unfortunately, is yes. Of the more than 300 mare lines I studied, we have already lost 45% of them.

My research revealed five conservation categories for maternal lines, summarized in Table 1 *(previous page)*:

Lost

Mares who do not have any female descendants born past 2005. We have lost these mare lines either because they only had male offspring or their female offspring were not retained in the breeding population.

Of the mare lines I studied, a significant majority, 45%, are in this category. Tarnmoor Black Beauty, foaled 1979, is a representative of a mare line that we have lost.

Critical

Mares who have aged female descendants that are not being bred. These lines need to be investigated further to see if it's possible to bring them back into the breeding population. Gibside Sally, foaled 1982, is an example of this category. She had a single filly foal, Gibside Black Lace, who was foaled in 2006. Black Lace has not had any registered offspring and according to Grassroots is still living. At her age it could be difficult to bring her into the breeding population to continue Sally's line, but it might be worth considering trying.

This Critical category is the second largest, with 19% of the mare lines I studied.

At Risk

Mares who have female descendants less than 20 years old who are not being actively bred. These lines need to be investigated further to ensure they aren't permanently lost to the breeding population.

An example of this category is Church Farm Gypsy, foaled 1982. Gypsy has a single female descendant in the modern breeding population, Raeburnhead Lexie. Lexie had a single filly foal in 2016: Parcpenrhyn Maggie. According to Grassroots, Maggie has not had any offspring. It would be worth investigating whether this line can be brought back into the breeding population.

This At Risk category has 9% of the mare lines I studied.

Watch

Mares with female descendants being actively bred but only by a single breeder or only outside the UK. Often the mare lines are both outside the UK and being bred by a

Table 2: Urgent Conservation Priorities

Mare Line (1976-1984)		Modern Descendants Needing to be bred for female offspring to continue the line
FP1198	Redhouse Dusty	FP4086 Waverhead Lady
FP1018	Mayday (B)	FP4523 Greenforest Mountain Queen
		FP3871 Thornbeck Dot Com
16964	Martindale Glencora	FP3776 Carltonlima Harmony and her daughters
FP1160	Capenoch Carlotta	FP4098 Knockamillie Valentina
17048	Kentmere Gay Holly	FP4729 Firsfarm Scheherazade
17535	Castlerigg Daisy II	FP5351 Hedgethorpe June Delight
FP1170	Gibside Sally	FP4499 Gibside Black Lace
17686	Acreknowe Dawn	FP5626 Acreknowe Goldcrest
17687	Acreknowe Eve	FP5627 Acreknowe Goldfinch

single breeder. This category contains 14% of the mare lines I studied.

I was surprised to learn that I have the only active breeding mares in a mare line in this Watch category.

Common

Mares who have multiple female descendants into the 2020s. Drybarrows Purple Heather is one example of this category with female descendants at Drybarrows, Ashbeck, and Kinniside, in addition to other places.

This category represents 13% of the mare lines.

Sample Actionable Results

At *www.fellponyobservations.com/maternal-diversity* I have made available the list of mares that I studied and lists of the mares and their descendants in the Critical, At Risk, and Watch conservation categories. It is my hope that Fell Pony stewards will review the lists and see if they are acquainted with a mare that should be brought back into the breeding population from the perspective of maternal diversity.

In Table 2 *(opposite)* is a short list of mare lines and current descendants that are the highest conservation priorities.

In Closing

Dr. Winton said we should be careful to not lose any of the maternal diversity that we still have. Given that we have already lost 45% in the past 45 years, work is needed to stop that trend. Of the mare lines in my population of study that we have not lost, the vast majority are in need of conservation work. In some cases, it may only be necessary to let breeders know that they have precious genetic resources in their herd.

Dr. Winton made special note in her research of the challenge we face in this breed with FIS. Over the years, I have spoken with long time UK breeders of Fell Ponies, and I have heard repeatedly a comment in the context of FIS, which is that many very good ponies who were carriers were culled when the FIS test came out.

Ruth Eastwood has generously shared with us her older photographs of Fell Ponies, some of whom are the mares in this study. When I look at the mares in those photographs, I am awed by their type and wondering if we lost their lines because some of their descendants were FIS carriers rather than FIS clear. Any focus on breeding only FIS clear ponies would be problematic for the maternal genetic diversity we could lose.

