



The Bay Window

Cleveland Bay Horse Society

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**Shireburn Ava and Kenley Oceania in sunshine and snow.
Image supplied by Jackie Sparrow.**

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Please be patient when corresponding with any council members. Everyone is a volunteer and bullying of any kind or abusive language will not be responded to.

Welcome to New(and Returning) CBHS Members

Please note that ALL memberships run from 1 December.

Ms Christine Linda Freear,

Ms Rachel Horner.

Ms Melanie Ellis

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The P and P Committee would like to remind members that we are always looking for input to the various publications that we create.

This Year we are proposing to create a Breeders directory(1st March), Show Directory(1st March) and Magazine(1st April).

If anyone has anything they would like to see in any of these publications please let us know. We encourage any articles or images for use in promotional materials.

Please contact cbhspandp@gmail.com with any enquiries or suggestions.

Membership Renewals

A reminder to all annual members, memberships are now due for renewal. Thank you to all those who have already paid their subscriptions for 2026.

The bank details for anyone wishing to pay via bank transfer is

Cleveland Bay Horse Society of the United Kingdom

Bank Account No:11318136

Sort code. 40 47 31

Payments can also be made via PayPal (friends and Family) to clevelandbayoffice@gmail.com

Please remember to leave a reference for any payments you are making.


2026 Calendars

The limited edition 2026 Cleveland Bay Horse Society Calendar is available now to order. Only 12 remain from the first print run so please order if you would like to have one.


Calendars cost £15 each including UK postage and all proceeds go to the society as calendar and UK postage has been fully sponsored. For further details on ordering and payment please email cbhspandp@gmail.com













If you would like to sponsor the 2027 calendar, which will include a say in Theme, image choice and advert, please get in touch with the P&P committee.

There is a small miss print in Calendar, September should read Villiers Queen of the night not Villers. My apologies to Breeder/owner Tina Billingsley.



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THIS YEAR'S CALENDAR IS SPONSORED BY: 

 January	 February	 March
 April	 May	 June
 July	 August	 September
 October	 November	 December

The Cleveland Bay Horse Society appreciates the continued support from the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust for our critically endangered breed.

Show stands at RWHS and the GYS

We are currently waiting on confirmation of our application for a show stand at Windsor.



The stand at the GYS has been approved.



We would like to offer members the opportunity to have their favourite images printed on boards to be displayed on the stands. The cost for this would be £10 per board. For further information contact p and p or show committee.

In order to maintain the stands going forward we need to ensure they start to pay for themselves. We will be looking for initiatives to help make this happen.

A Day of Hunting in Virginia for Cleveland Bays

On Saturday 7 November 2025, Farnley Farm and the Blue Ridge Hunt welcomed pure bred and part bred Cleveland Bays from several states to attend the annual Cleveland Bay hunt organized by the Mid-Atlantic Cleveland Bay Network.

Farnley Farm in White Post, Virginia has been the home of Alexander Mackay-Smith and his family since the 1932. He began importing and breeding Cleveland Bays in the same decade and along the way sent a stallion by Cholderton Income back to the UK in 1945 to restore a specific breeding line there.

This special hunting day is held at Farnley approximately every two years, and they are welcomed by Alexander Mackay-Smith's daughter Hetty Mackay-Smith Abeles. This year 12 pure or part bred Cleveland Bays were in attendance from Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.



Show Diary

These dates are still provisional and subject to change by the shows. We will endeavour to keep the list updated.

RWHS

14th -17th May, Pure and Pb CB section, In Hand & Ridden

Devon County

21st -23rd May, Ladies Hunter, Hunter, Working Hunter

Otley

16th May, Hunter, In Hand

Hambleton District

Pure & pb (combined) CB, Hunter

Hertfordshire County Show

23rd -24th May, Sport Horse, In Hand & Ridden Hunters

Sherborne Castle Country Fair, Rare and traditional breed Show

25th May, Rare Breed Light Horse (CB, ID, Hackney) In Hand

Suffolk County

27th-28th May, Rare Breeds, Hunters

Bramham Event Horse breeding & Hunter Show

June, Event Horse Breeding – youngstock, In Hand, Ridden Hunters/ working hunters

Three Counties

12th -14th June, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand & Ridden, Price Qualifier

North Yorkshire County

June , Hunter

Lincolnshire County

17th – 18th June

Royal Norfolk

24th – 25th June, Rare/Foreign breeds , In Hand & Ridden, Hunter, Price Qualifier

Malton

28th June, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand & Ridden

Kent County

3rd -5th July

Durham County

4th – 5th July, Rare/foreign, In Hand & Ridden

Great Yorkshire Show, Harrogate

14h -17th July (14th), Pure & pb CB section, In Hand , Hunter, Price Qualifier

Liskeard Show PN14 3LE (provisional)

