

NEW YATT RDA - HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

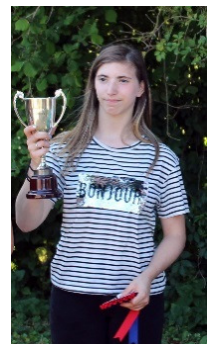
Despite challenging winter weather conditions our 7 dedicated horses and ponies gave over **850 rides** with **94 participants** from August 2017 to July 2018.



Throughout the year **60 regular volunteers** are involved in the daily care of our ponies, providing riding activities, fundraising and administration. This year we've really appreciated the visits from our friends at **RAF Brize Norton** who are helping to maintain our 22 acre site.



In July 10 riders took part in our **Annual Handy Pony Competition**, showcasing riding skills, determination and courage to County Chair Moo Nowell-Smith, our helpers and guests. Katy Simpson on Bramble was winner of the Junior class and Megan Parker was presented with the Tamba Cup for her winning test on Ben in the Adult class.



Thanks to all photo contributors.

In June 15.1h skewbald Lionel arrived on loan. With his steady pace and friendly nature he is already a firm favourite with riders, helpers and his field mate Harry.



In August, after our tireless fundraisers secured £22,000 in grants and donations, we replaced the old arena surface with an Andrews Bowen Propel RDA mix to ensure optimum riding conditions.

As ever, the continued generosity of our many supporters is essential to keeping the cost of riding affordable.

Thanks in no small part to a new charity partnership with **White Stuff Witney**, the annual **Kirtlington Golf Day** and **200 Club** we also raised over £15,000 towards running costs.



Full report on this project and donors is on our website

As Christmas approaches we have decorated the Arena and Activity Room ready for **Tinseltastic Saturday** and the **Pony Blessing** to round off our busy year. New Yatt RDA was established in 1984 so in 2019 we will be celebrating our **35th Anniversary** with all Friends, past and present, who have contributed to the development of our RDA Group.

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