I am grateful to Dr. Winton for her research and her observations that inspired the study behind this article, and also to Ruth Eastwood who has so many photographs of the older mares in this study.

Jenifer Morrissey

Jenifer Morrissey breeds the Willowtrail Fell Ponies in South Dakota, USA

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Partnering with Ponies 2025 Tribute

With Gratitude to the FPS Challenge Committee

I am grateful to the Fell Pony Society Challenge Committee for putting together activities in 2022, ’23, and ’24.

I was disappointed when in ’25 there was no Challenge, but one morning soon after I heard that news, as I was waking an idea came to me, fully formed. It became the Partnering With Ponies 2025 Tribute, modeled on the Challenges. The Tribute’s purpose was “to recognize and celebrate the partnership we have with our ponies and their working heritage.” I chose activities that I have found helpful in preparing my ponies to pack, work in harness, and be ridden on my farm and in the logging and construction business I had with my late husband. Participating ponies could be of any age; our youngest was 2 and oldest was 27! Registration fees collected in excess of expenses were donated to The Fell Pony Society.

The comments I received from Tribute participants confirmed that our ponies enjoy partnership and respond to our attempts to create that relationship. Here are some of them:

- This has been the absolute best thing ever to happen to my ponies and me! If my documentation isn’t up to par, don’t worry about sending me a ribbon. This was way too rich in what I needed, my reward has already happened. I will continue utilizing these activities for all Fells.
- My pony and I have totally enjoyed these activities and he has gotten so he wants me to do something every day with him! These activities are definitely ones to build upon and make him even better! Thank you so much for doing this! Super enjoyable!
- We did it! I love this pony! She is a wonderful pony and I feel so blessed to be her partner. She comes right up to me these days - maybe because she knows if she wears the halter she’ll get to graze for five minutes before we do anything else - but still…
- On a trail ride with others, my pony spotted a dog and person before the rest of us and then spotted a deer. Neither bothered her The notable moment with both is that her attention alerted me, so I could alert our riding partner who was on a youngster.
- I really so appreciate you doing this. It has really helped the bond between my son and me and has really helped his bond with the ponies. It really has been a gift.
- Performing this Tribute was an ongoing lesson in how truly fortunate I am to be able to place my expectations and trust on the capable back of my pony. He continues to teach me just how important it is to hold on and when it is okay to let go. Grateful to receive these blessings from the wisdom held in his eyes and under his fuzzy ears.
- I wasn’t sure if I was going to be able to finish the Tribute. I’m so glad I did. I was reminded once again how willing my ponies are to engage with me and help me achieve what I want to, if I



Photo courtesy Tina Atkins.

Wyatt Dean backs Restar Mountain Shelley III through a gate, one of the activities in the Partnering with Ponies Tribute.

will just show up. And of course, I also need to acknowledge they have their own thoughts, feelings, and ideas about how to get to the finish line! So grateful!

In addition to completing the activities, the Tribute asked for 'notable moments' to be recorded. For many participants, recording these moments was challenging.

The reason they were included in the Tribute is something clinician Warwick Schiller says often: "The sense of being seen, being heard, feeling felt, and getting gotten… There is something about communicating your awareness of that stuff that really makes a difference with horses." By asking participants to record their notable moments, I was hoping their awareness of 'that stuff' would plant the seeds of partnership with their ponies. Several participants definitely felt that was the case. I have found awareness of 'that stuff' to be transformative in working with Fell Ponies.

Thank you again to the Fell Pony Society Challenge Committee for your efforts in prior years. They enabled the Tribute and enriched many lives in 2025!

Jenifer Morrissey

South Dakota

Junior Bursary Recipient Annabel Fraser and Townend Cheviot

I was so surprised and excited to be awarded the 2025 Junior Training Bursary. Over the summer, Townend Cheviot (Woody to his friends) and I had a few lessons with local rider and producer Richard Nichol. He really helped our confidence and we progressed well, especially with our jumping. We attended the Fell Pony Show in August and had a brilliant time finishing second in the beginners working hunter pony. We also had a lesson at a local arena hire where we were able to try out a water complex and steps which Woody loved!