11th July, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand & Ridden, Hunter

Penrith Show CA4 9RH

18th July, Rare Breeds

Royal Welsh Show

20th -23rd July, Ridden Part Bred

Ryedale

28th July, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand, Hunter

Equifest Arena UK,

August, Rare, Native, YHL qualifier, Hunter, Rare breeds

Hinderwell

7th August, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand & Ridden, Hunter

SHB (GB) NHC, Addington EC MK18 2JR

11th -13th August, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand & Ridden, Hunter

Danby

12th August, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand, Hunter, In Hand & Ridden

Egton

19th August, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand, Hunter, In Hand & Ridden

Stokesley

19th September, Pure & pb CB section, In Hand & Ridden, Hunter

Cleveland Bay Camp
September
All welcome – see CBHS website

HOYS – NEC B'ham
October
In Hand Hunter final

Your Horse Live – Stoneleigh
November

Please notify cbhsshows@gmail.com if you see any errors or wish to add dates to this diary.



Image of Jo Firth collecting her trophy at AGM from Elaine Cracknell, courtesy of Maggie Brown.

A message from Coleen:

Dear members, owners, supporters and friends

I write as a member who is very concerned about the future of the Society and the breed. Everyone is finding the current economic climate tough and non more so than societies such as ours with a small membership.

To that end, I have pledged to raise funds for the Society in a number of ways, and I'm asking each and every Cleveland Bay enthusiast, to join me. I will give anyone who can accept this challenge, all the support, information and guidance they need to become a fundraising champion within the Society. I will give you my vision for the coming year and urge anyone who can, to play their part in making this happen.

- To raise at least £6000 for the society to meet the 20% contribution needed to meet the current HBLB grant level.
- Hold a monthly tombola at my local equestrian centre equine car boot (Parklands, Sheffield)
- Ask others doing a fundraiser, such as a skydive, marathon etc. to consider a donation to the CBHS, as well as their nominated charity.
- Give my time to the Society at both Royal Windsor and The Great Yorkshire show to man the stands and hold daily raffles and a tombola, sell merchandise and promote the breed as best I can.
- Help increase membership and promote the breed at any given opportunity.
- Give support to anyone who would like to get involved with this initiative.
- Give recognition to all parties involved in any fundraising event and promote it on social media and written publications.
- Offer an award at the AGM, year on year going forward, to recognise the efforts made by our members either as an individual or small group.

I feel I need to speak quite plainly when I say that the Society and most importantly the Cleveland Bay horse needs us now more than ever. Let's make 2026 the year we all make the difference and rebuild our fundraising efforts lost since Covid.

Thank you all in advance, I'll keep you updated throughout the coming months on our progress.

Please email cbhspandp@gmail.com with a subject heading of "fundraising/coleen" with ideas and news of how we can support each other in fundraising initiatives you can think of and would like to contribute to.

Thank you.

Coleen

Equine Affaire 2025

Purebred Cleveland Bay gelding Bellavista Chancellor and partbred yearling CB/TB Chelsea Charlotte had an excellent time representing Cleveland Bays at the 2025 Massachusetts Equine Affaire. This is an annual event attended by thousands of visitors across 4 days.

Charlotte was an excellent example of her type displaying her movement in our scheduled breed demonstration times on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Chance demonstrated the versatility of the Cleveland Bay by showing off some of his skills in both English/Foxhunting and Western/Ranch attire.

They had continued interest across all of the days and brought a lot of good attention to the combined CBHS/CBHSNA/University of Massachusetts booth. We met a number of Cleveland fans and made some new ones as well!

We are planning on attending again next year and I am going to work on getting Chance into the demos and competitions that run during the event because he would do very well!

There is another Equine Affaire in Ohio in April 2026 and I have a friend with CBs out in Michigan who might be interested in doing that with me.

Sarah Kirk



Horse Straights Direct

Coleen Benfold has very kindly signed up as an online representative for Horse Straights Direct. She is donating all proceeds from this to the society. Below are just two of the products available at Horse Straights Direct. 100% natural, large product range and best of all a discount code for 10% off every time you shop! Not only that but 10% will also go towards this coming year's fundraising efforts. Thank you in advance for your contribution and remember every little helps. Use code CB54SEW at checkout.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the Horse Straights Direct logo, a search icon, a shopping cart icon, and a menu icon. Below the navigation is a header for the product category: "Soothing, Joints & Mobility". The main product image features a brown pouch of "Boswellia Powder" and a pile of the powder. A circular logo with a horse head and the text "HSD Premium HERBAL COLLECTION" is overlaid on the image. Below the image, a "Best Seller" badge is next to the price "£24.99". The text below the price reads "joint support for horses" and "Boswellia Powder". A paragraph of text describes Boswellia as a natural soothing supplement known for its support of joints, tendons, ligaments, overall movement and mobility in horses, making it a valuable addition to equine diets. At the bottom of the product card, there is a "Shop" button and a "Loyalty Points" icon.



