

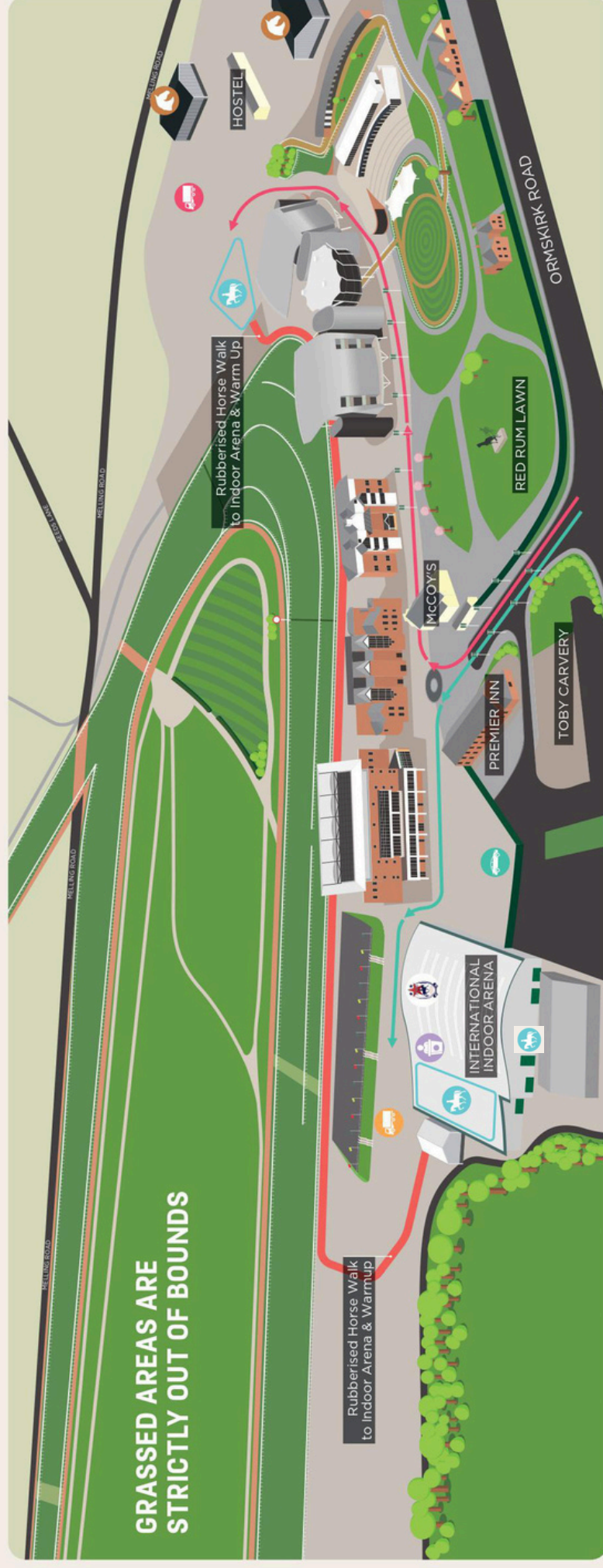
Aintree Competitor Information

BRITISH DRESSAGE
PETPLAN WINTER AREA FESTIVAL



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SHOW LAYOUT



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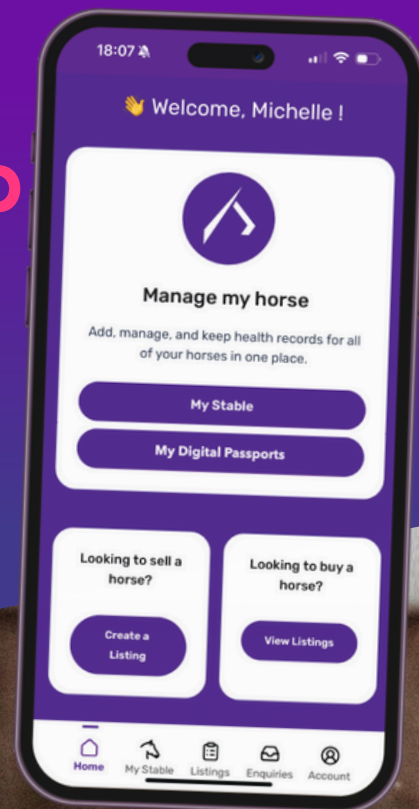
- Smart reminders for vaccinations, farrier, dentist, worming, and training.
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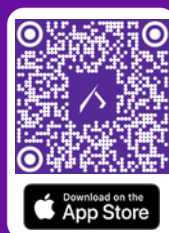
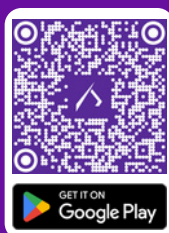
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TRAVELLING TO AINTREE

Postcode - L9 5AS

Aintree Racecourse is located on the A59, just one mile from the M57 and M58, which link the M62 and M6. Follow the A59 to Liverpool and the AA brown racecourse signs as you approach the racecourse.

