



The
British
Horse
Society

BHC Biannual Meeting

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Leisure Sector Update



Riding Schools

- Summer bounce back!
- Lockdown #2 conflicting communication
- DEFRA colleagues very supportive
- £800,000 Hardship Fund for Welfare of Horses & Ponies
- Tough winter ahead....



Safety

- Highway Code Review
- DfT Highway Code Stakeholders Focus Group
- Proposed Hierarchy of Road Users
- Rule 163 – Overtaking: under 15 mph and allow at least 2m space
- Rule 215 – Road Users requiring extra care



Safe Riding Routes -Access

- Project 2026 surpassed 1000 applications logged
- Lobbying for the 2026 cut off date to be extended to 2031
- Ride Out fund continues to provide pump priming funds
- Continued support for Local Authorities under pressure



Participation

- Strong recovery of Covid safe activity in the summer
- Collective work by the BEF members and BHC guidance
- Fingers crossed Q1 participation continues to grow