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www.horsestrightsdirect.co.uk

Trophies AGM October 2025

1. King George V Silver Cup – Premium Stallion - not awarded
2. Sir Alfred Pease Trophy – Best foal over 4 Heritage Shows - Little Hamlets Top Gun - Paula Thompson
3. Keenleyside Salver – Breeder and Exhibitor Pure Most points - Barbarian Maverick - Jo Firth
4. Fothergill Memorial Salver – Highest placed youngstock at GYS/NBS(if held) - Springlea Serendipity - John & Elaine Keith
5. Eden Valley Salver – Performance scheme – Best overall pure/pb IH -Barbarian Maverick
6. Belinda Sillars – Presidents trophy – present at AGM when mended
7. Marygold Nixey Trophy – Most points over 4 Heritage Shows - Barbarian Maverick/Jo firth
8. Northern Breeders Performance Horse – Pure Ridden - Tamaskan Violet - Reece Wolfenden
9. Baydale SCBBC trophy – Performance foal Little hamlets top gun - Paula Thompson and Villiers Queen of the Night- Tina Billingsley
10. Ramblers trophy – Performance Pure Bred In Hand Mare - Mulgrave Snowdrop - Messrs Duell & Welford
11. Jack America Welford trophy – i Jo Firth
12. Rose tinted Breeders Cup – Performance, most winners by breeder - Barbarian - Jo Firth
13. Chris Dykes Trophy – Best Ridden Pb - Jakreecha - Jo Strange
14. Ken Horner Plate – Hunter class/Hambleton show not awarded at AGM
15. In Hand Shield – Harrington? - Performance pure youngstock -Barbarian Maverick/Jo Firth
16. David Keenleyside Cup* – Champion foal at GYS - Scarholme Juno - Jackie Sparrow
17. Highmoor Stud Trophy* – Champion Partbred at GYS –Brackenbrae Magnus - John Bennett
18. Derek Martindale trophy/salver – Champion Pure overall -?? trophy lost
19. Margaret Raikes May Trophy* – Champion Mare at GYS – Braithwaite Mulsanne Anderson&Lea

20. Rowena Scrimshaw Perpetual Crystal Trophy -Pure Gelding - **Bahian Terminator** - **Emily Fisher**

21. Ditchley Young Handlers Prize 16 - 24 yrs old male and female award

List of Nominations in alphabetical order:

Mia Dolan

Harry Lea

Chace Rene Smith

Alyssia Startin

Jessica Thompson

Jenson York

Best Young Lady Handler - Mia Dolan

Best Young Man Handler - Jenson York

(*Presented at the GYS in July)



Ger Welford receiving his trophy at AGM from Elaine Cracknell, courtesy of Maggie Brown.

Cleveland Bay Camp 2025
26th to 28th September

The CBHS held its second annual Cleveland Bay Camp at Field Farm Equestrian Centre in Alford, Lincolnshire. This new location was met with great enthusiasm, hosting 15 horses and many spectators, with the aim of recognising the importance of promotion, awareness and versatility of our rare breed.

With its exceptional facilities, including indoor and outdoor arenas, a UK Chasers cross-country course, and proximity to the coast for beach rides, Field Farm provided the perfect backdrop for a weekend of learning, camaraderie and progress. The Camp welcomed purebred and part bred Cleveland Bays, as well as 'honorary bays', with a strong emphasis on inclusivity and grassroots development.

Participants enjoyed a diverse programme of activities tailored to all experience levels. Lessons and free time gave the opportunities of galloping on the beach at Skegness, splashing through the water complex on Field Farm's Cross Country course, or negotiating the desensitisation obstacle course in the arena.

The return of instructors Hazel Towers and Bev Walton, whose expertise and warmth were highlighted at the 2024 Camp added immense value to the weekend. Their sessions were praised for being both educational and confidence building. Both instructors remarked on the relaxed and supportive atmosphere of the Camp which made it a safe space for young hores, novice riders and those returning to the saddle. Our 'honorary Bay vet', Richard, as well as an attendee also took the time to give an enlightening conformation clinic on Sunday morning.

The search is now on for a new venue for 2026. If you would like to participate in our Cleveland Bay Camp next September, or know of and have researched a suitable venue, or would be interested in running a Camp in your area, please get in touch via cbhscamp@gmail.com



Cleveland Bay Camp 2025