If you are coming from the M57/M58, please follow Ormskirk Road (A59), past Asda, McDonalds and the Industrial Estate. Please take the left turn at the traffic lights for the racecourse, just after KFC and by the Toby Carvery.

To enter the racecourse, go underneath the barriers and turn **RIGHT** for the stables at the mini roundabout or **LEFT** if you are a day competitor not stabling.

ARRIVAL

DAILY COMPETITORS (NOT STABLING)

Daily horseboxes will be parked adjacent to the Equestrian Centre and an overflow lorry park will be alongside the racecourse track. All parking is on tarmac or hard standing.

Gates will open at 6.30am each competition day, and no earlier.

STABLING COMPETITORS

When you have arrived at the racecourse, drive straight past the grandstands with the Parade Ring on your right. You will then drive up a slight incline, next to the outdoor arena, and you then turn right for the stables.

The stable manager's office is located next to the gates into the main stable yard. There will be stables signage in place and parking stewards to guide you.

STABLES

- The parking stewards will direct you on where to park when you arrive. Please follow their guidance when parking. There will be busy periods, so we do ask that you are patient with them and follow their instructions on where to park.
- Arrival times are between **2pm and 7.30pm** on **Wednesday 28th January 2026**.
- Arrival times are between 7.30am and 7.30pm Thursday 29th – Sunday 1st February.
- If you feel you cannot make these times, you will need to email us for prior permission. info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk so that we can inform security

Vaccination policy if stabling

As per our terms and conditions, all horses STABLING at Aintree EC must have had a booster vaccination against Equine Influenza in the **PRECEDING 6 MONTHS**, and be 6 days clear of having had any vaccination.

The last vaccination must have been between the **28th July 2025 and 22nd January 2026**

ALL PASSPORTS WILL BE CHECKED ON ARRIVAL. Horses will not be permitted to stable at Aintree if they do not have the correct vaccinations

PASSPORTS WILL BE CHECKED ON ARRIVAL

- A **£30** stable **CASH DEPOSIT** will be required when you arrive. This is to be paid at the Stable Managers office.
- All stables must be **fully emptied** before you leave. Stables will then be checked and the **£30** deposit will be refunded back to you when you leave. There is no choice in emptying, they must be fully emptied as we have a tight turnaround for another show arriving when you leave.
- Bags will be provided from the stable office to take shavings home.
- Please ensure you unload as quickly as possible, due to large numbers arriving, we need you to unload your horse and then unload other equipment once you are parked up.
- We do have some **tack/storage lockers** near the permanent stables which are available to use, these are **£5 cash each to hire**, and they are on a first come, first served basis. A **£5 cash key deposit** will also be required which will be refundable on return.
- All stables will have two bales of bedding when you arrive. The bedding is either paper or shavings.
- Please ensure you bring your own feed. There is no feed store at Aintree.
- Hay and Haylage is available to pre book through Horse Monkey before the show starts. Please ensure you pre book to ensure we have enough.
- No mucking out equipment or wheelbarrows will be available, please ensure you bring your own.
- Please provide your own water and feed buckets.
- Strictly **NO SMOKING** in the stable complex or in any building on site.
- The solarium will only be open in the winter months.
- The route to the Equestrian Centre from the stables is along the rubberised walkway in front of the grandstands along the side of the racecourse. Passing places will be put in place along this walkway. All horses **MUST** use this route at all times and not use the back of the Grandstands or the tarmacked area.
- The Equestrian Centre is about a 10 minute walk from the stables, so ensure you allow plenty of time for your journey before your class.
- The stables have a 24 hour manager on site and they will be located in the Stable Manager's Office by the entrance to the stables.

- The stables will be closed at 11.00pm at night and the Stable Manager will do regular walk rounds during the night. We request that competitors avoid going into the yard after this time to allow the horses to settle and rest. The stables will be back open at 6am but we request that the noise is kept low due to local residents who are overlooking the stable yards.
- Strictly no dogs in the stable yards at any time. This is a BHA rule and must be adhered to at all times
- There is free tea and coffee for grooms in the tea room in the brick stable yard. Please bring a cup to help reduce plastic waste.