In the autumn we attended an all-day rally with the Cumberland Farmers Hunt North Pony Club. This was an action packed, fun filled day with handy pony and cross-country training in the morning, and mounted games and show jumping in the afternoon. Woody turned his hoof to all the activities and really showcased the versatility and brilliance of fell ponies.

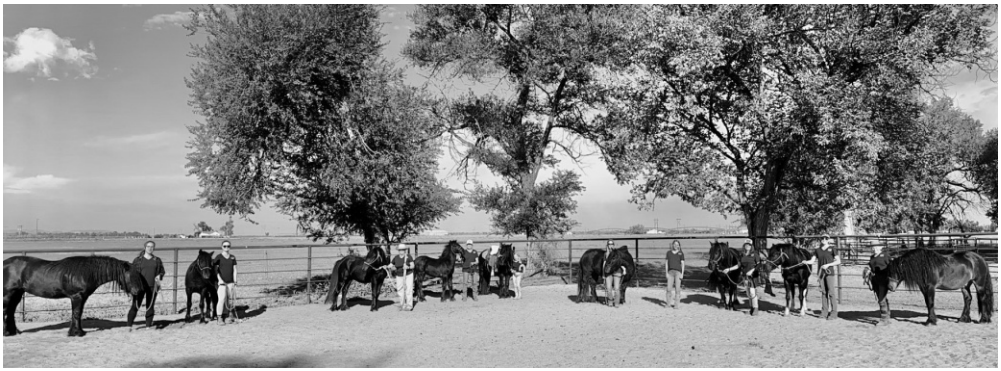
In November we attended a training clinic with showing sensation Richard Telford. This session was really useful, and Richard's tuition helped me to produce some lovely flatwork, showing me a glimpse of Woody's potential.

December and January have been much quieter due to the shorter days. Woody is still quite young so he has been having some time to process all he has learned during last summer. I am looking forward to February half term where we are hoping to attend some more pony club activities, and, with the lighter nights approaching, I will be able to fit in some lessons after school.

I am so grateful to the Society for the opportunities this bursary has provided and look forward to many years of fun with my amazing Fell pony.

Annabel, age 13

A "Gathering of The Fells" in South Dakota, USA



DakotaFell in South Dakota, USA, sponsored a "Gathering of The Fells" over 3 days in early October of 2025. The Gathering was created to bring Fell pony owners together to learn and build community by spending time together with their Fell Ponies, and will be an annual event.

The Gathering

The 2025 Gathering featured a professional trainer, Andrea Mills of Mills Consilient Horsemanship, who coached each pony and owner privately on their desired area of focus. Meals and fellowship were shared over general sessions as well as covering topics such as use of various training methods, flexion, biomechanics, bits, balance, nutrition and more.

The Gathering is intended for Fell Ponies only, though we did include one three-quarter-bred Fell pony last year, and we welcome both owners and breeders. This year we will offer "try a pony for the day" to prospective new owners (2 slots already filled).

The 2026 Gathering of the Fells location (SD or WY) and date (end of September or early October) will be announced soon on our website https://www.dakotafell.com/ and our Facebook page. This year's coach will once again be Andrea Mills.

DakotaFell Redcloud

The discipline of western riding and the Fell pony; we share the journey this spring on our new blog site “starting the western pleasure Fell pony”.

Pictured is DakotaFell Redcloud and I riding the Black Hills of South Dakota. Red, a 6 y.o bay gelding, is being ridden in a bareback pad while his western saddle is being made. One of the challenges of riding a Fell Pony "western" is the fit of the saddle due to their short backs. Red has shown he prefers a bosal and mecate (together called a hackamore) with a custom made hanger to



fit a Fell pony head, rather than a traditional western bridle, bit and reins. Properly fitting tack is important to the comfort of the pony and the delivery of precision signals by the rider.

Lori Welbig

DakotaFell Ponies

Dragonfly Acres, Canada

When the phone rang in the middle of the night, as a mother of five normally my first response would be "Oh no!" But this time it wasn't, it was "Oh yeah! I'm getting a Fell Pony."

After 15 years of breeding Friesians in British Columbia, Canada, I wanted my next chapter for Dragonfly Acres to involve this breed, that even Her Majesty the Queen appreciated. I had spent many hours earching for information on the Fell pony. Their history, standard, character? Traditions? Life expectancy? Genetic defects? And of course, who are the breeders winning all the ribbons?

