

**Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Rehabilitation
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The Pit Pony Sanctuary**



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PROVIDING TENDER LOVING CARE TO NEEDY HORSES & PONIES

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We are delighted to be writing this summer newsletter whilst gazing at photo's of our beautiful, happy ponies who are now freely roaming the lush and shady pastures of Hillside. After an extended winter the ponies are really enjoying the sun on their backs, playing freely in the daisy's and rolling around in the long grass. It will still feel a little new, but becoming a very familiar home, given the same pace of life, peace, and tranquility that they enjoyed in the sanctuary of Fforest Uchaf. Hillside is providing a wonderful, forever home that is full of soft, kind and caring hands and voices. Our Trustees are in full contact with the team at Hillside and our supporters can continue to help us and Hillside care for our beautiful herd. The longer than usual winter has been tough for Hillside, with extended stabling and dry feeding periods to fund, but your donations are helping all of our horses.

Our work, rescuing needy horses and ponies continues after our herd's relocation to Hillside.

Currently, we have 38 horses and ponies, residing at Hillside under our mutual care. Each of them are incredibly well fed and looked after and are free to roam the coastal pastures with their loyal friends – and some new ones!



Donations have recently been received in memory of;

The late Joan Margaret Brown
The late George Anthony Melliush
The late Doris Vera Hawkins
The late Audrey Silke
The late Gwendoline Marie Annette Ware
The late Hazel Evelyn Redgwell
The late Wyndham Nagle
“SOOTY” the poodle.
The late Cyril John Newton
The late Mrs Connie Perchard
The cheeky & fearless Mister James. (Carols darling section A)
Thank you.

Leaving a legacy to the Pit Pony Sanctuary is a wonderful way to support our mission of providing care and rehabilitation for ponies in need. Here are the steps you can follow:

- Decide on the Type of Gift: You can leave a specific amount of money, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets like property or shares.
- Consult a Legal Adviser: It's important to get professional advice to ensure your wishes are clearly stated in your will. A solicitor can help you draft or update your will.
- Include the Sanctuary in Your Will: Clearly state the Pit Pony Sanctuary as a beneficiary in your will
- Inform the Sanctuary: Letting the sanctuary know about your intentions can help them plan for the future. You can contact them directly through their [website](#)
- Keep Your Will Safe: Store your will in a safe place and inform your executor or a trusted person where it is kept.

Ways to help us Fundraise

Did you know that there are additional ways to help us fundraise for our Charity when you are doing your weekly shop, or online shopping without any costs to you.

Easy Fundraising - You Shop and then the brands donate cash back to the Charity and as thank you for shopping with them

- It is so easy to sign up to EasyFundraising
- You can find our easyfundraising page at
- https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pitpony/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1
- Sign up – it will take around 2 minutes to sign up
- Using easyfundraising does not add any cost to your online shopping. The brand covers the cost of the donation meaning it's 100% free to use!

PayPal Giving Fund

Want to support us when you shop online? Set us as your favourite charity, then click to donate £1 each time you check out with @PayPal. It's easy:
[paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/19728](https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/19728)

Give as you Live Online is the free and easy way to raise money for The Pit Pony Sanctuary - Fforest Uchaf Horse and Pony Centre when you shop online with 6,000+ stores.

Simply [sign up for an account https://www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/details](https://www.giveasyoulive.com/signup/details) and start shopping to make a difference for The Pit Pony Sanctuary

We rescued Balinda, Carlos, and Alison back into our herd in June.

Roy received an anonymous tip-off call one night to say that a totally blind horse, who was in a state of neglect, had miraculously given birth to a tiny foal on dangerously water-logged land in Swansea Bay.

We immediately went to find her & her new foal but they had disappeared – we were very concerned, despite all our searching efforts, we could not find them and feared the worst. A few months later, we received another call, and amazingly a horse and foal that fitted the same description was reported to Roy again – we couldn't believe our ears! They had been picked up by Swansea Dog Pound, and found, in amongst a heard of 19 ponies in total. There was no home for the unclaimed horses – so after supporting the rehoming of 16, we ensured a safe and much-needed transfer to Hillside for Mum, foal, and a new friend to begin their much-needed recovery. Your support helped us to help them, once again – thank you. Here they all are, looking strong and free, enjoying the life they deserve at Hillside:



We need your help..

Do you or you and a small group of friends enjoy office administrative activities/tasks and are you interested in Volunteering with us?

We are looking for some help 2/3 times a year to help us prepare our newsletter, this would include support with printing, folding/preparing the documents into envelopes, and a trip or two to the post office.

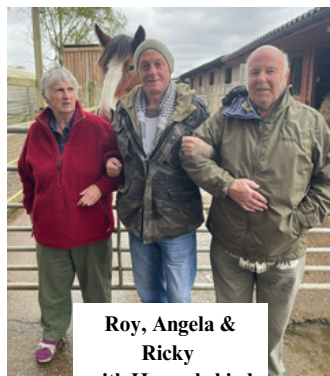
Please get in contact with us via email if you are interested Info@pitponies.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Our Visit to Hillside...

Arriving at Hillside, up the bumpy track, the anticipation of seeing the horses again was immense.

