

THE TRC

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Dear Supporter

It has been a very busy six months at the Centre. Our Yard Manager & Trainer Kath Pinington, with the support of Head Girl Yvonne Ward, have been working extremely hard with our re-homing programme and we are seeing the numbers of horses being re-homed steadily increase. This is much needed as the amount of calls we have been receiving from people needing to find a home for their thoroughbred continues to increase. We have been overwhelmed with calls, many of them desperate and we are working hard to help as many of them as possible. The demand for our services really is increasing and we are starting to look at the possibility of expanding our capacity so we can take in more horses at one time. As ever this is dependent on raising the necessary funds so we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, it is needed now more than ever.

Leading on from this, we have included a focus on the importance of legacies to the TRC in this newsletter. Income from legacies is vital to our development and expansion, we would be very grateful if you could read the feature and see if leaving a gift in your will is something you could consider. Every gift we receive helps make a huge difference to the TRC horses.

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to Steve Gollings who climbed Haystacks in Cumbria with his daughter Nadia (commercial manager at Nottingham Racecourse) to raise funds for the TRC. Together they raised over £900 and finished the climb in three hours fifty minutes, despite poor weather and the mountain top in cloud. Thank you Steve & Nadia.



Steve & Nadia Gollings
climb Haystacks

Finally we would like to draw your attention to our Christmas Prize Draw, we have enclosed a book of tickets. They cost just £1 per ticket for the chance to win the original art work for our 2011 Christmas card "Santa's Missing Helper" by Alex Underdown, a year's subscription to Horse & Hound, County Enclosure tickets for Haydock Park and a £20 Robinson's gift voucher. If you are able to sell these on our behalf and return the funds to us with the enclosed form we would be most grateful.

With kindest regards

Kath, Nicky & Tracey

The TRC Team

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OUR HORSES

Our waiting list continues to be at capacity and we are full! The summer months are usually quieter in terms of referrals to the Centre but we have yet again seen a huge increase in unwanted thoroughbreds requiring a place here.

At the TRC we recognise that the plight of the unwanted thoroughbred is a growing welfare issue particularly in the current economic climate and with so many thoroughbreds leaving training and racing each year. Welfare issues do not always arise through intentional neglect or cruelty but can be through a lack of understanding of a horse's needs or an inability to meet those needs for whatever reason.

For example, and this is not untypical; The novice owner who called the TRC after owning the horse for just 6 weeks – she bought it for a few hundred pounds from a dealer and didn't know that it was a thoroughbred or that it had raced. She was reliably informed that it would make a good hack for a novice rider and could go on to compete in a variety of disciplines. She didn't have it checked by a vet prior to purchase and the reality was that the horse had only ever been race ridden and had no retraining. She had no idea whether it had any pre-existing injuries or conditions. Once home with the horse, she realised that she couldn't handle the horse appropriately and despite a promise to do so the person who sold her the horse would not take it back. We took the horse in, it presented as lame on our initial vet inspection and x-rays were taken – this is what we found!



Fortunately we were able to offer this owner a solution – but for many who find themselves in a similar situation the outcome is not always so positive.

We continue to work closely with racing owners and trainers offering them an alternative re-raining and re-homing solution for thoroughbreds that are no longer in racing. Over the last few months we have been out and about at racecourses and showing events promoting our work and talking to those in the racing industry and on the showing circuit. We have taken horses with us to demonstrate that with the right care and retraining these horses can do well in other disciplines once their racing career has finished.

The feedback we have had particularly from trainers and racehorse owners has been very encouraging. Many spend a great deal of time and effort in re-homing their horses to ensure they have a future after racing. It is a key feature of our work that we do not sell any of our horses. They will always be owned by the TRC and they will always be monitored in the loan home.



Yvonne on Saint Reverien at Haydock Park in August



Charlotte on Dora Corbino at Haydock Park in August

We are lucky enough to have a team of dedicated volunteer field officers who help with this work in ensuring our horses are fit and happy in their loan homes. We simply could not manage without their time and efforts.

If you would be interested in becoming a field officer please call the office number for details. We are particularly looking to cover areas in the south east and the north east of the country.