Not long after telling all my friends of my plan, I got a call saying there was actually a Fell pony mare, in my area, for sale.

I didn't plan to take the first one that came along. I planned to breed them, so I wanted quality. I was really trying not to get my hopes up on this one.

My new granddaughter was still a baby, so I figured I would have lots of time to find a pony and get some breeding and training in, before the granddaughter was ready to ride. (We already had grandkids, but all boys, and we are a hockey family, so until then little chance of creating any pony passion.)

Lunesdale Shamrock

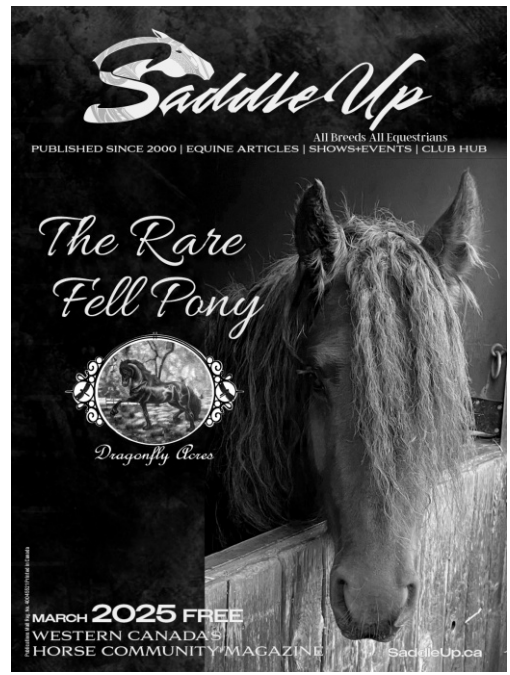
When I met Lunesdale Shamrock,, I could hardly contain myself. She was lovely, so sturdy, with the long mane and thick tail I had seen in pictures. Shamrock was confident, welcoming and polite. She had been shown locally in dressage, and her paperwork showed awards here in Canada and from the UK before she had been imported to North America. Oh, and the icing on the cake, she was once owned and bred from by N.R Woolley, prefix "Littletree". My father's family were Woolleys from England, and it was fun to meet a pony once owned by a possible distant relative.

Of course, she was coming home with me!

Visitng Cumbria

Shortly after, I saw a short documentary on TV. Another reputable breeder, Mr Capstick, with the prefix "Murthwaite" was sharing stories as he walked about showing his herd. I was really delighted. I decided to fly over and visit some friends and, with any luck, a few breeders. I hoped to meet Mr Morland, Lunesdale Shamrock's breeder, at Roundthwaite Farm, near Tebay, and perhaps Mr Capstick too. I booked my visit immediately, planning to see the sights as well as the ponies, but just before I was to leave, I heard Mr Capstick had passed away. My heart sank. During my trip, Mr Morland also had to cancel.

I was truly fortunate to visit the nearby Bybeck Stud. Mr & Mrs Roberts were just as enthusiastic as I was. They invited us to a special day. Earlier in the year they had brought the herd in from the Fells and rebred the mares, and now they had separated moms from babies and were ready to turn the mares back to the fells for



Moonlit Tiffany as a "cover girl" for Saddle Up magazine

winter. We met lots of curly, bright-eyed weanlings. The studs, as well, were rugged and beautiful. We went along for the ride while the mares were turned back out. It was truly heartwarming to feel the welcoming energy of the people and their beloved ponies. I could feel the fuel being thrown on my fire.

Shortly after returning home, I heard that all the Murthwaite Ponies had gone to auction in the UK, and a Murthwaite mare, with foal Murthwaite Talisman, was on her way to Pennsylvania, USA. I stalked that farm's Facebook page until, three years later, I was able to convince the owner that I would be a good match for that colt. He was now a three year old with a stallion licence, so I felt assured he was good breeding quality.

It was a very long journey for him from the east coast of the USA to the west coast of Canada, a journey of a least a week. I booked him a stall on the transport and hoped he would be at home here; our west coast weather is remarkably similar to the Fell pony's natural environment. We get a lot of rain, have loads of grass in our fields and do not normally get super hot summers.