A young man, Ricky and others, were there to greet us. Ricky came and took Roy's arm offering great comfort and ease given his ongoing recovery from the Stroke. Ricky helped him and us see all the ponies. With happy tears in our eyes, they were all so happy to see us. It wasn't long before their playful 'it's my turn' for a sniff and a cuddle tactics kicked in with the ponies all in a fun scrum to get to the front. A magical moment that we will never forget.

Knowing that our horses and ponies are thriving at Hillside is very comforting to us. The shock of having to take a sudden retirement is still sinking in but our trip proved that our long-term plan for the ponies to continue their protected sanctuary at Hillside, which is now a reality, is absolutely perfect. Huge thanks once again to the team at Hillside and to you, our supporters.



Roy, Angela & Ricky with Honey behind them



Polly & Megan saying hello



Roy, Angela & Ken, saying hello to Oreo & Winston.

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Online Donated Gifts via our Website

Thanks to your donations over the last year you have helped us purchase:

5 Bales of Hay

Donated for 4 Farrier call-out charges/Hoof Trim

Purchased 5 Good Quality Pony Food

Donated for 5 Vet Call Out Charges

Donated for 1 Vet Visit with an X-ray machine for a suspected fracture

As well as donating amounts of £25 - £100 which goes directly to care for our ponies.

If you would like to donate directly via our website please do so here:
<https://www.pitponies.co.uk/donation/>



Roy & Angela's granddaughter Ellie saying hello to King

Caring for our Horses and Ponies at Hillside in Winter 2024/25

We have just instructed S& R Farm Services to start the build of two new Barns, at Hillside, for the Ponies shelter during the Winter of 24/25. The barns will provide shelter, feeding stations, water, and comfortable beds, and the adjoining paddocks will give them space to play outside if they choose – and they will 😊!

This will ensure that there is enough room and shelter for all of our thirty-eight ponies residing at Hillside.

Currently all the materials for the Barn have been ordered and supplies have started arriving at Hillside.

We will keep you updated on the progress of the build and share photos when they are complete. The provision of these barns would not be possible without your donations – thank you.

Saving of ten ponies from Keswick.

Our first rescue of the Summer was successful having received word that ten hardworking and loyal riding school ponies were due to be 'disposed of' as the school was closing and there were no homes coming forward for the last ten.

We sent transport to collect them days before they were to meet there and brought them all to the safe, quarantine paddocks of Hillside where they are all being supported and made ready for a life of freedom. No more hard bits, lumpy saddlery, and heavy humans to carry day after day -just the sun on their backs and the breeze in their manes.

You have made this wonderful story possible and helped us protect them from going to slaughter– thank you.



The Ponies from Keswick enjoying the fields

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Gilly and Freida,

Gilly and Freida who are also Mother and Daughter, joined our herd, after many lovely years in a caring foster home. Due to an essential house move, we stepped in and collected them both in January, bringing them to the sanctuary of Hillside.



Gilly & Freida being collected



Gilly & Freida in the Hillside Barn with the Herd



Charlie (on the right) saying hello to everyone

Update on Charlie and Alison

Charlie who is one of our eldest ponies has recently had some vet treatment for colic and a tooth extraction.

He is recovering well at Hillside.

Alison also became unwell for the first time in 11 years!

The vet attended to assess her and she is now recovering back with the herd.

It seems to be a bout of being under the weather.

We would like to thank you all for your donations so that we can continue to provide veterinary care to all the Ponies in our care.

New Charity Telephone Number and New Correspondence Address

We have set up a new dedicated Charity Telephone Number, 07990 323 811, this will be published across our social media sites and website and is always displayed at the top of the Newsletter

We also have a new address for any postal correspondence such as donations at 61 Bridge Street Kington HR5 3DJ.

The Ponies remain at the beautiful Sanctuary at Hillside in Norwich.

We would like to extend our apologies for the Posting Error that we made on the last Newsletter.

Unfortunately, the incorrect postage amount was used when sending the Newsletter out and you may have had to pay to collect this from the Post Office. Please get in touch if you would like us to help correct any cost you paid to collect.

The only positive is that more pennies stayed with the ponies and we have certainly learned how to post it correctly going forwards. Sorry everyone! 😊

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If you loved coming to visit the ponies when they were residing in Wales, they would also love you to come and see them and their new friends in Hillside, Norfolk. Please do join us in visiting the ponies in their new and beautiful home. Visiting times and event details can be found on their [website](http://www.hillside.co.uk).
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Hillside Animal Sanctuary was founded in 1995 to help and campaign for animals in need and most importantly, to bring public awareness to the millions of animals suffering every day in the intensive factory

At Hillside we have given sanctuary to over 2500 horses, ponies, and donkeys, many of our residents have been rescued from the farming industry.

Our beautiful ponies (and chickens) will never work, be treated unkindly, or ever be separated. They are in their forever home, all together and financially supported by Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Rehabilitation Centre through your kindness and donations. Our Trustees have set up a legally binding grant agreement with Hillside for the forever safety and care of all our horses and animals.

Our Trustees will continue their work to ensure that this agreement is adhered to and that they will continue to keep all of our supporters informed of the wonderful lives that our rescued ponies are now enjoying in Norfolk and of rescued additions to our beautiful, resting herd.

You can also help Hillside directly! This is there latest appeal campaign:

Pound Pony Appeal

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=E39L64LV6GG5S



More photo's of our Visit to Hillside earlier this year.



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