



Grendon HATS



Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd September 2019

VENUE: Station Road , Polesworth B79 0EH

DIRECTIONS:

From M42 J11 take B5493 signposted No Mans Heath and Seckington. Turn left into Seckington into Hang Mans Lane. Straight over staggered crossroads. At T junction turn left onto Linden Lane, under the motorway bridge and Venue is on your right hand side in about 0.5 miles.

From M42 J10 take A5 westbound and leave at the first slip road (B5080). At roundabout take 3rd exit (Stonydelph)) then the 1st exit onto B5080 (Pennine Way) At next roundabout take 3rd exit onto B5000. At cross roads take a left through Polesworth and go over the railway bridge at the end of station road the venue is on the right, actually on the T junction.

VENUE ARRIVAL:

Competitors can arrive at the venue from 8.15am. Once you have parked up and unloaded your horses please make your way to the self check-in at the secretaries' tent, where you will be collect your rider bib and wrist bands

Competitors Briefing – This will take place at the secretary's tent.

Competitors – Your vet times have been allocated on a separate document. Please note you risk elimination if you are late for the vetting. Please make sure you notify the vet writer upon arrival at the vetting. The time you have been given is your time. You **WILL NOT** be able to vet earlier than your time so please do not push in or hang around the vetting area.

The vetting will take approximately 3 minutes as your heart rate will be taken for a full minute.

Check the board upon arrival for last minute route changes and confirmed distances as times & points will be worked out from the official mileages displayed on the day. Please ensure you have read the rules

Pleasure Riders. You can arrive at the venue from 9.30am, Pleasure ride times are first horse away 10.30am Last horse 12.00 noon – All 20 mile riders to be out on course 11.00 am please.

The venue is a large stubble field – No GRASS, corralled horses will require hay. No hard standing available. All vehicles will be shown where to park by a steward.

Self check in will be in operation at the secretary. Tick your name on the list, take two wristbands with emergency numbers – one for you and one to attach to your horse and take your numbered bib. Don't forget to return your bib after the ride and collect your rosette. Members can record mileage on the website when you get home.

THE VENUE FIELD IS A WALK ONLY ZONE. DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN THE VENUE FIELD BUT MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES.

Please clear droppings from the field and take any rubbish home with you.

ROUTE: There are four route options – 5, 10, 15 and 20 miles.

The ride is along public and private bridleways.

A big thank you to HATS (horses avoiding traffic scheme) for use of the private bridleways for the day. These paths are clearly marked with the blue HATS symbols.

This year the route has a little more roadwork through villages as the venue is a little further away from the HATS ride.

There are still lots of lovely canter opportunities and a river crossing. There is a motorway bridge to cross on the 20 mile route, which is part of the public bridleways.

There is also a obliging pub in the village of Warton, The Office.

There will be horses travelling the same sections twice on parts of the route – please pass carefully and be courteous on these sections.

FACILITIES:

A catering van will be there from 7.30 am, there will be toilets but no water.

Passports: Please don't forget your passports as they will be checked for flu vaccinations, horses will be allowed on site if they have either had a booster within the last 12 months or have had the first 2 vaccinations of a new programme. However, please check your passports for historical discrepancies as you may need to start a new course if your own vet thinks it

FIRST AIDER: This event does not have an official first aider, however there is a first aid kit located at the Secretary's trailer.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Ruth at Indiepics. www.indiepics.co.uk

RIDE ORGANISER: Julie Cooney email: juliecooney65@icloud.com

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON THE DAY OF THE RIDE ONLY

07473 803874 or 07434 756817

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY – CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD ON THE DAY OF THE RIDE TO CHECK IF THERE ARE ANY LATE ROUTE CHANGES AND READ THE RISK ASSESSMENT

RULES:

ALL RIDERS SHOULD READ THROUGH OUR RULES – THESE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

No SPURS or whips longer than 30” as per our rules.

Standing Martingale are also not permitted without written approval prior to the ride

Hats must be secured by chin strap and meet current standard

Head Cameras may be used but are not recommended as may alter the safety of the hat.

NEVER PASS ANOTHER HORSE WITHOUT ASKING PERMISSION FIRST, ALWAYS PASS AT A PACE NO MORE THAN TROT. REMEMBER THAT NOT EVERYONE MAY BE A CONFIDENT RIDER OR THEY MAY HAVE A NOVICE HORSE, PLEASE WEAR THE FOLLOWING TAIL RIBBONS FOR GUIDANCE.

TAIL RIBBONS:

Please wear the following ribbons in your horse’s tail if needed:

RED RIBBON – My horse may kick

GREEN RIBBON – I or my horse are nervous /novice, approach with caution and pass with care

BLUE RIBBON – My horse is a stallion

NB. ALL LATE BOOKINGS NOT ON THE BIB NUMBERS LIST MUST BRING A PRINTED COPY OF THEIR BOOKING CONFIRMATION TO GIVE TO THE SECRETARY