



Cecil's Horse Sanctuary

Quarterly Newsletter # 2

It's been another busy quarter for us here at Cecil's Horse Sanctuary. Our volunteers have been working hard to get our ponies ready for the cold, whether that be by rugging our ponies who need a little extra help keeping warm, ensuring all ponies have access to shelters, or preparing our winter fields. Find out all about what we have been doing over the past September, October and November.

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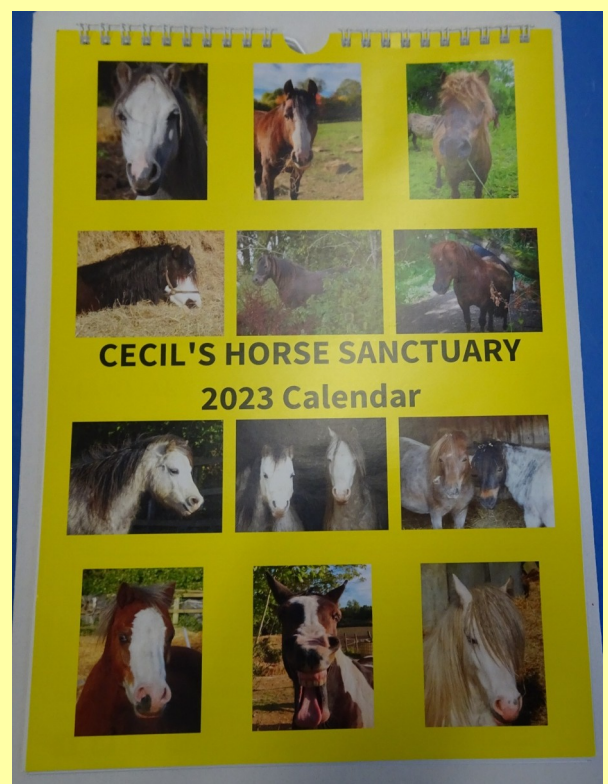


Our 2023 Calendars are here!

The 2023 calendars have arrived. Jam packed with photos of our gorgeous ponies. Don't miss out.

- Limited number available, order now to avoid disappointment
- £6.50
- £2 P&P for 1 / £4 P&P for 2 or more
- Calendar sales will go toward feed, hay & straw

To purchase one of our lovely calendars Facebook Message, Email or Tweet your order, name & postal address and we will send you the payment details.





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Autumn Updates

Updates at Elstree

With the risk of losing our land at Elstree to development (we only rent the land), preparing for winter this year has been a little more challenging than usual as the developers have been carrying out their surveys including borehole exploration work. This, combined with the extremely rainy autumn, meant that land got very wet and muddy very quickly- before we had the chance to build up the straw pad area ready for winter. This proved challenging for both ponies and volunteers.

Luckily, with a lot of hard work, the straw pad areas were prepared and the ponies are now happily living on them for the winter months, munching away on their hay.



New Winter Field

Preparing for winter can be a difficult job here at the sanctuary. Every year our volunteers work hard to ensure our horses have somewhere safe and comfortable to spend the colder months. We are very lucky that this year, we have a new field on loan to us next to our Radlett Field. Our volunteers have given up several of their Saturdays to aid in the clear up effort, and getting it ready to be used as a winter field for our Radlett ponies.

New Field At Chalfont

We have a very special thank you to announce, in fact a "thank you" doesn't really cut it.

The gentleman we are thanking wishes to remain anonymous and we respect his wishes but he knows who he is and this is for him. We will call him Mr X.

Not only has Mr X already provided us with the long term use of his land in Berkhamsted where our miniature Shetland herds, together with 3 other ponies, live happily, Mr X has now offered us temporary, short term accommodation in Chalfont for all our special needs ponies, finally relieving them all from the awful mud at Elstree.



We have never been so grateful. Everything happened suddenly and unexpectedly and the move took place over the weekend. Seeing the ponies prancing and rolling around like it was spring brought so much joy to

Julie and her team of helpers and volunteers.

Unfortunately it is on a temporary basis to get the neediest through the winter and could not have come at a better time.

With the impending redevelopment of our Elstree home we are in search of new land, as local to Elstree as possible. The developers have instructed agents to assist us with finding new land so if you hear or know of anything that could suit us please do let us know ASAP.



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Updates

Remembering Ceri

This October, we said goodbye to one of our lovely miniature Shetlands, Ceri. Ceri was the oldest pony at our sanctuary, and we are very glad to have spent so many years with her. She was the most well behaved and sweet pony during open days, and even after retiring from work, she liked to be involved in what the other Shetlands were doing. We are sure any one that met her will never forget her gentle temperament and that little neigh she would make when brought her food.



Visit to BUPA's Allington Court and Tenderden House Care Home

We always love to be invited to different organisations' events or just to visit them and bring some of our ponies. This autumn, we were invited to visit Bupa's Allington Court and Tenderden House Care Home on the 8th October. The residents got to meet our miniature Shetlands and chat with our volunteers. We loved getting to meet everyone and look forward to being invited back so that more residents might get to have the fun and exciting experience.



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Thank Yous

Company Donations

As a charity, we rely solely on donations to keep running. This includes item donations, as well as monetary. Here, we'd like to say a big thank you to the various companies who have donated an assortment of items that have been essential and very helpful in keeping our sanctuary running.



Thank you to Bliss Bedding for their donations of bedding. At a time when we've had a lot of rain and cold, it's so important for the ponies to have somewhere dry and warm to go at night, meaning bedding is a wonderful thing to have.