HOOK UPS & ACCOMODATION

- Hook-Ups are not available for this show.
- Please advise the Stable Manager when you arrive that you have booked a hook up and you will be directed to the hook up steward.
- Those who have booked hook ups, will need to bring their own adapters. Aintree do not provide any adapters or leads.
- Please ensure that your hook up equipment is in full working order. The electricity supply at Aintree is checked regularly and is in full working order. If your hook up equipment does not work or trips the supply, we may not be able to give you this service.
- If you are a non-hook up, you will be directed to park away from the hook up lorries
- The stable manager will issue keys for the hostel accommodation when you arrive. Please bring a £5 cash deposit for your room keys.
- There are bins located around the stable yard and also in the lorry park. Please ensure that you help keep Aintree tidy. We are renowned for having a tidy racecourse and like to keep it that way!

FLU VACCINATIONS

All horses must be fully up to date with flu vaccinations

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Vaccination policy if competing

All horses ATTENDING BUT NOT STABLING at Aintree EC must have had a booster vaccination against Equine Influenza in the **PRECEDING 12 MONTHS**, and be 6 days clear of having had any vaccination. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PASSPORT AVAILABLE FOR CHECKING

SHOWERS

Showers are located in the Hostel, by the stables

- The shower facilities are only available to those who do not have showers in their lorry.
- There will be showers available each day in the hostel, located next to the permanent stable yard.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- The showers will be cleaned regularly during the day, but if you feel they need a clean, please let the stable manager know.

TOILETS

- There are toilets located in both stable yards, the hostel and in the Equestrian Centre.
- All toilets will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the show
- If you are not happy with the cleanliness of the toilets, please inform the cleaner or member of staff as soon as possible.
- Please respect our toilet facilities and leave them how you expect to find them. Please flush the toilet!

DOGS

- Due to BHA rules, dogs must not enter the stabling area.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. No exception to the rules.
- We ask that all dogs are cleaned up after they foul. This is an increasing problem at Aintree and people will be asked to leave if they are seen not to adhere to this rule and dogs will no longer be allowed to come on site.
- We request that dogs are kept out of the café and eating areas, as well as off the furniture in the Owners and Riders lounge.
- Please keep your dogs away from Tradestands, we have had many complaints about them fouling near the stands.
- Dogs are not permitted on the racecourse track at any time.
- If your dog fouls or urinates in the arena, it must be cleaned up immediately.
- THIS YEAR THERE IS A ZERO TOLLERANCE TO DOGS FOULING AND NOT BEING CLEANED UP. IF YOU ARE CAUGHT, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE SHOW.

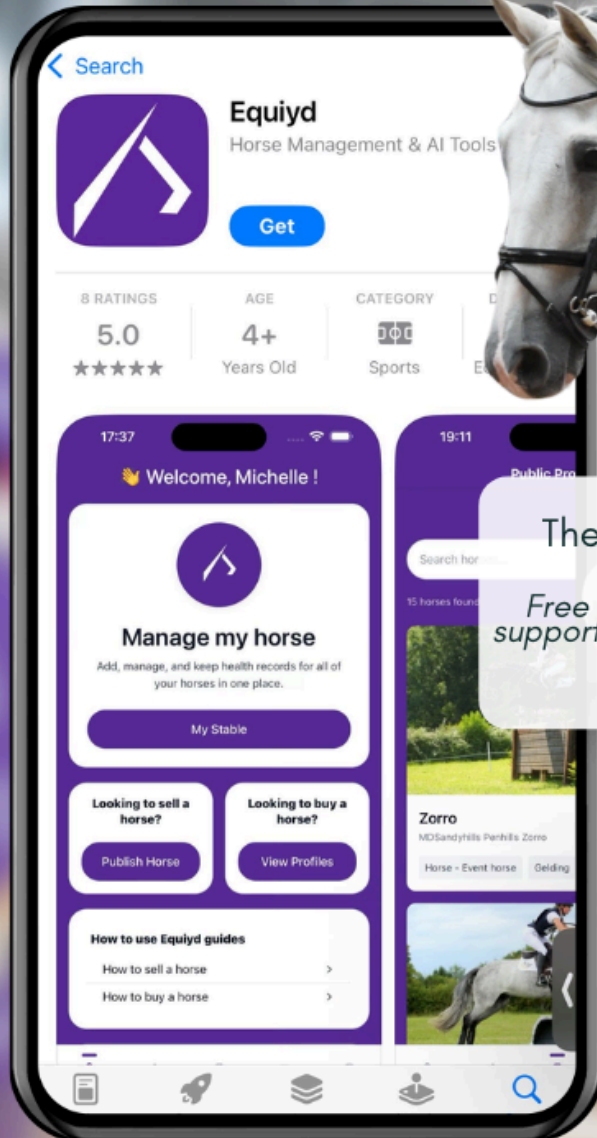
KEEP BELONGINGS LOCKED AWAY

- There have been some recent thefts at other venues, so please ensure you leave all belongings locked away at all times.
- It is your responsibility to look after your belongings and keep vehicles locked at all times.
- Please report any suspicious behaviour to a member of staff.