REHOMED

Captain Sensible, Cleveland, Greenwich Fore, Leopard Rock, Oscar Trial, Super Ross, The DrystoneWaller, Tip Midwest, Winston's lad

NEW IN

Angel, Arctic Dawn, August Days, Diamond Shannon, Dora Corbino, Gee Dee, Melwood Dreams, Right you Are, Royal Amnesty, Shanahoe Lulu, St. Reverien, Tallulah's Secret, The Dodgy Man, The Weakest Link, Ubenkor, Woldgate,

TRC HORSES READY TO BE RE-HOMED



Arctic Dawn (Pon) 16hh Grey Gelding 8yrs

Allrounder/ B.E.Eventing

Pon arrived at the Centre at the beginning of August 2011. He had had some re-training from a short point to point career. He loves jumping and has rhythmical paces. He needs an experienced home to bring out his full potential. He is good to shoe, handle and has no vices.

Madame Fatale (Maddy) 16hh Dark Bay Mare 9yrs

Maddy arrived back at the Centre in May 2011 after being re-homed for 12 months. She returned through no fault of her own. She is a lovely kind mare who is good to handle. She is a sensible, safe hack who has a leg at each corner and is happy on her own or in company. She has no vices and is good to shoe and box.



Quinn 16hh Chestnut Gelding 11yrs

Allrounder



Quinn is a real character who loves to work. He has very elevated paces and loves jumping. He has been on loan previously but returned through no fault of his own. He has competed at dressage and show jumped 90cm courses successfully. He is an attractive horse who is good to hack (better in company). He has no vices and is good to do in all ways. He needs a competent rider who wants to have fun with him.

Royal Plum (Harvey) 16.2hh Chestnut Gelding 14yrs

Schoolmaster/ Dressage/ Jump/ Hack

Harvey arrived at the TRC in June 2008. He has lovely paces and loves to jump. He has been to many demonstrations, flying the flag for the TRC including a jumping demo at the Lune Valley Country Fair 2011. He is a laid back chap but can be cheeky and needs a life full of fun to keep him entertained. He would excel at all riding club activities including dressage, show jumping and cross country.



Royal Amnesty (Royston) 15.3hh Black Gelding 8yrs

Dressage/ Showing



Royston is a very handsome chap with flowing paces, he has a kind nature and a trainable attitude, loves to work and is forward going yet sensible. He is good to hack, but better in company as he has only been at the Centre since June having been a prolific winner on the flat and finished racing at the end of 2010. He has no vices and is good to handle and shoe.



Saint Reverien (Frenchie) 16.2hh Bay Gelding 12yrs

Dressage/ Eventing

Frenchie arrived in May and has been a prolific winner at point to points. He has a fantastic temperament and is currently hacking out in company and working on the flat. He has three good paces with an elevated trot and will excel at B.E.Eventing as he is an all round athlete with bags of potential. He has no vices or pre-existing conditions and is good to handle, shoe and travel.

The Dodgy Man (Dodge) 16.3hh Bay Gelding 10yrs

Show Hunter Type/ Dressage/ Hack

This elegant horse has super paces and has been competed lightly at dressage and showing successfully. He has excellent manners and is a true gent who is happy to hack out alone or in company. He has no voices and is good to shoe and box.



Ubenkor (Benky) 16.2hh Bay Gelding 6yrs

Event/ Dressage/ Show Riding Horse

This stunning horse has just finished his racing career and only recently arrived at the Centre to start his re-training programme. He has elevated paces with good athletic potential so would excel in any sphere. He has a lovely temperament and is enjoying his new career. He has no vices and is good to box and shoe.

William 16.2hh Dark Bay Gelding 15yrs

Stunning School Master/ Dressage/Hack

William is a true gentleman who arrived at the TRC in May 2008 from a private home. He is a genuinely lovely horse, who is very eager to please and always tries to do his best. He is good in traffic but prefers company if a plastic bag waves at him! William has expressive paces and is a well schooled, mannerly ride. He has been out to dressage competitions and was a bit tense the first time, but we are sure this will improve as he goes out more often. He has been acting as our school master and is good to handle in the stable, shoe and box with no vices.



AINTREE SHOWING SHOW

On Saturday 22 July, TRC horse Leopard Rock (Rocky), a 16 year old bay gelding, qualified for Hickstead 2012 at the Aintree Showing Show.

Rocky was originally purchased in Ireland for £25k and trained by Ben de Haan - he raced 24 times, 18 times over hurdles and 6 times on the flat. Rocky retired from racing in April 2002 after sustaining a tendon injury.

Rocky was gifted to the TRC in November 2002 by his racing owner having recovered from the tendon injury – but with very poor hoof quality and collapsed heels it took 12 months to correct his foot problems before he could start the retraining process.

