



CORONA VIRUS EMERGENCY PLAN

MARCH 2020

At such a worrying time, firstly we'd like to reassure you that come hell or high water and in sickness or in health we will look after the horses! If the worst-case scenario comes into play, i.e. there's a national curfew we WILL manage to care for ALL the horses 😊

I've set out below a few things we can have in place / need to think about / can offer / are requesting from you in three scenarios: 1. Things stay roughly as they are, with free movement and a full staff. 2. There is significant or lengthy periods of staff sickness/isolation and we are short-staffed. 3. More drastic measures for a national 'lock-down', restrictions on general people movement etc.

We have already ordered various critical supplies to have in-stock in case of disruption to deliveries or availability of items so that we can continue to care for the horses despite possible disruptions.

WE REQUEST EVERYONE

Engages in good hygiene & social responsibility and we have made the following changes:

- Please WASH & SANITISE YOUR HANDS when you arrive. We have hand wash in place now (may be replaced with hand soap if liquid soap in short supply) and hand sanitiser is arriving soon.
- All towels will be removed, we will provide paper hand towel instead. Please be environmentally friendly with the amount you use and DO NOT use for drying your horse, cleaning your tack etc. Used paper towel is not recyclable, so can go in the usual bin – please EMPTY the bin if it's overflowing!!!
- All mugs & plates will be removed on Friday 20th March. Kindly bring your own mug to have tea/coffee and keep separate to avoid sharing of eating/drinking utensils.
- Practice good social distancing and hygiene habits whilst at GBEC.
- Respect others by not attending the yard if you feel for any reason that you may compromise others' health and risk of infection with Coronavirus.

DIY & GRASS LIVERIES

Scenario 1 - Current

In order to have plans in place to help you, if you have symptoms or go into isolation or other reasons related to Coronavirus we will:

- Relax rules on last minute booking for DIY services. So, if during the day, you feel you need to stay away from the yard we will take last minute bookings to bring in & finish up your horse.
- Allow DIY's to book 'part livery' services on a daily rate and without prior notice. As above, if you must stay away from the yard and cannot find cover for horse-care on a continuous basis, we will fill in the days that you need and at short notice as necessary.
- For both above situations, please respect the usual rules if your need isn't urgent or your absence isn't related to Corona Virus.

Scenario 2 – Staff Shortage

- Limited extra services available if we are short staffed. We will provide help for anyone in real need but request that you minimise unnecessary extras during a period of short of staff (we will post on Facebook page and put a notice on the whiteboard).
- This may include limited availability of bring in/turnout to/from steeplechase field.

Scenario 3 – Lock Down!

It is unknown what restrictions might be in place, but in the worst possible case scenario if owners are not able/allowed to get to the stables daily:

- We will assume care of all horses.
- We will try to supply feed, bedding & hay if your stock runs out and you cannot source your own supply. Obviously, this is for total emergencies not only because of changes to your horse's feed etc. but because our stock is likely to be under pressure too.

FULL & PART LIVERIES

Scenario 1 - Current

- We will continue to deliver a 1st class service of course!
- We're working on opening extra fields to allow more horses to stay out all day.
- Provide flexibility for adding on exercising / grooming for part liveries if owner/rider/sharer is incapacitated/isolated.

Scenario 2 – Staff Shortage

If we suffer significant staff shortages, we may have to limit:

- Availability of exercising services.
- Full grooming.
- General yard tidiness.

Scenario 3 – Lock Down!

It is unknown what restrictions might be in place, but if owners are not able/allowed to get to the stables:

- We will continue to care of all horses, but there may be strict limitations on the level of service, e.g. daily turnout, but no exercising, basic feet & rug change rather than full grooming etc.
- All medical needs will be attended to in full.

We wish everyone good health and send our best wishes to each and everyone of you. If you have any immediate concerns or questions, please get in touch with Beccy or Sorrel.

Team GBEC 😊