Then I lost my son in a tragic motorcycle accident.

Talisman Arrives

Talisman arrived a few days later. I had to really force myself to go to the barn. I wanted to settle him there with the mares and bond with him but I wasn't at my best. I think he sensed my grief, and he quickly became the best hugger. I absolutely love his nature and willingness to partner with me, in whatever we do.

My goal to date, as the only registered Canadian breeder standing an approved stud, is to help increase the population of quality Fell Ponies here. If I were younger, I would be full on, with several studs and a herd of quality ladies. As it is, we manage and service our three lovely mares, and offer AI and frozen semen to outside gals.

Murthwaite Talisman (S: Wellbrow Lancashire Lad, D: Murthwaite Natasha). Awarded 2025 FPSNA First place in the stallion class, First place for progeny and Reserve Champion.



Lisa and Murthwaite Talisman with his prize ribbons

My Mares

UK bred and imported, *Lunesdale Shamrock (S: Rylstone Black Knight, D: Lunesdale Columbine).

*Dreamhayven Asti (S: Stennerskeugh Danny Boy, D: Littletree Babysham)

Naming my Foals

Naming foals is both enjoyable and thought-provoking for me. After years of naming my Friesian foals with the Latin names of Dragonflies, I now name my Fell foals at Dragonfly Acres with Elvin language words. My stallion being Murthwaite Talisman, the closest Elvin word for Talisman is Tanna, which means Token. So all offspring of Talisman will have "Tanna" prior to the name we will call them. So, if you see the prefix Dragonfly Acres with "Tanna" you will know the pony is from my Langley BC, Canadian farm and by Murthwaite Talisman, my approved, award winning stallion.

I now have the joy of three granddaughters in my life. All love ponies and are enthusiastic to groom, play and ride.

Lisa MacBurney, DragonflyAcres,

Langley, British Columbia, Canada

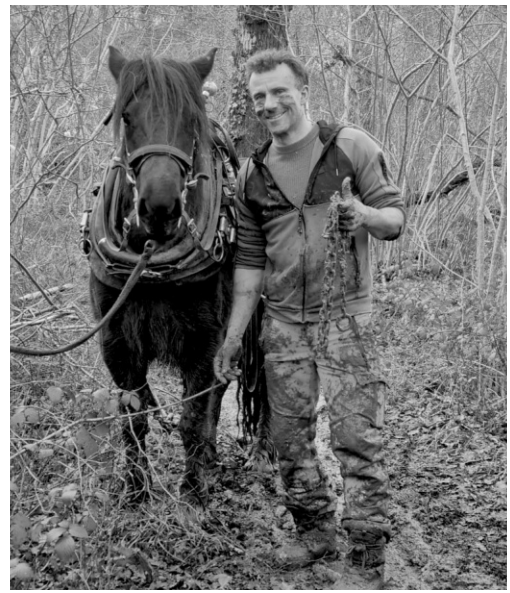
Lathomdale Primrose (Skye)

My journey with Skye started in 2021 when she was 11. Being a tree surgeon I had for a long time wanted a stocky native pony for horse logging and to hack out on.

After booking a holiday to the Lake District I met Nicola Evans and her Fell ponies and promptly put a deposit down for Skye, who I like to think choose me!

We were both green when we started, Skye being only lightly backed and myself having never had a pony before, but we muddled through and I soon set about training her using Liberty methods and Warwick Schiller's videos and books.

We learned to drive with no blinkers. I ride her with a fleece saddle pad and a sliding nose band. This obviously got a few remarks, but I found Skye calmer and happier this way. I signed up for courses with the amazing Hitch in Farm in Wales run by Mike and Ellie Paddock.



Skye and I have learnt so much! We are a working testament that through connection and groundwork you can have a great working pony. The last few months we have been busy in the local woods which has been a dream come true for me. Skye is so strong for her size and nimble, and the right height to duck under branches. The stamina of the Fell really helps.

I find the Fell ideally suited for timber extraction in tight woodlands where you have to slalom around hazel stools etc. The old way of using a swingle tree and chains can't be bettered in this situation - a "logging arch" needs more room!

I recently joined a local coppice group and I have offered to extract the hazel using Skye with a sled which I started building the other day. I'm hoping we can continually prove to people that using a pony in the woods is the sensible alternative to machinery.

