



## **BRADBOURNE RDA**

### **2019 KNOLE PARK FUNDRAISING RIDE**

**Here are some of the comments we've received from this year's riders, who had a great time thanks to our wonderful volunteers.**

Thank you to everyone involved for making another wonderful ride at Knole. It is one of the highlights of the year - absolutely love the chance to go on the gallops. Managed to drag another newbie this year and think we will all try and do the 2020 ride.

I thought the route change was really good, it was lovely to amble round the woods and whilst the gallops were shorter and missed seeing the spectacular front of Knole I personally didn't miss the golf course - although there was a decent 2nd canter spot which wasn't there this year...but you can't have it all

Your volunteers are all wonderful and it is such a well organised ride. I also managed to find a stable rug, big enough to fit my big girl in the 2nd hand stall, which was a result and have just bought a few snaps from the photographers so hope your final total goes up a bit.



*Well done to everyone involved...this is such a well organised ride...hope it continues for many years to come*

I like thank you for all your hard work and wish you all the best for the future.

*A huge thank you to you and all the brilliant organisers, helpers, stewards, farrier, photographers, catering ladies, parking gentlemen and the lovely lady on the gate! We had a fantastic ride and went round twice despite getting stuck between two confrontational stags the first time. It is such a beautiful estate and that gallop up the valley on such lovely ground was a real treat for us and the horses, they loved it!*

*We will be first on the list next year for this amazingly well organised ride, and happy to contribute to the RDA's invaluable work.*

I was actually going to email this week to thank you and all the stewards and helpers for a fantastic ride on Saturday. It was so well organised and everyone was so helpful and friendly. We thoroughly enjoyed it and we would love to come again next year!

Thank you all once again

*I verbally thanked you after today's Knole ride but also wanted to write to say a big thank you to you and all the volunteers for your hard work to make it such a pleasurable and memorable experience for me and my friends. I'm well aware of the time and effort it takes to organise these things and it was very much appreciated.*

We just wanted to say how much we enjoyed the ride yesterday we had great fun. As always the event was run exceedingly well. The marshals and all volunteer helpers were very helpful and friendly.

Thank you.

*Thank you for an amazing ride, such friendly, cheerful marshals and wow the gallop section, we will be back next year.*

Thank you for a lovely ride. As you predicted the going was good and the weather held out. Thanks to all the volunteers.

*Thank you to you and all the volunteers for organising a great ride, my friend and I had a lovely time and our ponies loved the opportunity to do the gallops twice!*



I'd like to thank the 2 volunteers near the start of the gallops (a man and a woman). My horse reared badly (extremely out of character, he's an angel), and I was unable to regain control. They directed riders away from us and the man lead me on my horse off the gallops. When we got to the next set of stewards they were already aware of what had happened and were lovely too.

It was a very scary incident and I am very grateful for their actions.

Many thanks.

*Yes it truly was a lovely day on Saturday and I am very grateful for all the help of the wonderful and very cheerful volunteers who assisted on the day. With a special thanks to you for all you have done also to assist with this event over the years, so very sorry it's your last. You probably deserve a well-earned rest!*

*I have ordered a bunch of photos as it was my new boys first time there, what fantastic pictures from LRG they done so well!*

*Thank you again.*

Thanks for your note and well done on a very well organised ride once again.

I am very happy for you to use comments or photos of me and Brodie and purchased some of them from Luke at LRG (fab photos as always). Here's a summary of my ride:

"This is the third time I've ridden at the Bradbourne RDA Knole Park ride and it is always such a fun ride and so well organised from start to finish.

The volunteers are all so encouraging and the marshalls on the ride are so helpful.

Thank you all very much, me and Brodie had a great time"

Thanks again, you've been brilliant!