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WARM UP ARENAS

Aintree has three warm up arenas

- The outdoor arena by the stables is available to use all day. Maximum 6 horses/riders at once.
- The walkway down to the arena is a crucial part of your warm up before you get to the arena. This is strictly walking only. A nice leg stretch down there and also great for cooling down after you compete.
- The outdoor at the back of the arena will be available for those in the next 1/2 hour to compete. A maximum of 8 horses/riders at once.
- The indoor warm up is available for the next class to compete in the main arena.
- There are a lot of arenas and we would really appreciate help with poo picking too, so please bear this in mind to help keep our surfaces at their very best.
- Please, if you are asked to come out of the arena, try not to be rude to our staff member as we do need to stick to the strict rules.
- Lunging is not permitted.

ARENA WALKS

- There will be an arena walk at the beginning of each class.
- Arena walk timings are detailed with the drawn orders on our website and HorseMonkey
- The next 8 horses due in for their tests will be permitted to be held in the indoor warm up.
- Horses 9-15 can be held in the outdoor warm up.
- Anyone else will be asked to hold horses outside of the arena.

PRIZE GIVING

- Prize Giving timings are detailed with the drawn orders on our website and HorseMonkey.
- Please check your class, and the next class for timings.

PRIZE MONEY

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- Anyone that wins prize money at Aintree International Equestrian Centre needs to **update their BACS details on their horse monkey profile.**
- This information will then be used to transfer the prize money to their bank account.
- Please note: It is the competitor's responsibility to provide bank details in order to be paid prize money. Bank details must be provided via HorseMonkey within 7 days of the event, **otherwise prize money will be forfeited.**

ORDERS AND TIMINGS

- Times will be sent to you via Horse Monkey or can be accessed via the link below on Monday 26th January.
- Please check your times after 6pm the night before your class as times will alter if we have withdrawals

[CLICK HERE](#)



SCORE SHEETS

- Score sheets will be available to collect 15 minutes after the end of the class.
- If you do not wish to wait until the end of the class, we can send you a picture of the score sheet, please leave your phone number/email address at the show office.
- If you wish to have your sheet and plaque posted out to you, please provide a **stamped, addressed envelope**.

GRAZING

- There is a small grazing area in the stable yard.
- When grazing, please use a bridle, chifney and lunge line to reduce the risk of having loose horses!
- Please DO NOT graze horses on the racecourse track as this is sprayed frequently.

CATERING AND REFRESHMENTS

- The Tophams cafe overlooking the warm up area will be open throughout the show.
- Further seating and tables will be available in the arena.
- The Cafe will be open 8am until 5pm.
- The Cafe is card only.
- There will be a bar open in the arena.

ATMOSPHERE

- Audience participation is encouraged at this show.
- Clapping and cheering is encouraged.
- Please support your fellow competitors.
- Background music will be played as well as lap of honour music.
- The big screen will be in action at this show.

SPECTATORS

Friends and family are welcome to come and watch

Spectators are permitted to attend the show.

TRADESTANDS

The following tradestands will be attending the show:

- Horse and Rider Clobber
- Majestic Photography
- RokHorse
- SesroHorses
- Horse on Demand
- Cheshire Trailers & Horseboxes
- Equi-Jewel by Emily

LIVE STREAMING

This show will be live streamed through Horse and Country TV.

ENTRIES

Entries are now closed and have been checked for qualification by the British Dressage office.

SHUTTLE SERVICE, BIKES AND SCOOTERS

- There won't be a shuttle service at this show.
- Bikes are permitted, but please ride them responsibly. Aintree is classed as a public highway when the gates are open.
- Electric scooters are **not** permitted on public highways, so therefore are not permitted to be used around the racecourse.
- Licensed Disable scooters are permitted.
- There is a 5mph speed limit around the racecourse at all times.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

Please be aware by attending Aintree International Equestrian Centre, you consent to being filmed or photographed and some of this may be used for marketing or promotional purposes.

Official Partners 2026

Photography -

Competitor images are available from our official event photographer only.



For images from the Area Festival please visit: www.majesticphotography.co.uk

For editorial images please email info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk

Videography -

Competitor reels are available from our official event videographers only.