It's been a wonderful journey. I'm so glad I fell for a Fell, and I'm rejoining the FPS.

Tim Wilding, West Sussex



Kathy Day

Lisa MacBurney's Lunesdale Shamrock with her granddaughters (left) and ridden by Lara Schwarz

Mosshey Centurion & Harthouse Huntsman

BRC National Dressage Champion

This time last year I was worried my boy wouldn't come sound post surgery at Liphook Equine Hospital. But a year later, representing Meon Riding Club, he was a champion at the NAF5* British Riding Clubs National Dressage championships.

Mosshey Centurion (Brian) flicked his toes and went mega for me, to finish on a score of 74.77% and win his first class. He then repeated it to finish 2nd in his next class on 69.32%, only 0.8% behind the winner! This meant we qualified for the ride off against all the winners of the day. Despite the heavy rain and 40 minute wait time, he made me the proudest owner when he finished 1st on 70.63% - meaning we were now the introductory dressage national CHAMPIONS.



Action Replay

Brian truly is my horse of a lifetime and I never anticipated success like this ever. My aim this year was simply a top 10 "frilly" and I wasn't sure even that was achievable.

I can't thank my Mum enough for being the best groom and driver, making a 4.5hr journey and 2am start tolerable, and Dad for coming to support. For everyone that's wished me good luck and showed us so much support, to everyone working behind the scene to keep Brian in tip top shape. and of course to Julie Anyon for breeding this total superstar, thank you, without you all I wouldn't be the happiest girl in the world.

Little Superstar

Our 5-year-old Harthouse Huntsman, bred by Kath Ellis and Georgia Ellis, has had a fantastic start to his competitive career. He recently attended dressage with Meon Riding Club for his first outing since July last year, following being backed and broken by me in 2024.

He certainly made his return one to remember, because he won the Intro test with an impressive 73.41%, exceeding all our expectations. The judge's comments were especially encouraging, including "wow, I enjoyed watching this", along with an 8 for our free walk.

Buoyed by this success, we decided to try his first ever Prelim test. While his canter is still a work in progress, it was all valuable



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experience. Despite a brief wrong-leg canter, which was quickly corrected, he finished a very respectable 7th with 68.2%, just outside the placings.

An incredibly positive and rewarding day for this little superstar, and an exciting start to what we hope will be a bright future.

Georgia Norton



Liddelpark Candy

Vicki Brown bought her yearling Liddelpark Candy early in 2025 and has had a very rewarding time teaching him to lead and load, and how to perform in hand.

She waited until October before taking Candy to his first show, at DM Equestrian, a small show perfect for first-timers. When they had practised at home Candy would trot a little then plant his feet, so Vicki was delighted when he rose to the occasion, trotting out perfectly, and standing square after a little bit of encouragement; and then she was 'as proud as punch' when they were awarded second place.

With their first show completed, and Candy taking it all in his stride, they went to the Puddledub Christmas jumper show at Netherton EC near Perth. They entered the rare breed class, taking first place, and then the large breed yearling mountain and moorland class taking second. This success means that they have qualified for the Caledonian Championships in October.

Vicki's plan for 2026 is to get as much experience as possible in preparation for the championships; but she adds that no matter what placing they receive she will still be taking the best pony home.

Good Luck Vicki and Candy!

Claire Simpson



Kinniside Annabell

Sarah Cockelty bought Greenholme Puma from Dorothy Bradley, who had bought him at auction; and she was so delighted with him that she went back to Dorothy's farm to find another Fell pony.

Viewing the ponies out on the fell, she fell in love with Kinniside Annabell, a completely untouched eighteen month old filly. The herd was brought down to the farm so that Annabell could be put on the wagon, and then Sarah spent a lot of time and patience at home to gain her trust.

Sarah took Annabell to in hand classes at several shows last year, including the Great Yorkshire, and received some great feedback and results. Then she backed Annabell over the winter and had regular training with David Wadge. To gain experience she decided to take Annabell to a local indoor show - the Sparket ridden show at Greenlands E.C., where she was delighted to win her two novice classes.

Sarah is now looking forward to their first full season on the flat; and to contesting WHP classes with Greenholme Puma who loves to jump.