Nuyard

Paving & Fencing Centre

Thank you to Nuyard Fencing & Paving Bletchley for discounting fencing at our Berkhamsted site



Thank you to Bell Container Trading Limited

Rr Art

Thank you to award winning Rachael Robinson Art for supporting our Sanctuary in numerous ways. Rachael ran a competition to win a graphite drawing of your furbaby, running the 2023 London Marathon in aid of Cecil's as well as giving us some of her special prints to sell for Christmas. Thank you for all your help!

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Thank you to Philip at Lodge Farm and also Adam and Guy at Edgwarebury for keeping us going, at short notice, with hay,

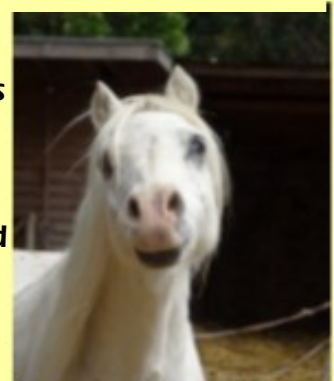
Thank you to Retirement Villages Group for donating 75 bales of hay to help us through the winter months as a goodwill gesture for all the inconvenience and disruption caused to our Elstree site and ponies over the past couple of months.

To our wonderful Vet, Laura, from Meadowbrook Equine Clinic who kindly gave up her spare time, on her day off to help sedate some of our more frightened and nervous ponies with the move.

Corporate Sponsorships

We offer a corporate sponsorship scheme so that different companies and businesses can sponsor one of our ponies. There are three levels of sponsorships available – bronze, silver and gold. It is a great way to support the ponies at the sanctuary - from just £10 a month.

Riso have renewed their sponsorship of our blind pony Noodles.



Please see our website for further details:
www.cecilshorsesanctuary.org/sponsor-a-pony-corporate



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Get Involved

Our Desperate Search for New Land

With only a year left to operate at our Elstree field, we are desperate to find more land to move our Elstree ponies too. We have been very lucky to have use of some temporary fields over the winter for some of the ponies at Elstree, but we need a more permanent home. With the help of the RVG developers and their agents, we are taking the search seriously, but with the distinct lack of available land in the South East, it isn't looking great at the moment. If you can help in any way, if you know of land or know where to look, please get in touch with us via email cecilshorsesanctuary@hotmail.com

Open Days



Pony sessions at our Berkhamsted field will start up again early in this new year, dependant on weather conditions. The sessions include 1:1 grooming, leading, a personalised certificate and a sanctuary rosette. Great for anyone aged 2 to 82, who would like to have an up and close experience with one of our miniature Shetlands.

Check our Facebook page for updates and information on when we have started up these sessions again.

Sponsorships

Sponsoring one of our ponies helps greatly with their care and upkeep of their home. Sponsorships start with our Bronze package which includes a personalised certificate, photo and information about your sponsored pony. With our special Silver and Gold packages, you'll receive a voucher for a pony session with your sponsored pony at Berkhamsted, as well as other goodies. These make a wonderful gift for someone that loves ponies, as they gain the opportunity to meet and groom the pony they are sponsoring. We also plan to offer the chance to sponsor some of the ponies at Chalfont with the Gold Package including a voucher to attend a Meet the Ponies up Close and Personal session. Please email us if you are interested.

To sponsor one of our lovely ponies, go to: www.cecilshorsesanctuary.org/sponsor-a-pony and download a sponsorship form.

Volunteer With Us



Would you like to be part of our friendly team? Are you over 14 yrs old and able to spare a few hours a week, helping to train miniature Shetlands for pony sessions and then assisting at weekend open days? We also have 'yard' jobs to do - such as poo-picking and filling the water buckets.

If you are interested please get in touch with Cecil's Horse Sanctuary for an application form, by email: cecilshorsesanctuary@hotmail.com



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How You Can Help

Monetary Donations

There are many ways you can help us financially:

- **Go Fund Me**
- **Just Giving**
- **Charities Aid Foundation**
- **PAYPAL**
- **Crowdfunder**
- **Bank Transfer** – Please request details via email:
cecilshorsesanctuary@hotmail.com

- **Text donate** through DONR
Text PONYANGEL followed by your donation amount to 70085 to give that amount per month.

This will cost your donation amount plus two standard network rate messages.

Become a Guardian Angel

Become a Guardian Angel and donate monthly. Donating on a monthly basis provides us with the security of knowing we can purchase certain things every month without wondering where the next few pounds is coming from. Use Just Giving, Paypal or DONR to donate monthly and become a Guardian Angel.

How You Can Help Without Spending a Penny

There are also plenty of ways to help us that don't cost you anything.

Why not follow our social media pages and share our posts? We post great pictures and videos of our sanctuary and horses, along with updates and information on what has been going on at the sanctuary:



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Volunteers And Supporters

Julie's Army of Volunteers



As always, we would like to thank our volunteers, without whom we would not be able to look after our horses. Especially during these harder months of the year, there is so much to be done to ensure our ponies are happy, comfortable and healthy. We have no paid workers at Cecils, so all our volunteers do what they do all year around off their own backs. Our volunteers carry out numerous tasks, which seem all the more difficult when the weather changes, such as filling waters, pushing out bales of (frozen!) hay, repairs, fundraising, administration duties as well as spreading awareness about our sanctuary and our cause.

We would like to wish all our supporters a Merry Christmas and a very happy new year! Without your support, we wouldn't be able to keep our charity going. You can support us in many different ways. Even a small gesture as sharing posts on social media, or reading our newsletter has a huge impact on us. Thank you for everyone's help at such a difficult time of the year.



Have Your Say

We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter. We aim to release our Quarterly newsletter on or around the 1st March, June, September and December, but sometimes we may run a little late! We are interested to know what our supporters would like to see and know more about in future newsletters, so please get in touch by email or on Facebook.