

Erme Valley RDA

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January 2025 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

We'd like to wish all our members a very Happy New Year and extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, fundraisers, donors, and behind-the-scenes supporters who made 2024 such a wonderful year. Your dedication and generosity are what keep us going!

Important Information

Looking ahead to 2025, we're excited for what's to come, but unfortunately, the year hasn't started as we hoped. Due to an isolated case of an equine contagious disease and following veterinary advice, we will **not be running any sessions throughout January**. We aim to restart in February, but we'll keep you updated.

In the meantime, we'll continue offering **educational programmes, art activities, supported work placements, and social groups**. It is very important that these groups adhere to the strict biosecurity measures in place on the premise. These will be well signed.

Thank you for your patience as we work hard to reopen fully as soon as possible.

Activity Sheets

If any of our participants would like an activity sheet to stay engaged this month, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Important Dates

- **20th January:** No sessions (work experience placements only).
- **25th January: First Aid Course** (Full day, 12 places available, £40 per person).
- **27th January: Makaton Taster** (6 pm–8 pm, free).
- **27th February: Emergency First Aid** (2 hours; priority for staff, coaches, and work experience participants).

Please let Peggy know via Text if you would like to book.

Fundraising Update

Christmas Fundraisers

- **Sian's Christmas Fundraiser:** Despite challenging conditions (red weather warnings and power outages), the event raised an impressive **£550**. Huge thanks to everyone who supported and helped make it a success!
- **Philomena's Christmas Market:** Held in the village hall, this event raised **£360**—thank you for your generosity and Philomena for organising.

- **Christmas Raffles:** Combined, the two raffles brought in **£250**.

We'd like to give a **special thanks** to the small group of people who gave their time and supported these events. Every contribution makes a difference!

Rider Fundraiser

We need your support now more than ever! Please help by filling a jar with coins (or any spare change). Every little bit adds up and helps us continue providing opportunities for our riders.

Dates:

- **14th January** – Accessible Social Club
- **20th January** - No sessions work experience placements only
- **8th January** – New Term Begins
- **25th January** - First aid course all day 12 places available £40 per place
- **27th January** – Makaton training at The Brook 6pm
- **28th January** – Accessible Social Club
- **11th February** – Accessible Social Club
- **17th - 21st February** –Half Term
- **27th February** - 2 Hours - Emergency first aid (staff, coaches and work experience are priority)



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
**CHRISTMAS
MARKET**

**20+ STALLS . HOG ROAST . MULLED WINE
AND RAFFLE**

SUNDAY | 8 DEC | 1PM - 5PM

Ugborough Village Hall
in aid of Erme Valley RDA