Rocky has been re-homed to a member of the TRC riding staff Charlotte Bowery and they are already making a very impressive partnership. Their results at Aintree were as follows:

Placed 4th - Tattersalls and RoR ridden show horse class, qualifying for Hickstead 2012

Won – Best veteran

Won – Retrained racehorse – ex jumper

Rocky also enjoyed his first visit to Ponies UK in August:



OUT & ABOUT WITH THE TRC HORSES

We love hearing how wonderfully our horses are doing in their loan homes. Here are just a few photos to share with you and demonstrate the work we do giving ex-racehorses a new life and purpose.



Sully with his loaner Nicola Waugh at Craven Cross Country



Bear at Hungarton Ride



Blessing out on a hack at Botcheston.



Genie with his loaner Rachel Davies at Leominster & District show on 29 August, he was 4th in the racehorse class and 5th in the riding horse class.



Genie again at Twynning Horse Show on 4 September, he was 4th in the racehorse class, 3rd in the sports horse class and was also highest placed thoroughbred in the sports horse class.



Circuit Dancer jumping his first log.



Springfield Scally with his loaner Fiona Stewart, qualified for National Trailblazers veteran in hand and ridden ex-racer.

To be included on the Out & About page send your photos with details of where they were taken to tracey@thetr.co.uk.

AUTUMN APPEAL

TRC Vaccination Programme Project

We are appealing for donations towards a new vaccination programme for our horses. We currently vaccinate for tetanus but need to extend this to include the influenza vaccination. We do request that all horses admitted to the Centre are fully vaccinated but the nature of our work as a welfare charity means that this does not always happen.

- The influenza virus in horses is highly contagious and can be fatal. The disease damages the respiratory tract and can lead to secondary bacterial infections. Old, young and weak horses are particularly at risk – this is of particular concern to us as many of our horses fall under these categories.
- The influenza vaccination is required for horses to compete at affiliated competitions and to attend events at racecourses etc. An essential part of a horse's re-training programme is taking them out to events as thoroughbreds are at their happiest when they have a job and a purpose. It also helps with the promotion of the Centre and to present our horses as being versatile within a variety of disciplines.
- Some livery yards require the influenza vaccination, having our horses fully vaccinated prior to re-homing will make our horses a more attractive prospect to potential loaners.

Costs for the programme would be as follows:

Horses require 3 initial injections in the first year of the vaccination programme
@ £35 each = £105 per horse

As we typically have 30 horses pass through the TRC yard each year
= 30 x £105

Total amount needed for the first year of the vaccination programme
= £3,150

NB TRC loaners would have responsibility for keeping this updated after re-homing at a cost of £35 per year for a booster.



If just 15% of our supporters who receive this newsletter each donated £35 for one injection we would have enough to run this programme for its first year.

If you are able to help please complete the enclosed donation form and return to us at Whinney Hill.

APPEAL UPDATES

We have been overwhelmed by the support shown to our fundraising appeals over the last two years. We wanted to give you an update on how the money has been spent so you can see what a difference your donations are making. We truly are grateful for your continued support.

Tractor

As a result of the generosity of our supporters and the Hobhouse Animal Trust, we have at last been able to purchase the much needed tractor. This has already made a huge impact in that we are increasingly more self-sufficient in tasks around the yard. We can move all our own haylage bales and after a bumper crop this year we will have plenty in store for the horses. Funds and resources that used to be required to hire in equipment and contractors can now be spent more directly on our horses – so a big thank you to everyone that donated.



Horsebox

The new horsebox has arrived. After a successful appeal and donations from the Elise Pilkington Charitable Trust we were able to get our custom made box. Kath and Nicky were involved at every stage of the build ensuring that the box was just right and would stand up to the heavy usage from our horses!

‘Unique Coachworks’ did the conversion and are highly recommended.



Pipes

As we speed towards another Winter – thoughts of last winter’s freeze are not too far away. Much of our pipework froze last year and the pump to our borehole cracked resulting in no water on the yard for 4 weeks. We are now in a position to install heat trace cable along the pipework and lag the water tanks in the barn so hopefully we will not get a repeat of last year. Our thanks to those of you who donated and also to Mick Frith www.michaelfrithplumbing.com who has kindly agreed to donate his time and expertise with the required work.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS

We are pleased to launch two exclusive Christmas cards this year. These feature images kindly donated by Louise Pollard www.louisepollard.co.uk and Alex Underdown www.alexunderdownart.co.uk.

