



British Horse Council Summer Meeting

Friday, 27th June 2025





Recreational Riding

- Full capacity with a continuing demand for riding schools
- Animal Activity Licences increasing
- Demand for horses still high despite higher prices
- Lack of work force and availability of staff
- Clarity regarding VAT and Education
- Less funding opportunities for charitable riding schools
- Livery yards are struggling with profitability
- Concern regarding 2025 hay and forage yields and costs



Safer Roads

Early Day Motion submitted which calls on the Government to improve public awareness, enforce safe driving and protect horses and riders on UK roads.

2024

- **3,118** road incidents involving horses have been logged with British Horse Society
- Of these, **58** horses have died and **97** have been injured
- **80** people have been injured
- **33%** of riders were victims to road rage or abuse
- **81%** of incidents occurred because a driver passed by too closely to the horse
- **81%** of incidents occurred because a driver passed by too quickly

Call to action - to come together and evidence that equestrians still aren't safe on our roads