



Train to be a volunteer

Welcome!

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Bryerley Springs Equestrian Centre. Our volunteers are the heart of our community — helping riders, caring for our horses, and keeping our centre running smoothly. Whether you're passionate about horses, looking to gain experience, or simply want to make a difference, our train to be a volunteer session is the perfect place to start.

About Bryerley Springs

Bryerley Springs Equestrian Centre is a friendly, family-run riding school and livery yard offering lessons, horse care training, and equestrian activities for all ages and abilities. We're proud to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where riders — and volunteers — can grow in confidence and skill.

What does the training session include?

Our training session is designed to provide you with knowledge and confidence to become a valued volunteer at Bryerley Springs.

You'll learn about:

- Safe handling of horses
- Grooming, tacking up, and equipment maintenance
- Supporting riding lessons and assisting instructors
- Horse behaviour, safety, and welfare
- Teamwork and communication skills

Training and development will also continue when you start your volunteer role.

How the Training Works

- **Duration:** 2hrs
- **Format:** Practical hands-on sessions
- **Assessment:** Ongoing observation and feedback — no exams!
- **Costs:** £25pp

Upon completion, you'll receive a Volunteer Certificate of Training and can progress to attend volunteering sessions.

Who Can Apply?

We welcome applications from:

- Regular riders aged 12+
- People with a genuine interest in horses and outdoor work
- Those looking to develop skills for college, work, or personal growth
- No previous experience necessary — just enthusiasm and a willingness to learn!

What You'll Need

- Suitable outdoor clothing and gloves
- Sturdy boots or wellies with a small heel
- Waterproofs for wet days
- A positive attitude and readiness to get stuck in!

Safety equipment such as riding hats will be provided if needed.

What You'll Gain

- Confidence working around horses
- Valuable teamwork and leadership experience
- A chance to meet new people and make friends

- A real sense of achievement helping others
- References for school, college, or employment applications

Many of our volunteers go on to paid work in equestrian centres, college placements, or even teaching qualifications.

Volunteer Commitment

Training to be a volunteer does not include any commitment. However, the more regularly you can attend the more you will develop your skills, knowledge and confidence.

So how does it work?

We have set up a Bryerley Springs volunteer page on Facebook which you will be invited to join after attending your training session. Here we will post updates on up-and-coming dates/events in which we require volunteers to attend. At times there also may be opportunity for volunteers to secure a regular place with us attending weekly.

Volunteer sessions will need to be booked via the online booking system (this will be free of charge) however ensures that we do not have too many volunteers attend at one time.

Bonus's: There are bonus's on offer for volunteers such as free group lessons and café tokens for some volunteer activities.

Join Our Team

Volunteering at Bryerley Springs isn't just about horses — it's about community, confidence, and connection.

Come and learn new skills, make friends, and experience the joy of helping others achieve their riding dreams.

We can't wait to welcome you to the Bryerley Springs family!