Our 2012 calendar is also now available to purchase. It features 12 beautiful winning images from our photo competition held earlier this year.

Please see enclosed flyer for details and to order both the cards and calendar.



The Sir Peter O'Sullivan Trust has also launched a new card titled "Head On" by the brilliant artist Mao Wen Biao. The cards are packed in 10's with envelopes and are priced £7.50 + postage and packing. The size of the card is 114mm x 230mm.

To order please contact Agnes Zauner, Red Dot Design, 63 Rosendale Road, London SE21 8DY.

Order Line: 020 8333 1411.

email: voiceofracing@red.media.uk.com

The TRC is one of six charities that benefit from the trust and we are extremely grateful for their continued support.

Equine Health & Welfare Conference, Ireland

Carrie Humble, founder of the TRC, will be speaking on ex-racehorse welfare at an Equine Health & Welfare conference she has organised with Sarah Fisher and Sharon Power. The conference is to be held on Nov 4th at the Keadeen Hotel in Newbridge, Co Kildare in Ireland. Carrie says "The event promises to be a very informative day with excellent speakers, if you are interested in attending please contact me on 07779 709766 or email info@carriehumble.com".

FOCUS ON LEGACIES

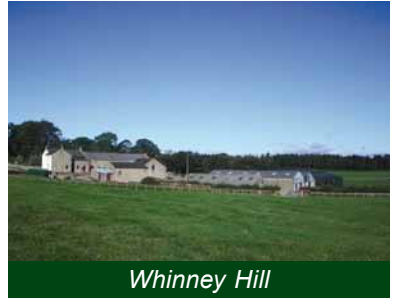
We have been very fortunate to receive several legacies this year. It is through receiving sums of money such as this that the TRC has been able to grow and develop to the stage we are at now. We rely on legacies and donations for 75% of our income. Whilst appealing for donations has an immediate return, legacies are an income source that cannot be planned for and relied on in the same way. Therefore it is essential for us to talk to you about considering leaving a gift in your will now to secure the longterm future for the centre.

Because of gifts kindly left to us in wills we were able to purchase our own premises at Whinney Hill in 2005. Owning our land and property instead of renting has given the TRC stability for the future. We have 200 acres and our facilities include an indoor and outdoor school, an oval horse walker and a treatment and livery barn.

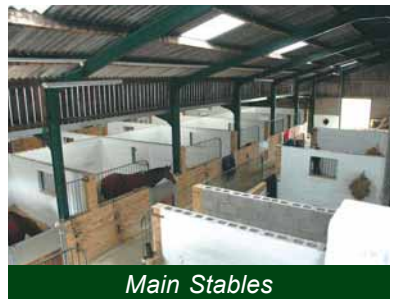
There is still the potential for further development in the future and our aim is to increase our capacity so we can help even more ex-racehorses each year and give them the opportunity to be re-homed with people who will love them.

We receive thousands of phone calls each year from people needing advice and help with their thoroughbreds. In some cases the callers are desperate and we are their last chance in trying to do the best for their horse. Some of these horses end up coming to the Centre but more often we are able to offer support, guidance and reassurance to help horse owners through their situation.

It is part of our mission to assist the well-being of all ex-racehorses whether they are a TRC horse or not. We believe it is important to continue to offer this as a free service that is available to everyone and we need to ensure we can continue to resource it with the time of our trained and experienced staff.



Whinney Hill



Main Stables



Outdoor School



Indoor School

The legacies received this year will help us to continue realising our goals. We have received an amazing gift in the will of Judith Hitchings, a long term supporter of the TRC. Judith sadly died in July 2010, aged 55.

Judith had loved horses since she was a child. As an adult she was a fan of channel 4 racing and regularly visited point to point. She was a cousin of Christopher Broad who was a Trainer and now manages jockeys, which increased her interest in behind the scenes of racing.

Judith's brother Jonathan describes her as "a free spirited, independent woman with many friends all over the country". Over 300 people attended the memorial service a month after her death.

Judith did charity work in her spare time and as she had no children she wanted her estate to be shared between three charities – the Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre, the Injured Jockey's Fund and Catherine House Hospice in Banbury. This money will make a huge difference to us in allowing us to complete capital projects and give us stability for future planning.

Other recent legacies include Leslie Kerr Puckering a previous donator to the Centre, who passed away last year and Susan Deidre Anthea Spottiswoode, a TRC committed giver, who sadly passed away in July 2010 aged 66.

