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## **THE HORSE INDUSTRY IN A CHANGING WORLD**

### **The Defra View**

**Lord Gardiner**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Rural Affairs and Biosecurity, Defra

Lord Gardiner's speech on our YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/d0BQc9eBHjc?t=13m>.

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### **The Equestrian Sector: speaking with one voice**

**Jeanette Allen**, Chair, UK Equine Sector Council Steering Group; Chief Executive, The Horse Trust

**Lynn Petersen**, Chair, British Horse Industry Confederation; Chief Executive, The British Horse Society

Jeanette and Lynn's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/d0BQc9eBHjc?t=26m45s>

The morning session saw a momentous announcement: ten years after the horrors and challenges of Spindles Farm and HRH's The Princess Royal's subsequent call for a united protocol and approach, the Equine Sector Council (for health and welfare) has merged with the British Horse Industry Confederation to form the new British Horse Council. This represents the final step in bringing all aspects of the equestrian community and industries together, to seek consensus wherever it exists, so that the Equine Sector can speak to government with one powerful voice.

Ours is a sector worth £8b to the UK's annual GDP and covers interests as broad as racing, sport, breeding, veterinary excellence, trade, research, welfare, enforcement, leisure riding and education. In the past, the sector operated through a series of committees as well as individual organisations and we have now achieved a streamlined, more effective and efficient way for all equine related organisations to pull together and speak to government for the benefit of all of these interests and most importantly, for the benefit of the UK's horses, ponies and donkeys.

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## **What can owners expect from the Central Equine Database?**

**Stewart Everett**, Chief Executive, Equine Register

Stewart's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/d0BQc9eBHjc?t=38m40s>

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## **Livestock Traceability**

**John Bourne**, Director of Animal and Plant Health, Defra

John's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/d0BQc9eBHjc?t=49m>

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## **Panel discussion: Potential solutions to the challenges facing small equestrian businesses**

**Chair:** **Rt Hon Dame Caroline Spelman MP**, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Horse

**Panellists:** **Carol Andrews**, Owner, Wimbledon Village Stables; Owner, Equicise

**Nick Gauntlett**, Director, Chescombe Farm and Stud

**Victoria Highfield**, Director, Online for Equine Ltd

**Emma Williams**, Director of Fundraising, World Horse Welfare

The panel discussion on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/d0BQc9eBHjc?t=1h5m>

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## **RACING**

### **The vital role of equine welfare and its perception within British Racing**

**Nick Rust**, Chief Executive, British Horseracing Authority

Nick's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/d0BQc9eBHjc?t=2h2m>

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## **EQUESTRIAN SAFETY**

### **Please don't say you're sorry – influencing driver behaviour when passing horses on the road**

**Alan Hiscox**, Director of Safety, The British Horse Society

Alan's presentation on our YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/sturoYmt\\_kk?t=1m17s](https://youtu.be/sturoYmt_kk?t=1m17s)

*NB: the sound comes in after about 10 seconds*

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### **Current R&D in helmet design and testing: dealing with rotational impact**

**Michio Clark**, Research Fellow, University College Dublin, standing in for Prof Michael Gilchrist, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University College Dublin

Michio's presentation on our YouTube channel: [https://youtu.be/sturoYmt\\_kk?t=18m10s](https://youtu.be/sturoYmt_kk?t=18m10s) and: <https://youtu.be/xlhRVbdGjp8>

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### **The use of data to manage risk in equestrianism**

**Sam Watson**, Founder, EquiRatings

Sam's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/xlhRVbdGjp8?t=4m>

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### **Safety in Eventing**

**Jonathan Clissold**, National Safety Officer, British Eventing

Jonathan's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/xlhRVbdGjp8?t=17m20s>

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## TOPICAL SLOTS

### Rural crime

**Chief Constable Dave Jones**, Rural Crime Lead, National Police Chief's Council; Chief Constable, North Yorkshire Police

Chief Constable Jones' presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/M-uqobkomjs?t=7m32s>

Chief Constable Dave Jones is the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) lead for Wildlife Crime and Rural Affairs. In development at this time is the first national strategy to tackle rural crime. National engagement events with police and key rural partner have helped shape an understanding for the police of the areas of focus that are required to improve the lives of our rural communities. Analysis conducted identified a number of rural crime priorities which has contributed to the on-going development of the NPCC Rural Affairs Strategy 2018-2021, which is aimed to be agreed by all Chief Constables in Spring 2018. This work has a focus on raising awareness, with the aim to reduce equine related crime. Tackling tack theft, promoting rider safety on our roads and encouraging responsible dog ownership around livestock and horses is some of the work police and partners are working together on to improve the lives of the equestrian community.

