

# Erme Valley RDA

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## July 2025 Newsletter

As we head into a very busy few weeks leading up to the **end of term** and the **National Championships at Hartpury**, we want to say a **huge thank you** to all our incredible volunteers. Your time, energy, and commitment are what make everything we do possible.

### Surveys – We Need Your Input!

Please could we ask that **all participants and volunteers** complete the current surveys. Your feedback really helps us make sure we're offering the right support and experiences for everyone. Thank you in advance!

### Helper Training Week – Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who attended and helped run our recent training sessions. We hope you found them **useful and informative**, and that you've come away with some new ideas and knowledge.

### Nationals Countdown

The Nationals are nearly here! Everyone riding at the event should now have received their **information letter and entry invoice**. Please let us know as soon as possible if there are any issues.

We're thrilled to announce that **18 riders will be competing at Hartpury**, across **show jumping, dressage, countryside challenge, endurance, and horse care**! This is a fantastic achievement, and we're incredibly proud of everyone involved.

The cost of competing has increased significantly this year, so we would recommend that **those competing consider organising a small fundraising event** to help offset the costs that the charity is contributing to support you, and every bit of extra fundraising helps. We can't wait to cheer everyone on—**best of luck to all our riders!**

### Activities Week - 7th - 18th July

During **Activities Week**, we're going to begin filming entries for the **Virtual Championships**. The **Countryside Challenge course** will be set up outside, and we will also film a few **dressage tests**.

This is open to **all riders**—please let us know if you'd like to take part so we can include you in the schedule.

### **Coffee Morning Week**

Starting **Saturday**, it's Coffee Morning Week! Please check the poster for full details.

We'd be very grateful for:

- **Help running the mornings**
- **Donations of cakes**

As always, our **raffle will be running**, so do come along, buy a few tickets, and bring your friends—it's a lovely chance for people to see what we do here.

### **AGM & Barbecue**

Our **AGM and BBQ** will be held on **17th July at 6pm**, **AGM first followed by the BBQ**. We'd love to see lots of you there!

If you won a trophy last year please could you make sure to return in within the next two weeks.

We need to nominate directors for this year please let us, present committee please let us know you are willing to stand.

### **Summer Working Parties & Horse Care Days**

Over the summer break, we will be running **working parties on Mondays and Wednesdays** from **10am - 1pm**, as well as **two Horse Care Days** on **Monday 28th July** and **Monday 18th August** from **10am - 12.20pm**.

Places will be offered on a **first come, first served** basis, so please let us know soon if you're interested. After that, we'll open up any remaining spots to those outside of RDA.

### **Payment Reminders**

If you are paying by **virtual wallet**, please make sure Peggy knows. If paying by **BACS**, kindly **reference the rider's name**—this helps us trace payments more easily. Thank you for your help with this!

### **London International Horse Show Trip**

We're excited to confirm that the **London International Horse Show trip** will be running again this year! We're really looking forward to taking lots of you along—please let Peggy know if you'd be interested in a ticket.

## **Getting to Us**

For anyone needing directions, the **What3Words location** for our site is: **outline.wrist.regret**.

Please also be **mindful of your speed** when driving down the lane and **in the yard**—there are **children, animals, and dogs** about. Safety is very important to us. Thank you for your care and attention.

## **We Currently Need:**

- Cleaning supplies
- Tea, coffee & biscuits
- Sponges
- Paint (for poles and stables)
- Paint brushes
- Fly spray
- Grooming kits
- Local honey

Thank you all for your support—we're looking forward to an exciting month ahead!

**Dates:**

- 1st July - Accessible Social Club - meeting at Plymbridge woods.
- 1st July - Tea with a pony
- 5th July - No Riding
- 28th, 30th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd June/ July - coffee morning week
- 7th July - Happy Hoof
- 7th - 18th July - Activities Week
- 10 - 13th July - Nationals / **No Riding sessions**
- 15th July - Accessible Social Club - ring feeder
- 17th July - AGM and BBQ
- 18th July - Working party - Cadburys trust (Help needed )
- 19th July - Last session before summer
- 28th July - Horse Care day
- 2nd Aug - Rattery village fair (HELP NEEDED TO RUN STALL)
- 18th Aug - Horses Care day
- 8th September - Start of term
- 14th - 17th November - Happy Hoof Finlake trip
- 21st Dec - London Horse Show