To enquire, please contact Majestic Media or Maximise Social directly.

Rules of Photography and Videography 2026

Only our official appointed event photographer is allowed to take any images and sell them to the public. No other individual or company has permission to attend the Area Festival to take images of multiple competitors and sell them to members of the public or publish online/on social media. Those suspected of doing so will be asked to leave the venue.

No videography other than that commissioned directly by Aintree will be permitted without prior written agreement. Aintree social media coverage will be produced via Dark Horse Media and there will be live streaming taking place during the event via ClipMyHorseTV.

Taking images and/or videos of your friends or family, for personal use, is of course absolutely permitted.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Aintree Show/Secretaries Office – 0151 522 2949 (general enquiries)

Stable Manager's Office – 0151 522 2938 (show days only)

Aintree Security – 07525 735 757 (for access to the racecourse only)

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk

(Please note that if you have withdrawn from the show and have received this email, this is a circulation email sent to all competitors who have entered the show).

The Aintree team and I will be on site for the show ensuring that everyone is adhering to the rules in place. If you have any concerns during the show, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or a member of the Aintree team.

We wish you a safe journey to us, a nice experience whilst you are here and hopefully we can welcome you back again soon.



Carly Sage

Aintree Equestrian Centre Manager & Assistant to the Regional Head of Racing

Aintree Racecourse

The Jockey Club

0151 522 2949

Commentary Notes

Petplan Winter Area Festival 2026

Name of rider:

Class/es:

Name of horse:

Where did you qualify?

Have you competed at Aintree /
the Petplan Winter Area Festival before?

How long have you had your horse/pony?

Recent competition history...

Competitive ambitions...

Your horse/pony likes...
(Treats, hacking, any fun information)

Your horse/pony dislikes...

Any other notes you'd like to add for the commentator...

USEFUL CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WATERPROOF CLOTHING | <input type="checkbox"/> PASSPORT & VACCINATION RECORD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JOHDPURS/BREECHES | <input type="checkbox"/> HEADCOLLAR, LEADROPE & LUNGE LINE FOR GRAZING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHIRT, STOCKS OR TIE | <input type="checkbox"/> BRIDLE INCLUDING A SUITABLE BIT & REINS (SPARE TOO) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BODY PROTECTOR | <input type="checkbox"/> MARTINGALE OR BREASTPLATE (IF REQUIRED) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIDING HAT | <input type="checkbox"/> NECK STRAP (IF REQUIRED) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, WHIP, SPURS | <input type="checkbox"/> SADDLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIDING BOOTS | <input type="checkbox"/> GIRTH AND A SPARE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YARD BOOTS | <input type="checkbox"/> SADDLEPAD OR NUMNAH AND A SPARE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JACKET | <input type="checkbox"/> BOOTS - BRUSHING BOOTS & OVERREACH BOOTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAIRNET AND SCRUNCHIE | <input type="checkbox"/> STUDS AND STUD KIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLOTHES | <input type="checkbox"/> COOLER RUG/LIGHTWEIGHT STABLE RUG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLIP FLOPS (FOR SHOWERS) | <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTWEIGHT WATERPROOF RUG OR SHEET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR - INC BRAVE PANTS | <input type="checkbox"/> BANDAGES OR TRAVEL BOOTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NIGHTWEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> GROOMING KIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAITING KIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOILETRIES, TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE | <input type="checkbox"/> TACK CLEANING KIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICATION/HAND SANITISER/MASK | <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST AID KIT & FIRE EXTINGUISHER IF STAYING IN LORRY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAIRBRUSH | <input type="checkbox"/> SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLEEPING BAG OR DUVET | <input type="checkbox"/> MANE AND TAIL SPRAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PILLOW | <input type="checkbox"/> FLY REPELLENT & FLY MASK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TORCH | <input type="checkbox"/> HOOF OIL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY | <input type="checkbox"/> HAY NETS/HAY/HAYLAGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GIN. LEMON, TONIC, FIZZ & CHOCOLATE | <input type="checkbox"/> FEED BUCKETS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE CHARGER | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER BUCKETS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SENSE OF HUMOUR | <input type="checkbox"/> FEED & SCOOP FOR FEED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOG LEAD & POO BAGS IF BRINGING A DOG | <input type="checkbox"/> SHAVINGS FORK, SHOVEL, BRUSH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER (IF THEY ARE JOINING THE FUN!) | <input type="checkbox"/> WHEELBARROW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CASH FOR DEPOSITS | <input type="checkbox"/> HORSE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR STABLE DOOR |