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### Heavy Horses: Use Us or Lose Us

**Nigel Oakley**, Heavy Horse Ambassador, Rare Breeds Survival Trust

Nigel's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/M-uqobkomjs?t=13m50s>. The slides can be seen below.

The Heavy Horse video featured in slide 5 of Nigel's presentation is also available here: <https://youtu.be/GX6jehrZcMo>



#GoNative

## Heavy Horses: Use Us Or Lose Us



### About RBST

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- Founded in 1973. No native breed has become extinct since.
- **OUR MISSION** - to secure the future of our rare and native breeds of farm livestock.
- By monitoring, saving and promoting the UK's native breeds.



## Current Campaign

### Heavy Horses

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- Three breeds of heavy horses native to the UK- Suffolk, Shire and Clydesdale.
- All three are falling in numbers.
- RBST need to collect from 66 stallions to ensure they are safe from extinction.
- Raised £20,000, but we need £300,000 more.

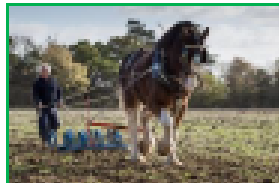


## Our Heavy Horses



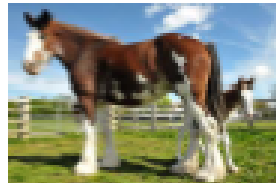
### Suffolk

- Oldest breed of heavy horse to exist in its present form.
- Immensely strong and an ideal horse for working the land or carting goods.



### Shire

- Before machinery, Shires were essential for the farm.
- Also a familiar sight in the towns and cities where it was used by hauliers and breweries.



### Clydesdale

- At its peak, Scotland had around 140,000 farm horses plus an unknown number in towns and cities, most of which were Clydesdales in whole or part.

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[rbst.org.uk](https://rbst.org.uk)  
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## RESEARCH

### **The influence of rider to horse bodyweight ratios on equine gait and behavior: a pilot study**

**Dr Sue Dyson**, Head of Clinical Orthopaedics, Centre for Equine Studies, Animal Health Trust

Sue's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/M-uqobkomjs?t=20m37s>

Media release: <http://bit.ly/NEF18RERatio>

Questions and Answers to accompany media release: <http://bit.ly/NEF18RERatioQA>

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## MEMORIAL LECTURE

### **Equine Emergency Rescue; Managing Risk – Meeting Societal Needs**

**Jim Green**, Head of Division of Equine Clinical Sciences and Clinical Director of the Weipers Centre Equine Hospital, University of Glasgow

Jim's presentation on our YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/M-uqobkomjs?t=48m47s>

It is over a decade since the launch of the Emergency Services Protocol, a joint initiative by the British Equine Veterinary Association and British Horse Society, in response to calls for improved knowledge and understanding of equine incidents by the fire and rescue service. This pivotal moment has led to an enviable position whereby 90% of the UK fire authorities have a large animal rescue team and the British Animal Rescue and Trauma Care Association supports the development of training and procedures for veterinarians and agencies such as Highways England who deal with equine related incidents on the strategic road networks. Jim Green, key visionary for a joined up multi agency approach to resolving equine rescues will deliver insight to the drivers for change and challenges for the future.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

### **HRH The Princess Royal**

HRH The Princess Royal's speech on our YouTube channel here: <https://youtu.be/M-ugobkomjs?t=1h6m>

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## **SIR COLIN SPEDDING AWARD 2018**

### **HRH The Princess Royal**

The presentation of the Sir Colin Spedding Award 2018 on our YouTube channel here:  
<https://youtu.be/M-ugobkomjs?t=1h19m47s>

More information about the finalist and winner: <http://bit.ly/NEF18SCSA>

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