Claire Simpson



Simon Beedle

Learning with Fells in 2025

Initially we had intended to see more breeders than we actually managed because fitting everything in between farm, work and our own ponies meant that we had to forgo some visits, but we managed to visit Brackenbank and Dallowgill.

These two studs saw two ends of a spectrum of Fell Pony breeding as Brackenbank have been breeding for over 40 years, whereas Dallowgill welcomed their first foals in 2025.

Our objectives for participating were:

- To discover how other breeders keep and handle their mares, youngstock and stallions
- To look at ways that we could manage a stallion in our own environment
- To further our knowledge of the Fell Pony breed
- To meet some of our Greenholme Rose's descendants
- To study away from the farm without any of our own animals

Brackenbank

Brackenbank was our first venue, where we were made very welcome by David, Katherine and Megan Wilkinson. I have met David and Katherine a number of times, not only through showing and other FPS events, but through purchasing Bybeck Jade (Lunesdale Redstart x Greenholme Rose) from them in 2022. One of the reasons for attending their LWF day was to see their foals by Bybeck Angelo (Bybeck Evolution x Bybeck Jade). The foals didn't disappoint, although unfortunately Angelo had already moved on to his new abode, something I knew was happening.

One aspect that David addressed which was of particular interest to Tom and to me was their process of handling and tying up their foals. Teaching a foal to lead initially is usually a two-person job but it was useful to see the use of ropes to assist with encouraging the foal to move forward from behind. This is something I have seen through videos and diagrams and have even

Mares and foals at Brackenbank



Sue & Tom Lamb



Heather Mawrey

Greenholme Lady Hawk with filly foal *Dallowgill Isadora (X) by Foalsyke Little Topper*

dabbled with myself but it was good to see the practice first-hand.

Another useful element was their method for teaching foals to tie up with an emphasis on the safety of the mare, foal and handlers.

Dallowgill

Our second visit was to Heather Mawrey with her family and friends at Dallowgill. Heather welcomed her first two homebred foals in 2025 and was lucky enough to have two fillies. In 2024 she AI'd her mares but since then has bought three young colts, the eldest of which has covered one of her mares and will hopefully have his first foal on the ground in 2026.

This visit made me reflect on how often you have an idea of what you expect you will like before actually seeing it, then have a totally different reaction when it is in front of you. I truly expected to prefer one of the colts above the others but in reality it was another that caught my eye. Absolutely not what I expected (and I'm not disclosing anything further!) but definitely a lesson in looking at what is in front of you rather than just bloodlines, show results and relatives.

At the time Heather was in training to be a FPS judge and she talked us through the breed standard with examples from her own ponies which ranged in age, size and colour. Again, this was useful to both Tom and myself, especially as I am someone who knows what they like when they see it but cannot describe the attributes as to why in any depth.

What we Learned

At both studs we saw how groups of colts were kept and handled allowing them friendship and freedom. This was something that reassured us that we could accommodate similar but slightly tweaked systems within our own setting once our renovations are done.

Throughout both visits there were ample opportunities for discussion on a wide range of subjects as well as finding out about each other and our Fell ponies. The objectives I set myself at the beginning were achieved and we aim to visit other studs in future. Although I set out on the Learning with Fells journey with a breeder's focus I can see benefits to such visits to others as well.

Many thanks to both studs for opening their gates to us.

Sue & Tom Lamb

Fleetham, North Yorkshire

Hades Hill Fairmile 1995 - 2025



It is with great sadness that we have said goodbye to Hades Hill Fairmile, one of the big hitters of the Hades Hill Herd over the past 70 years.

Fairmile was born just a few weeks after I left the city in 1995 and took on my dad's herd of ponies.

When her mother died only a couple of weeks later I was in at the deep end - bottle feeding her on goat's milk.

I saw this pony nearly every day for 30 years (more often than any other living being in my life) and she has led us on some of our greatest adventures.

My dad Walter used to say "you can't put a Fell to the wrong job" and Fairmile was the epitome of that saying. Ride, drive, pack, snig and she would be at her happiest surrounded by admiring children. I don't think I ever met a pony with such a beautiful character and temperament.

We didn't break her to harness until she was 10 years old but she pulled a gypsy caravan to Appleby horse fair on many occasions and was the first of my ponies to carry a packsaddle for Fell Pony Adventures.



