

## SHELMALIER STABLES INFORMATION SHEET 2019

Welcome to Shelmalier Stables, Trinity, Taghmon, Co. Wexford. It is approved and inspected annually by the Association of Irish Riding Establishment. It has been owned by Kitty Wood since 1979 and is Wexford's longest established riding centre. All our teaching and ride leader staff hold British Horse Society qualifications as well as up date First Aid and Safeguarding Children certificates and are also all Garda Vetted.

- **Lessons and woodland rides** are available to both regular and occasional riders. Adults and children of all levels are welcome. Age, height and weight restrictions apply. Booking is essential.
- **Children's pony camps** and special activities are held during school holidays.
- **The arte of progression** will vary between riders according to their fitness, age, size, suppleness, balance, coordination, confidence, independence, effort, determination and frequency of attendance.
- **Ponies** will be allocated fairly a few minutes prior to the session. The instructor's decision is final.
- **Registration forms** must be completed prior to your first equestrian activity with us and annually thereafter.
- **Payment** should be made prior to the riding activity, and cannot be refunded if the rider does not then participate in or complete the activity. We cannot accept credit or debit cards or cheques. Receipts are available for cash payments if asked for at the time of payment. If you wish to pay by credit transfer please ask for our bank details.
- **Body protectors, hats and riding boots** are supplied free of charge initially and all comply with the standards approved by AIRE. We recommend wearing comfortable clothes, long sleeves, gloves and most strongly advise against wearing jewellery. Boots must be proper riding boots and deemed stirrup safe. Only level 3 2011 onwards body protectors should be worn. Helmets must be of a standard approved by AIRE.

The approved standards are:

- PAS015
- Snell E2001
- ASTM F1163 2014a onwards
- AS/NZS3838 2003
- VG1 01.040 2014-12

Skull caps without a fixed peak must be worn for cross-country jumping.

- **Vouchers** are available for any amount and are valid for one year. They cannot be redeemed for cash and must be presented prior to the start of the activity for which they are being used so please do not lose them.
- **All children** must be constantly supervised by their parent/guardian at all times except when actually participating in equestrian activities during the scheduled time. Ponies bite and kick when stressed. Inexperienced people must keep away from them and there must be no running, shouting or feeding of ponies. Treats may be left in reception.
- **Horse owners** may bring their own horses to the Own horse lessons but must first request a horse owner's information sheet and comply with the conditions therein.

## **SHELMALIER STABLES CANCELLATION POLICY**

This cancellation policy applies to all bookings for lessons and woodland rides without exception. Please note that as special events and pony camps have a separate cancellation policy you will need to check it carefully.

- Cancellations made prior to 9.00am on the day you are due to ride incur no fee.
- Cancellations made after 9.00am on the day of the booking incur a cancellation fee of €10,-
- People who do not cancel their booking prior to the start time when they cannot attend will be charged the full lesson fee. They will not be booked in again until this is paid and will have to contact us to see if we can accept another booking.
- People with a regular booking who cancel or change lessons frequently may be required to book in casually when they are able to attend, so that another rider who can make a commitment can avail of that place.

Thank you to those of you who do make every effort to attend bookings you have made and who cancel as soon as possible when you cannot attend. **Please call or preferably text Kitty on 085 1516136 or sent an email: [kwshelmaliier@gmail.com](mailto:kwshelmaliier@gmail.com)**