



Ravelrig

Life after the Development

Now the decision has been made to abort plans for an indoor school due to the ever rising costs, the Trustees and group are moving on and looking to the future of Ravelrig, which is really exciting.

We hope to put a few things into action including a new hard surface for the horses in the winter and a field shelter to offer protection from the elements.

Fundraising

Since the previous Newsletter we have held a number of Fundraising events. Our Tack and Garage Sale, Christmas Open Day, 2018 Calendar, Bag Packing, Christmas Cards and the Jumble Sale in January. There was also a Jumping Show at Tower Farm in December run by one of our ex Volunteers which raised £650 for Ravelrig.

Our fundraising is essential in maintaining Ravelrig and the horses for everyone to enjoy so thank you to those who helped and supported us.

Thank you to everyone who helped in the set up and running of the Jumble Sale at the end of January. It was great, with over £2,200 taken on the day. With items still being sold on line, this figure will only rise.

Website

Keep an eye on the website for the latest events and news. You can find information about each of our horses, adoption, volunteering, riding, sponsorship and lots more. Pop on over to

www.ravelrig-rda.org.uk

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018

AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on the 29th January. Two of our Trustees resigned from their posts; John Outterson who was our Treasurer and a parent of a rider. He was in the post for 2 years and we really appreciate his support and the work he did. Barbara Johnstone also stood down at the AGM. Barbara has been involved in Ravelrig RDA from the very beginning, setting it up and making it what it is today, so we are grateful and appreciative of her hard work and dedication. Barbara will continue as Organiser – being responsible for the grounds, overseeing the riding sessions and for the care of the horses.

We currently have four Trustees at Ravelrig, Elaine Jefferies, Alan Taylor, Anne Keown and Laura Shishodia.

We are looking for a Treasurer and a Rider Representative for the board but also individuals with certain skills, for example marketing, HR, finance. If you can help then please drop Elaine an email on **chairperson@ravelrig-rda.org.uk**

Horses

Over the last few months we have received sponsorship for two of our horses. Both Flynn and Tonto have new sponsors from the Algrade Trust and Firrhill High School. Sponsorship is a big commitment but helps Ravelrig so much as the burden of vets, farrier, feed and general care is taken care of.

Oreo has turned a corner and is now very much part of, and accepted by the herd and we are confident he has found his forever home. He is still looking for sponsorship, so if you would like to help in anyway let us know. Remember you can also adopt all of our horses for just £30 a year each. Have a look on the web site for more information.

Following the sad passing of Toby, the hunt is on for a replacement pony. Toby is a hard act to follow but there is a pony out there, probably standing knee deep in mud, just waiting for us to give him a loving home – we just have to find that pony.

Questions

We will be sending out a short survey soon to everyone to complete to help us re-energise our fundraising activities for 2018.

Fundraising is a huge part of Ravelrig and we need to evaluate what works and what can be improved. To run Ravelrig we need to raise approximately £60,000 each year with rider donations helping with that, but unfortunately not meeting it.

We usually run 4 or 5 annual events like our Summer and Christmas Open Days, our Jumble Sale, Books Sales and other small events. These take a lot of time and energy to organise and run with volunteers and parents needed to help.

Do you fancy running your very own coffee morning, garage sale, cake sale, fun run or maybe take part in an organised event like the Kilt Walk for Ravelrig. There are lots of ideas out there, so please tell us what you think when you receive the Survey in the next few weeks.

Coop Fundraising

You may remember we mentioned in the last Newsletter that we are one of the three charities the Coop store in Corslet Place is supporting this year.

All you need to do to help is become a member of the Coop which you can easily do for just £1 on line or in the Corslet store. To select Ravelrig RDA as your chosen charity you need to live within a 15 mile radius to the store. A way around is to put Ravelrig RDA as your address and just select email correspondence.

You also benefit every time you shop with your card and receive 5% back on purchases of Coop own brand goods. So everyone benefits!

You can apply on line www.coop.co.uk/register

Check out our website for more information or drop us an email if you have any questions at office@ravelrig-rda.org.uk