British Driving Society (Berkshire)

Assistant Area Commissioners:
Clive Collins, Shaun Gibson, Colin Pawson

The Ridgeway Drive

SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024

Come and join BDS Berkshire for a wonderful, relaxing drive with fantastic countryside and great people!

Starting and finishing at
Bower Farm
Aldworth
Reading, RG8 9TR

Popularly known as 'Britain's oldest road', The Ridgeway still follows the same route over the high ground used since prehistoric times by travellers, herdsmen and soldiers. Today it is popular with walkers, runners, cyclists, horse riders and disabled people using mobility scooters - any or all of which you may meet so **please drive cautiously and courteously!**

This is a cross-country drive with a short (up to 7 miles) and a long (14 mile) route, so show-type carriages are not appropriate however -

BDS Berks 'Turned Out Well' Mugs will be awarded to top scorers. Points are given at the inspection at the start of the drive on the basis of – harness fit and safety, cleanliness of harness, behaviour and presentation of horses, ponies or donkeys, presentation of carriage and the overall effort to turn out well. This award is open to all and not judged on the monetary value of equipment and irrespective of the type of turnout.

Our aim is for a **relaxed**, **fun** and **safe** event.

Contact Shaun Gibson email: **Shaun467@aol.com**
mobile : **07742 736552**

CLOSING DATE: ***Friday 5th July***

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entry to this event is restricted to current BDS members.
2. Horses, ponies and donkeys must be four years old or over.
3. Groom(s) must ride on the carriage when the horse is being driven. All persons on the carriage must wear a hat, it is strongly recommended that this is a suitable, protective hard hat. The safety hat is compulsory for children aged 14 years or under.
4. All turnouts should carry adequate spares for the occasion.
5. There will be a pre-Drive check at the start. Grooms must dismount for this.
6. The organisers of this event will take reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring, and must heed the instructions of the organisers.
7. Whips should familiarise themselves with the **Safety Guidelines** on the BDS website.
8. Photos of participants and turnouts may be used online and in published reports of the event.
9. Entry to the drive implies acceptance of these conditions by all who take part.

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ENTRY FORM : The Ridgeway Drive 2024

BDS Members No. **……**
(Please attach copy of current m/ship Card)

Entry Fee : £10
Payment cheque made payable to **BDS Berkshire**, or

I have paid by bank transfer (details below) *Delete as appropriate.*

Equine: Pony / Horse/ Donkey hh **T/out**: Single/Pair/Tandem/Unicorn/Team

Preferred Start Time (if possible): Event starts **11 a.m.** …… **Short or Long Route ?**

Name ……. **mobile no**: …….

Address: …….
……. **e-mail**: …….
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Post Code: ……

Payment by BACS to :British Driving Society Berkshire
Sort code: 30-96-96 Account number: 64951268 Reference: *your name*

Please return to : **Shaun Gibson – with <u>Cheque & SAE (or tick if you wish to be emailed)</u>** ☐
The Crow's Nest, Kennylands Road, Sonning Common, Reading, RG4 9JP

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