*Dear Debbie and Fab Volunteers*

*A massive thanks to you all from myself and my sister for organizing a superb ride round Knole Park. The autumn scenery was glorious. Thanks to you for giving up your Saturday and sitting in the drizzle for us riders to enjoy this gorgeous ride.*

*Good Luck and thanks for organizing the ride.*

Thank you so much. We had the most amazing ride on Saturday, all the marshals were very cheerful. It was my horse's first pleasure ride and he was so well behaved. We will be back next year. Thanks again and I will certainly send you some photos xx

*Yet again we and our now elderly horses had a fantastic ride. (And we can't remember how many years we have done the ride) We are so grateful to you and all your helpers for making this come about and for all your hard work over the time you have been organiser. Please pass on our enormous thanks to all the stewards for giving up a day to stand in the wet and make it all possible.*

*With many many thanks*

I enjoyed this ride immensely

Not only was it super well organized the marshals were so friendly and helpful

Safety with shutting the gate after Horseboxes entered was greatly appreciated for not only my safety but my horses too!

As my first time I found it the most scenic, friendly and organized ride I have attended yet, what an amazing thoughtful group of people

Can't thank you all enough but thank you anyway

*The Bitchet team had a great ride - we were so lucky with the weather. As always very well organised and marshalled. And the photos are amazing - so many to choose from.*

*Latest amounts donated have taken us over £600 - so proud of everyone and big thanks to Jean for her precious horses.*

*I hope you have made lots of money and look forward to next year lol.*

Dear Debbie and all the fantastic team

We had a fabulous ride and we didn't even notice the weather!

It is an absolute privilege to be able to ride in such beautiful and iconic parkland and to have the chance of a wonderful, safe gallop.

The event is so well organised and the stewards were all very happy and helpful.

*Team Hale Equestrian had a lovely ride, although wet and racing with herds of deer, the stewards and organisers made it an enjoyable morning, thank you all.*

We had a wonderful time - and stayed dry! The going was great and everyone was so friendly. With so many stewards, it felt like a very safe environment to allow our horses to let their hair down and the added bonus of two trips up the long gallop was a real treat. A big thank you to all involved.

*Apologies, I went on holiday the monday after the ride. We had a lovely ride and many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers, so cheerful even with the weather! Unless the ride is formally cancelled, I thought it was pretty bad form that people didn't come on the day because of the weather. We are British for goodness sake and used to rain!*

*I'm sorry that the National Trust chose not to allow photographs in front of the house, I'm not sure what their reasons were, but I am noticing an anti horse bias in some of our national institutions.*

*The photographers were very clever sorting by rider number, times are much harder to remember. Photographs duly purchased!*

Huge thanks to all involved in the organisation and running of the ride on the day it was a super ride. The stags were also amazing to see and I have purchased 6 images from LRG photography that were fantastic along the gallops and in front of the house.

I look forward to next years ride.

*We hacked an hour to and from the ride and must say it was so worth it. We had such a lovely time. Everyone was so friendly and it was so well organised. Fantastic to be able to have a gallop. We will definitely be entering again next year. Thank you to everyone involved*

As always this was a fantastic ride! I've been doing this ride for a number of years and look forward to it every time; it never disappoints.

The stewards and volunteers are always so happy and helpful, they are truly wonderful people to give up their time for such a wonderful cause and ride. Our group thoroughly enjoyed every minute and will no doubt be booking for next year when I get the email.

My 11 year old daughter did it for the first time this year on her pony, plaited up for it, the lot! She had a wonderful time and will definitely be joining me again next year too.

Thank you all for all the hard work and effort you put in to making this ride a success.

*We thoroughly enjoyed the whole of the ride and the atmosphere was lovely. All the helpers, despite suffering the damp and cold waiting were stoically smiling and welcomed us warmly. The rain itself was just perfect for those on board, especially through the trees section, as it added to a lovely atmosphere and a gorgeous scented ride so it was an added bonus this year!!*

*Thank you all for organising and we look forward to hopefully joining the ride again next year.*

This was the first time I rode the Knole Ride, so glad I did. It was brilliant and will definitely be coming back, many thanks to all the helpers, all ran so smoothly.

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