

THORES **BERTON**

HORSE TRIALS

Dear All

Thank you so much for giving up your valuable time to be with us at Thoresberton, as always we simply couldn't do this without you and we do hope you enjoy the event and all fingers crossed that everything stays moving forward and we don't encounter any further restrictions etc!

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY

We have been overwhelmed with offers of help, which is just fantastic, so I just want to personally thank each and every one of you for your support and dedication at these strange and difficult times. If you are not allocated roles all the days you have offered, it is due to having so much help, but inevitably people will experience "life" so if you might be available at short notice you may well get a call, but if you would like to make alternative arrangements please do go ahead with those!! Due to the current restrictions we are not able to have too many additional people on site, so I am not able to say to you all, do come and just enjoy the day! I am so sorry about that, but with the current climate things are difficult and we must stick to all the guidance provided. Therefore, unfortunately our policy of our volunteer passes gaining access on other days to watch can no longer be adhered to, as we are not allowed any spectators on site, so if you don't have a role allocation at Thoresby, I am so sorry but you won't be able to gain access.

Pre Event Site Visit:

As for Thoresby in the Spring, as this is still a "virgin site" (!) we are looking to do a visit day for you all to see the site and get your bearings. This will be the Saturday prior to the event, which is Saturday 3rd October. It will be tea time, at 4pm, for a cup of tea and biscuit / cake. We can then show you the course, and where the drive through check in will be, and outline how we see the day working. Please follow officials' signage and we will meet in the area of the main arena, by the officials' marquee.

Please, if we can be of assistance at any stage, don't hesitate to ask and we will do all we can to help. Once again, I do apologise for the very anti-social start on Saturday AM. With running so many horses, it is imperative that we do start early to allow us to schedule to finish in good time, so if we do have a hold, we still have day light to run in the woods!

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You are a fabulous team, and definitely an essential and key part of every event we run so THANK YOU

Please click on the link at the bottom of this email, which will take you to the database, and there if you go to deployments, you can accept or decline your roles. Please let me know if I have got it completely wrong, and given you a role you really don't want to do, and then I can make the adjustments in good time!

TRAFFIC MOVEMENT AND PASSES

Your BEDE pass will, once again, gain you complimentary access to the event. If you are a new helper, or don't have a pass, please do let me know as soon as possible and I will forward you a pass.

ON ARRIVAL:

On arrival please follow signs off the road for horse boxes. If you are a XC official over the weekend, you will then need to follow XC officials' signs and then you will be directed to the drive through check in. Your volunteer passes will only get those allocated roles into the event on the days they are down to help, as we are behind closed doors, so please do not bring any additional helpers without verification beforehand.

There will be an officials' marquee at Thoresby, so that will be the area to report to on dressage and show jumping days. Please do bear in mind social distancing at all times and do not congregate in groups of more than 6 people.

XC OFFICIALS and FENCE JUDGES:

All XC Officials please follow signs to the drive through check in point. It will be signed "Cross Country Officials". Here you will be given your fence judging kit and have your coffee and pastry etc, without getting caught in the melee of stables! At the end of the day please return your kit to the back to this point before leaving for home.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE JUST RE WATCHED THE BRIEFING, WHICH IS ON THE OFFICIALS PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE. I will put a button at the bottom of this email, which will take you straight to the page. As is normal in these times there will be no briefing on Saturday morning, so do please ensure you are up to date with any rule changes. We do apologise for this early start on Saturday morning, but we do need to start XC at 8.00! This allows us buffer at the end of the day in case we have any hold ups, as the light in the woods does disappear quickly! We are hoping to finish at 5pm.

Please also keep vehicle movement on site to a minimum. Over the years many lessons have been learnt and for both safety and ground damage limitation it would be much appreciated if all vehicle movement could be restricted. PLEASE UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DRIVE ON THE COURSE. Today in our sport, ground is paramount, particularly at Thoresberton where we are dealing with many promising Young Horses, so if you could walk to an area rather than drive, it would be much appreciated! Any official who is required to move around the Course will be issued with a White Flag.

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Camping on site

We are able to allow you to camp on site. However, I'm afraid there will be no hook up available this year, for a myriad of complicated reasons! If you are planning to camp please can you email me on anna@bedeltd.co.uk and I will compile a list. Please let me know what day you are planning to arrive and who is in your party. PLEASE ENSURE ALL SITES ARE BOOKED BY 28TH SEPTEMBER TO ENABLE US TO GET PEGGED OUT CORRECTLY!

On arrival please you will be directed to the caravan park by the gate marshalls.

ENTERTAINMENT:

This year entertainment is tricky to say the least, if not impossible. We will, however, have a bar in the stables which will be operational for the duration of the event. Unfortunately we are not able to arrange any parties or evening entertainment for the risk of breaching protocol.

Once again, thank you all so very much. This is my first missive drawn to a close, but I'm sure there will be a few more of them, so please do keep an eye out! Things are changing every day, so will keep you all updated.

With massive thanks to you all

Stuart and Anna and the whole BEDE Team