Hades Hill Fairmile (left) and Hades Hill Lucky Pearl as part of the Fell Pony Adventures team.

"She's hardy, courageous and full of heart and personality."

As well as teaching many ponies and humans to ride and drive, she was the poster girl for our herd, featuring in newspapers and magazines around the world as well as BBC Countryfile. There is even a feature about her in *Horse and Hound* (September 2019) headlined: "She's hardy, courageous and full of heart and personality."

Although we ran Fairmile with various stallions on many occasions, we only ever had one foal from her - Hades Hill Fay - who is (after many attempts) in foal for this summer, so we hope that this bloodline will continue.

Hades Hill Fairmile, we salute you. What a horse. What a pony!



Tom Lloyd

Hades Hill Fell Ponies

Hardendale Rowan 1996 - 2026



Yesterday we had to say goodbye to our superstar Rowan.

She was a very special pony who had an extraordinary life. Half of it was spent as a semi-feral Fell pony broodmare for the Ralfland Stud in her homeland of Cumbria before she moved north to us in Aberdeenshire to become a family pony / ponyclubber / showjumper / Treccie - even hacking along the famous seaside footpath at Crovie on the Moray Firth coast.

How much further in Britain could you get from the Fells of Shap!

We often wished we had owned her in her earlier years - what could we have achieved with her, with her love of jumping, and her sense of adventure? - but then she wouldn't have come with such a wonderful history (9 foals) and the connections and lifelong friendships we have made all over the UK and even overseas.

She was a winner of the Peahill Basil veteran pony trophy and several awards in the FPS annual performance scheme over the years before her retirement.

Her last jobs were to quiet the newly gelded Brodie and more recently to act as guardian to our just weaned foal BumbleBea. It was lovely to see her gallop up the field just the other day and teach the youngster how to break the ice on frozen water buckets.

The yard is so quiet tonight, I can't face bringing the other ponies in, and they are subdued, there's no indignant shouting or banging on the door. We have a lot of tears still to shed, but run free Old Bat, over the rainbow bridge to catch up with long lost friends. We have lost a very special one x

Jacqueline Cheetham

Boyndlie Fell Ponies, Aberdeenshire



Hemleyhill Elizabeth



D: Murthwaite Sarah, S: Boutime Wooster

In November 2025 we had to make the hardest decision as breeders and owners to say goodbye to our darling Betty after a horrific field accident two weeks earlier. We are heartbroken to have lost her so tragically at only 2 years old.

Betty was the most sensible and kind youngster, enjoying showing as a foal, yearling and 2 year old. At just 4 weeks old she accompanied her dam at Herts County Show taking the Supreme M&M Championship. Betty won her first rosette at the NPS Summer Champs for best foal in the Fell Pony class.

As a yearling Betty was crowned Fell Pony of the Year at the NPS Great British In Hand Show, though her 2 year old year was quieter due to our family circumstances.

Betty was adored at home, often being groomed by 8 year old Bella and 2 year old Charlie. You wouldn't have thought that she was just a youngster. She was taken too soon and is missed every day.

Hemleyhill Fell ponies (Buckinghamshire)

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Please remember to update your details with any changes when appropriate.

Your Listing will be removed at your request, or if your current FPS membership lapses.

https://www.fellponysociety.org.uk/

An Introduction to Carriage Driving

An introduction to Carriage Driving with Tom LLoyd and Paul Metcalfe

26th July 2026

9:00am to 4:00pm

£25 per person including lunch

Location: Fell Pony Adventures yard, Newby Bridge, Cumbria LA12 8NS

16 people maximum

Open to all ages

No experience necessary

Programme

- Welcome and brief talk about the different carriage driving disciplines and competitions
- Harness up and put-to a single pony (everyone gets a hands-on go)

Tea break

- Harness up and put-to a pair of Fell ponies with a demonstration of a dressage test

Lunch

- Short presentation about two day competitions by Tom LLoyd looking at dressage, marathon and cones
- Demonstration of ponies driven through obstacles (as you would see on a marathon)
- Cones course demo (everyone gets a hands-on go)

Contact Tom Lloyd: phone 07967 483374 or email <tom@fellpony.co.uk>



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