We all want to make sure our loved ones are taken care of when we are no longer around. Once this is done, by leaving a legacy to the TRC, you can also make a lasting difference to the thousands of horses that leave racing each year.

Every gift left to us in a will no matter what size is important in helping us to provide a new life and purpose for ex-racehorses.

Inheritance Tax is currently payable on any amount over £325,000 and is liable to taxation of up to 40%. Legacies to a charity are tax-free, so it is a very useful way of reducing tax on your estate.



If you are interested in finding out more about leaving a legacy to the TRC please complete and return the attached form. Our legacy pack guides you through the will making process and gives advice on the different types of legacies to consider.

Also included in the pack is information on our partnership with legal365.com offering you the opportunity to create a bespoke legal Will online completely free of charge.

Where there's a Will, there's a way to help ex-racehorses find a new life & purpose

If you would like to leave a legacy to the TRC please complete the form below or:

Call our fundraiser on 01524 812649

Email tracey@thetrc.co.uk

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email _____

Please send me more information on leaving a gift in my will to the TRC

I have left a gift in my will to the TRC

I intend to leave a gift in my will to the TRC

Please return your completed form to:
The TRC L:td, Whinney Hill, Aughton Road, Halton, Lancashire, LA2 6PQ

Thank you for your interest, we promise we will
treat your details in the strictest of confidence.



Item	Colour (Please select)	Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Sub Total
Baseball Cap	Navy & Red Blue & White Black&Red Green Navy&White	-		£8.00	
Riding Hat Cover	Black/ Blue	-		£10.00	
Polo Shirt	Green/ Navy	S / M / L / XL		£18.00	
RoR DVD	-	-		£16.99	
Canvas Bag	-	-		£2.50	
Mug	-	-		£6.00	
Beanie Hat	-	-		£8.00	
Umbrella	-	-		£14.00	
Hooded sweatshirt	Blue / Green/ Pink	S / M / L / XL		£25.00	

All prices are inclusive of postage and packing

Donation	
Total	

Name _____

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I enclose a cheque made payable to the TRC

I wish to pay by debit/ credit card number:

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TRC MERCHANDISE

Perfect for Christmas presents, all proceeds will be used to continue our work helping ex-racehorses find a new life and purpose



Baseball Caps £8

Navy with red trim, Blue with white trim, Black with red trim, Green, Navy with white trim



Riding Hat Cover £10

Black, Blue



RoR DVD £16.99



Golf Umbrella £14



Mug £6



Beanie hat £8



Canvas Bag £2.50



Hooded Sweatshirts £25

Small, Medium, Large, Extra-Large
Green, Pink, Blue

Polo Shirt £18

S, M, L, XL
Green, Navy

EVENTS CALENDAR

Friday 14 October	TRC Charity Raceday, Haydock Park
Sunday 30 October	Yard Visit, Whinney Hill
Sat 5 & Sun 6 November	Training Clinic with TRC Trainer Kath Pinington
Sunday 27 November	Yard Visit, Whinney Hill
Saturday 25 February	Yard Visit, Whinney Hill
Sat 10 & Sun 11 March	Training Clinic with TRC Trainer Kath Pinington
Saturday 31 March	Yard Visit, Whinney Hill

For details and to book tickets visit www.thetrc.co.uk or call 01524 812649

TRC Charity Raceday - Friday 14 October - Haydock Park

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us at the first TRC Charity Raceday at Haydock Park on Friday 14 October. Gates open at 11:55am with a TRC parade of horses at 1:10pm. First race is 1:55pm and last race at 5:20pm. You will have the opportunity to meet the TRC team at our trade stand by the parade ring and we will be bucket collecting throughout the day to raise awareness of the essential work we do.

TRC supporters can receive a 50% discount on county enclosure tickets by using code: HPTRC11 when booking online at www.haydock-park.co.uk (click on Fixture List and scroll down to TRC Raceday). Please note this offer closes at midday on Thursday 13 October.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Great Manchester Run - Sunday 20 May 2012

We are now recruiting runners for the Great Manchester Run 2012. In 2011 our team raised over £3000 which was a fantastic effort. If you would like to run for the TRC we ask for a £25 registration fee and for you to commit to raising a minimum of £200 sponsorship. In return you will receive an exclusive pack with lots of tips and information to help with your fundraising and training plus a running vest or t-shirt.

Please email tracey@thetrc.co.uk for more details.

