



**The Fell Pony Society
Scotland Area Support Group**

News Letter May 2013

News

The Area Group has a New Chairperson and a New Committee Member after the AGM on Sunday 24th March. Alistair Smith is now Chairperson and Gwen has joined the committee. Gwen has also agreed to be the Central Region Representative as well as continuing her role as Publicity Officer which she took over the middle of last year.

A Constitution was also adopted at the AGM so that the Group have clear vision for the future. A copy of this is available by email on request.

On the 21st April Northern Area members went to the RSPB to see view the Konik horses at work and there role in conservation grazing at RSPB Loch of Strathbeg. Read more about the RSPB via the link <http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/l/lochofstrathbeg>

If you have any ideas for future events please let a member of the committee know. All ideas are welcome.

Coming events

June

Sun 29th June - The Northern Area - Jacqueline has organised a Pleasure Ride & Picnic - Meet at 11am. Eat and chat afterwards. Contact Jacqueline if interested.

Sun 30th June – Central Area - NPS Scotland have organised a Stud Visit / Stock Judging event at the Bracklinn Fell Pony Stud. Meeting from 12 noon for a prompt 1pm start on the stock judging. Could everyone intending coming along please contact Alistair by Monday 17th June, either on facebook or email allyboysmith@aol.com or phone/text 07884002685 to give an idea of numbers. All welcome.

Reports from previous events

A Stud visit and Stock Judging Event was held on 16th September. Alan & Moria from Towford Fell pony stud kindly organised this event. Over 80 folk from all across Scotland plus a few from northern England it was a well-supported and informative meet up. There was a good range of ponies. Ian Smith went through what to look for and then at the end pointed out what we had missed.



Photos by Janis Morgan

A Pentland Hills Pleasure Ride took place on 29th September, The event was organised as joint ride with the Central Scotland Highland Pony Club, and there were 6 Fell ponies, several Highlands and a few Icelandic and Welsh ponies. The ride covered just over 10 miles. Afterwards there was a great Lunch. Another ride is being organised for 2013.



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Membership Fee - It was decided at the AGM in April 2012 to have a group membership fee starting in 2013. This would be £5 annually paid to the secretary. This is entirely a voluntary thing making members eligible to vote at the Scottish Area AGM and or to become Scottish Area committee members. The idea of this donation is to cover general costs of the group.

Alistair Smith – Chairperson Diane Meikle - Secretary & Treasurer - 01847 851448

Janice Boyd - Committee Member Janis Morgan - Committee Member

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Gwen Rae is also our Press Officer so please feel free to forward any activities or events that your Fell Ponies have been doing to her on gwengry6@aol.com .

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