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1. **WELFARE OFFICER/SUB COMMITTEE:** I requested at the 2024 AGM that a welfare officer would be appointed, on council, with a policy and procedure. [Add: an email address for the welfare officer/sub committee provided.] Jackie Sparrow also asked for a CBHS sub committee be set up, so that any members struggling with horse welfare could get help. See 2024 AGM minutes for further details. I add that the policy should make clear the need to report any cases of neglect direct to the RSPCA and persevere till something is done about it. As of 28 September 2025, I cannot see anything on the website about this. I appreciate that council and committee members are very busy, but this issue is of the highest importance. Why has the approved resolution not been implemented? Can this be done as priority, please?

2. **BREED COMMITTEE:** As per the 2024 AGM minutes, a request was made to organise a Zoom meeting (as from January 2025), to give an opportunity for breeders to discuss issues. Also to offer information and support to new breeders (essential to include this on the website in the breed committee section and elsewhere as appropriate). It could be useful to make this an annual or bi-annual event.

As of 28 September 2025, this has not taken place. I cannot check if there is any information on the website, as clicking on About/Committees Learn More nothing happens (reported to the CBHS office). I politely ask why have these important issues not been followed up? Again, I appreciate that council is very busy, but it is key. Breeders are so scattered and it can be valuable to exchange ideas and share information.

Zoom is a wonderful resource, as it makes such meetings accessible, worldwide. Also request that this meeting (and others as appropriate) be available for members to watch, on the website (members' section). With the other societies I belong to, there is an alert at the start of any Zoom meeting that agreement is assumed for the meeting to be filmed. There is always the option to switch off the camera on your device, if you do not wish to be filmed.

3. **HBLB GRANT ZOOM MEETINGS:** A meeting was arranged in 2025 by Zoom. This was a great idea, to follow on from the 2024 meeting. However, ONLY six days' notice was given, which was far too short. Members need more time, perhaps a month, or a minimum of two weeks, as they have many commitments and have to plan ahead.

As per point 2 above, request that the meetings be available to watch on video on the CBHS website (members' section).

4. **BEHAVIOUR WHEN DEALING WITH JUDGES, ROYALTY AND DIGNITARIES.** This is a rather sensitive matter, which I have debated long and hard, but it is important to raise. It follows that all members should act with good manners with anyone, concerning the society and breed generally. I have witnessed truly appalling, highly embarrassing and disrespectful behaviour by one member towards a member of the royal family (with other dignitaries present and witnessed by others) at a CB class. I know that person has also behaved in a very rude and inappropriate way to a judge at a show. This could lead to the CBHS being blacklisted and it might not get another royal patron. I appreciate that several letters have been sent to the Royal Household, requesting a new royal patron, but no replies have been received.

5. **CBHS ROSETTES:** This issue has been raised in the past, which is to provide CBHS rosettes for all shows where there are CB classes, including small ones. Also, to provide rosettes for non CB classes, to encourage members to enter their pure and partbred Cbs in hunter classes and so on. It should be noted that for the pure and partbred CB classes at the national hunter show in August 2025, rosettes were given to all entries, which was a big success. The sponsorship and production of the splendid array of rosettes by Northants Rosettes was a great contribution and should be acknowledged again.

6. MERCHANDISE – CBHS PINS: I suggested to Claire O’Connell in September 2025 that it could be a good idea to provide CBHS lapel/stock pins, as these are a popular accessory and helps to identify the wearer as a supporter of the society and the breed. Also to have these available for sale (together with any other small merchandise items) on the CBHS stand at shows.

7. CBHS ARCHIVES/REQUESTING DONATIONS: I have raised this issue several times over a few years. I requested that it would be publicised on the CBHS website where the archives of the society were lodged. I also asked there to be a request for members to donate any useful documents, such as photographs (historic and good current ones) and other documents. It is very important that these are kept for posterity. Also ask members to include any proposed donations of photos and documents in their will and to tell their executors to do this. Unfortunately, some executors or those clearing possessions throw away valuable items in terms of historic records, without knowing their importance, so it is important to brief them accordingly. As of 7 October 2025, I cannot see anything on the CBHS website about this matter. It may be that I have missed it, but it should be located in a logical area. I also ask that this matter be publicised again in a Bay Window edition.

8. THANKS TO CBHS COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS: As a general comment (not a question), having served on committees and done a lot of voluntary work myself for charities, I would like to express my thanks to all those who serve the CBHS, also in the office.

Lesley Wolfenden

1. Would it be possible for future showing that yearlings are either judged separately in youngstock classes, or the classes be split. We have received comments this year from judges that it is difficult for them to judge a yearling against two and three year olds in combined classes.

Reece Wolfenden

1. Is it possible to make it mandatory that panel judges must judge at one show every 2 years or forfeit their place on the panel. This would potentially provide new opportunities for probationary judges and new judges wishing to join the panel.