

REARSBY LODGE RIDING CLUB

REPORT ON MEMBERS' QUESTIONNAIRES 2023

10 were returned at the AGM and 10 in January 2024.

1. Main reason for joining the club

You said that you join the club to have fun, train and compete with like-minded people in a friendly and supportive environment and to have a wide variety of well-run activities to take your horses to. Three joined for the first time last year and had had some good experiences.

2. Things that you most enjoyed

"RLRC is the most efficient, well run club with friendly supportive organisers. This counts for a lot these days, and so we actually look forward to attending whatever events we can".

Club shows 12

Junior camp 1

Clinics 7 (2 coaches got a special mention)

SJ shows 1

AGM 1

Representing the club in teams and meeting other club members 6

Regular emails informative/ fun 1

Camp 5

The friendly and supportive atmosphere makes people feel welcome and comfortable 2

Quadrille 4

Motivational evenings 2

3. Things that you least enjoyed

Some venues too far away (PG and Epworth) 3

Not feeling part of a team at qualifiers 1

Members complaining when you've tried hard to keep everyone happy 1

4. Comments on training, trainers, venues, club shows, team events, camp, etc

Two of our regular coaches were mentioned as being particularly good and supportive by 12 members, while one (named) trainer is not supportive 1

Love all the trainers 1

Re Venues

Pickering Grange is too far 7. Love Pickering 1

Springfield feels very cramped/small but fine in a small group/pair 2

Camp at Aylesford great 2, Aylesford great, more events there 5

Barrowcliffe great 1, Field Farm great 1, Brooksby great 2, Epworth is far away 1

All good 1

5. Things you would like to see in 2024 (if no numbers, suggested by 1 person)

About training/clinics you suggested:

Camp, longer camp, day camp 3, More/longer junior camps, 2 or 3 days 2

Side saddle clinic 3

Motivational evenings and goal setting 2

Team training before area qualifiers, Evening training in the summer, Junior dressage training with Jo, Dressage clinics with more varied trainers, e.g. Wade Barley, More Sam Hobbs clinics

Clinics in closer venues, eg Aylesford, Field Farm, Canaan Farm, Dressage clinics at Aylesford

You proposed some new activities:

Organised beach ride/hacks 4

Endurance training, Groundwork training, Competition/fitness training

Western riding, horse ball, yard visits to professionals

Shows/classes you would like:

Competitions for very nervous/novice riders or classes for these

More showjumping competitions

Showing shows, working hunter classes, combined training

No stress dressage competitions, test riding training competitions

Lower heights in SJ shows and smaller increments in class heights (5 cm), BS course builders

...and in general:

More of what we've been doing.

Keep up the good work!

Our thanks to everyone, who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire!