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# CHAIR'S REPORT

Dear Friends,

As some of you may know I was elected chairperson at the AGM in Edinburgh which seems a very long time ago now and it is my turn to retire by rotation as I have completed my three years in the role.

Over the past three years I have focused on key areas;

- an increase in membership,
- judge training with a sustainable and continuing program to ensure regional judges are available throughout the UK and able to qualify at an affordable price here in Great Britain,
- an enhanced relationship with FEIF and the member countries as well as a greater understanding of the importance of FEIF to our members here at home.
- Lastly, I wanted to consider ways to improve our regional representation with a good two-way communication strategy that ensures no part of the UK feel that their voices are not heard within the board. With this in mind the terms of reference have been updated so that the Chair's portfolio now includes the direct responsibility for the area representatives. This gives all area reps an opportunity to discuss and engage on a regular basis ensuring they can communicate the needs of their region directly to the chair and request support that is appropriate to them. I feel this is a significant step forward and I hope it allows the society to continue it's positive growth and development.

I have to say that it is interesting to see the role of chair from both sides of the fence. From the outside I paid my subscription and gave little thought to what happened at



the board meetings or to ensure that the society was legally able to issue passports to Icelandic horses. Compliance with companies' house and the charity commission of England, Wales and Scotland was taken for granted by me as something that would simply and efficiently happen.

I have considered carefully whether to stand again for election but have taken the very difficult decision not to do so as my personal circumstances have changed reducing my available time for the foreseeable future. This is something I have agonised over as I truly believe in what the society stands for and I now fully appreciate the dedication of members who serve on the board and management team in their spare time, the role is extremely demanding when done to the best of one's ability and the persons doing it are paid in one currency, appreciation. Please do take the time to send an occasional message of support or thanks to them, it does mean a great deal particularly on the days when a lot of work needs doing and you second guess why you are doing it.

As chair I have tried to encourage and support the board and management team to the best of my ability, they are truly remarkable in their commitment on a daily basis. I feel very honoured to have had this opportunity to work with them initially as colleagues and to leave the board calling them my friends. They have given me a great deal of support and encouragement when I needed it and assurance at times when I have been uncertain of the best course of action.

I am hopeful that a new incoming chair will continue the positive outcomes of recent years and further develop the judge training initiative ensuring more and more local affordable events take place across the UK.

I intend to offer my full support to whoever is fortunate enough to be elected and will share my experiences and knowledge to the best of my ability.

*Peter Heathcote*

Chair - September 2021

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## KNOW YOUR CHAIR

- Who you are and location - my name is Peter Heathcote and I live in South Wales on a small holding.
- Your occupation - I am pleased to say that I am retired after my wife and I sold our business in 2016 giving us more time with family and horses.
- How long you have been riding - Riding for me started when I was quite young on riding school ponies and then on my late fathers' cob. Life then got in the way of riding and for many years I thought it very unlikely that I would ride a horse again.
- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses - After many years of marriage, I booked to take my wife to Iceland to ride an Icelandic horse, we had recently bought a couple of cobs as our daughter wished to ride and we decided it was the right time for us to return to horse riding (and riding lessons). Not surprisingly we were inspired and captivated by the Icelandic horse and upon our return visited a few places with horses for sale. We were directed to Oakfield where we met Nick for the first time and watched a show taking place, we were amazed by the warm, friendly encouraging welcome we received, and I even ended up riding in a class on a person's horse.
- Your horses - Past and present - We purchased our first





Icelandic horse Sessa a silver dun who is dam to Svipur who we purchased later on along with Svali and so the herd continued. What you most enjoy doing with your horses - I am lucky enough to have realised my ambitions with Svali, riding across the mountains in mid Wales and enjoying a picnic on a horse that I trust and trusts me is a fantastic feeling and very rewarding.

- Any goals/ambitions you have - We have recently downsized and have 5 Icelandic horses at home on our small holding where we spend most of our time riding out on the mountains and enjoying the time we have with the horses. I do enter competitions as I like to see how Svali and I are developing together and of course the social side is something I really enjoy.



# STUDBOOK ANNUAL REPORT

At the time of writing, there are 1054 registered Icelandic horses located in the UK. In terms of country of birth, the population of live horses in the UK is now made up as follows:

Country	No.	% of Total
Great Britain	537	50.9
Iceland	392	37.2
Germany	36	3.4
Denmark	25	2.4
Netherlands	19	1.8
Ireland	12	1.1
Austria	10	0.9
Norway	9	0.9
Sweden	7	0.7
France	5	0.5
Belgium	1	0.1
Canada	1	0.1

A total of 19 foals were born and registered in 2020. The number of foals born in the UK continues to creep up, but the 2020 breeding season does appear to have been affected by Covid-19; we are therefore expecting a (small) drop in the foal numbers for 2021.

Year of birth	No. of foals registered	No. of different stallions used in the corresponding preceding season
2015	5	4
2016	11	9
2017	9	9
2018	9	11
2019	16	12
2020	19	8
2021	18 *	10

\* number of servings reported; live births may be less



The studbook office has completed the following work in the August 2020 – July 2021 period. The 2019-2020 numbers are also included for information.

	2020- 2021	(2019- 2020)
<b>Registration + passport</b>	19	13
<b>Duplicate passports</b>	0	0
<b>Transfer of ownership</b>	44	34
<b>Death of horses</b>	17	23
<b>Export of horses</b>	3	5
<b>Registration of imports</b>	42	21
<b>Change of name / address</b>	7	19
<b>Other updates</b>	34	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>127</b>

As can be seen from these numbers, the studbook work continues to increase year on year. And these figures do not provide the full picture; a lot of work goes into answering questions from owners and dealing with various tricky or unusual situations, which can be very time consuming. On top of that we are also required to keep up to date with all of the latest legal developments and changes regarding passports and studbooks, of which there have been many in the last year due to Brexit.

Earlier this year the studbook work was taking me around 10 hours a week just to stay on top of things, which was not sustainable. Thankfully our Breeding Leader, Ellen Brimble, has been a life saver and has stepped in to take on some parts of the studbook work. We have also done a bit of restructuring, meaning that I am now no longer a trustee on the board, but am instead continuing in the role of Studbook Registrar as a management role under the trustee responsible for breeding, i.e. the Breeding Leader. I am extremely grateful to Ellen for taking on elements of the studbook work, which has allowed me to continue in a role I (usually) enjoy without losing my marbles. For those of you with a stallion – Ellen will be chasing you for your stallion serving records this year!

*Freija Glansdorp* Studbook Registrar - September 2021

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## KNOW YOUR REGISTRAR

- Who you are and location - As most of you will know, my name is Freija Glansdorp and I live in Cheddar, Somerset.
- Your occupation - In my day job, I am a patent attorney. I do the studbook work as a volunteer around my job and looking after our own Icelandic horses.
- How long you have been riding - I have been riding since I was a teenager. I fell in love with Icelandic horses on a riding holiday to Iceland when I was 17 – I was desperate to go on a riding holiday by myself and my mum thought Iceland sounded safe...
- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses - .....Little did she



realise that it would involve galloping down tiny paths on steep cliff faces chasing a herd of loose horses. But I was hooked for life!

- Your horses - Past and present - When I bought my first horse he was of course Icelandic, and my lovely Týr is still with me now. I immediately enjoyed doing competitions on the oval track, Týr less so! Hence a few years later I imported my awesome Ljóri from Iceland.

- What you most enjoy doing with your horses - I love training Ljóri (with regular



lessons with Jemimah) and competing him on the oval track in F1 and T2.

- Any goals/ambitions you have - Ljóri and I are in full agreement that tölt is great, but flying pace is even better. We continue to work on getting better in all gaits, and faster in pace!
- What other interests you have (assuming there is any time left in your life!) - When I manage to find a moment outside my day job, looking after our four Icelandic horses (there are two for my husband as well) and doing studbook work, I can often be found hiking the Mendip hills or with my nose in a book.





# BREEDING TEAM REPORT



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You will hear more from me again very soon as we are preparing for our first webinar of this year, which is “Meet the foals 2021”.

This will be a nice change to an otherwise rather frustrating year with yet another cancelled FIZO breeding show due to Covid. Instead there was lots and lots of admin work for Freija and myself, as Brexit and all the related changes to documentation and compliance have given us plenty of work.

What has happened within FEIF regarding breeding? There have been two big changes during the last 2 years. First of all the introduction of different weighing factors for the individual gaits and conformation traits at FEIF assessments. It's been a testing year for both judges and people presenting the horses, having had to get used to the new system.

One change that will benefit us here in the UK, is that for next year there won't be any more pre-allocated breeding judges for a FIZO show. FEIF decided to revert back to the old system where organisers of a breeding show can choose their judges.

In our case with very limited numbers of horses presented for an assessment and therefore limited financial resources, this will be a big benefit as we need to combine an assessment with a small competition or educational programme in order to cover our costs as much as possible. By choosing a breeding judge that might also be a sports judge or a trainer, we can benefit on many different fronts and offer an attractive programme.

Looking forward to the next World Championships and beyond, FEIF is currently gathering feedback from member states about the future organisation and programme of WC's. Part of these considerations are the breeding assessments, which run alongside the sports events. The current

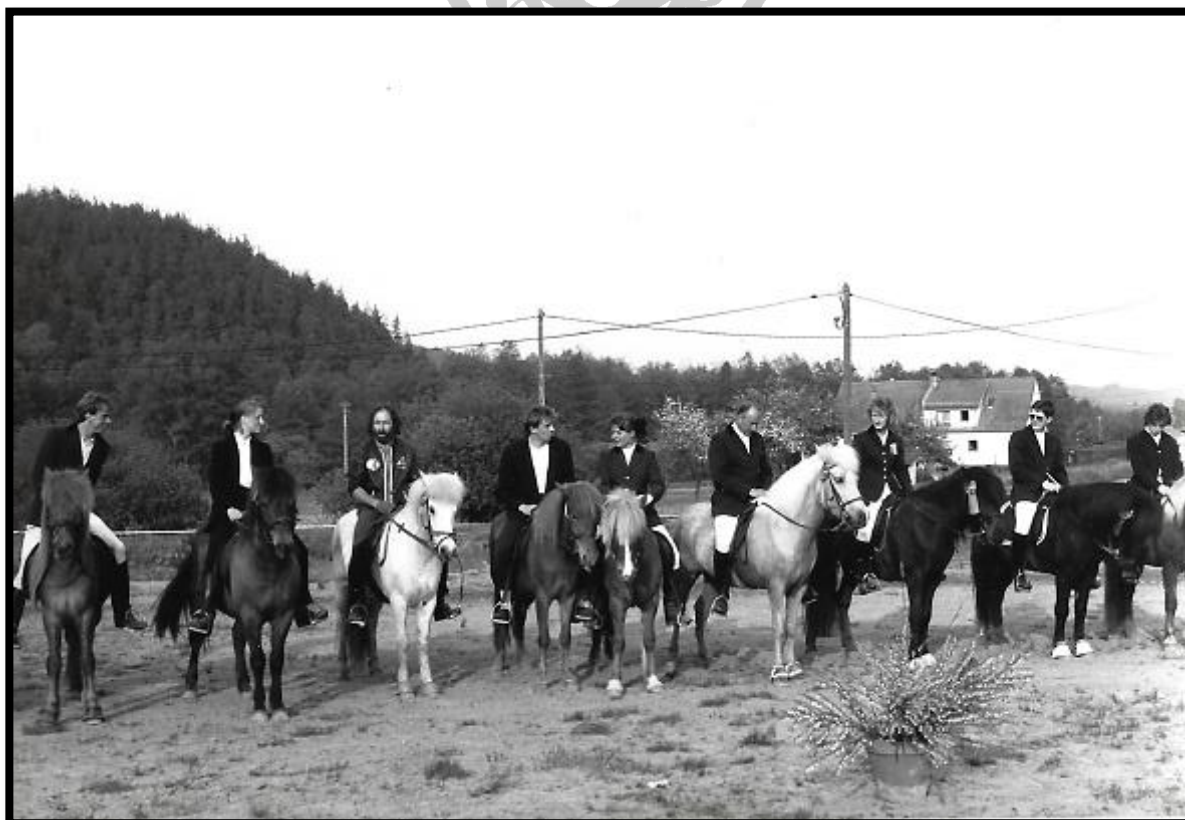
format allows each country to send the 2 best horses (with the highest assessment) from each age group to the WC's, but spectator numbers are not as high as for the sport competitions. FEIF is therefore considering a different format for the future, with the aim of being more spectator friendly whilst giving sufficient emphasis on the horse presentations. It'll be interesting to see what the new format will look like.

Coming back to the IHSGB - we will do some polls on social media soon in order to find out what you would like us to organise. Without your input we can only guess what people are interested in, so please get involved, contact us at [breeding@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:breeding@ihsgb.co.uk) and let us know what you would like us to offer.

See you at the AGM in November.

*Ellen Brimble* Breeding Leader - September 2021

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## KNOW YOUR BREEDING LEADER

- Who you are and location – My name is Ellen Brimble, I live close to Bath with my husband, 2 children (twins, now in their second year at uni), 2 dogs, 6 fish by the last count, and currently 3 horses.
- Your occupation – I've been working for an Italian manufacturer of equipment for the printing industry for almost all my working life, first in Germany, then in Australia and since 2000 in the UK. My work takes me to the Benelux, Scandinavia and the Baltic countries, as we are looking after different geographic areas.
- How long you have been riding & how did you become interested and involved with Icelandic horses – I started riding when I was 14 years old, trying to be one of the lucky children in our street who could catch a ride with a family who had Icelandic Horses. One of their horses was called Jarpur and he was my all-time favourite. He was ridden with a Western saddle and never trotted, which was my



luck as one day I was allowed to ride him back to the yard with the rest of the family. In my desperation to be the lucky rider of the day, I didn't tell anyone that I had never ridden a horse before. Much to my luck Jarpur was a very sensible horse, just following the other horses in tölt whilst I was clinging to the pommel for dear life.

Nevertheless this experience didn't dampen my enthusiasm and a lifelong passion for Icelandic horses started there and then. A year later, I was given my own Icelandic horse, a rather ugly young gelding called Grákollur. He had only been trained for 4 weeks, I was a total novice and so



the trouble began. After no time at all, he refused to leave the yard, always tried to turn around midway through a ride and run home, became totally insensitive to the bit (I must have kept my balance by hanging onto the reins quite often) and took off at frightening speed whenever he felt like it. I wonder to this day how I managed to go through my early riding years without any accident, especially keeping in mind that nobody wore a riding helmet.

My saviour was a very nice lady at the yard who helped us both to learn together and to understand each other. I learnt so many things from my horse, he was the



best teacher I could have ever wished for and perhaps the greatest thing I've learnt from a lot of frustrating experiences is not to give up, perhaps try a different way when things don't work out, but to trust your instinct and watch your horse, as it will tell you if you're doing something right or wrong. Grákollur and I learnt together and eventually he was the horse I rode for my Trainer B exam many years ago.

- Horses past and present – – that's too long to answer. The most memorable one is Blesi frá Skollagróf, a gelding with terrible conformation that always wanted to run

as fast as he could in every gait. He could literally run like the wind in each gait and has given me some exhilarating rides.

- What do I enjoy most with the horses - Having a bond with them, as we keep them close to the house and they can watch us when they are in the paddock. You learn so much about their personalities when you keep them close by and I enjoy that very much. The other thing is to learn with the horse, to improve and to become the best we can be together. Looking to the future, I hope that we will have more training opportunities within the IHSGB again in these strange times.
- Other interests - There is not really any time between family, horses and work, those three cover it all.



# YOUTH REPORT

## FEIF YOUTH CAMP 2021

The FEIF International Youth Camp was to be held in Finland this year, but sadly due to the uncertainties and risk around Covid it couldn't go ahead. The next Youth Camp will still be held in Finland.



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## HESTFEST 2021

During the summer months the Dutch Youth Committee and FEIF organised an international online festival 'HestFest'. Each country took turns to host and organise activities over one or two days, the activities included virtual rides, lectures and tutorial videos.

We hosted on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> August. We decided we would celebrate the

versatility of the Icelandic Horse with our members sharing some of the activities they do with their horses - Horse agility with Elena Blanco and Lilja; Endurance riding



with Harriet Vincent and Rispa; Dressage with Lu Crawford and Merkur; In-hand showing with Harriet and Martine Bye, Louis and Mai; Pole work with Lu Crawford and Björt. The videos can be found on the 'HestFest2021' Facebook page.





## Icelandics are excellent endurance horses!

- Willing, forward thinking and adventurous
- Natural stamina
- Low heart rates for their size
- Sure footed in difficult terrain
- Extra gaits gives comfort for rider and energy saving for the horse.
- **Rispa luckily has all of the above!**



### RIDERS MINDS CHARITY

Riders Minds is an online resource dedicated to supporting the mental health and well-being of all equestrians. Riders Minds also has a free helpline available 24 hours a day.

Earlier this year the IHSGB joined an initiative through our Showing Council membership to allow our members to have access to free support groups.



Riders Minds website - <https://ridersminds.org/>

I was co-opted to the Youth Lead role in February 2019, then elected at the AGM in November 2019 so, unfortunately, the majority of my time in the role has been during Covid. However I have enjoyed my time in the role and feel that I have learnt a lot from it. I'm happy with the work I've been able to do despite Covid, including reviewing and updating all child safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure they comply with our insurance policy and the Charity Commission; introducing a requirement for all current and new trustee to be DBS certified; restarting the single

Youth membership; introducing the IHSGB Youth Awards <https://ihsgb.co.uk/youth/> I feel that now it's time for someone else to take it on so I will be stepping down as Youth Lead at the AGM this year. I really hope someone will stand for the Youth Lead at the AGM. If you think you might be interested, I'm very happy to answer any questions you have about the role. You can email me - [youth@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:youth@ihsgb.co.uk)

*Becca Hughes* Youth Trustee - September 2021

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## KNOW YOUR YOUTH TRUSTEE

- Who you are and location - I'm Becca (Rebecca) Hughes and I live in Worcestershire.
- Your occupation - At the moment I'm self-employed. Training horses mostly, this year started doing some judging and coaching/teaching too.
- How long you have been riding - My whole life. My first memory is sitting on Jimmy, my family's Shetland pony. Sometimes when I was really lucky I got to ride my Mum's Connemara Rum too, until I got my own pony when I was six.
- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses - My grandparents are neighbours with Fi and Ian Pugh, I started helping them with their horses in 2010. And that was that, my obsession with Icelandic Horses began.
- Your horses - Past and present - My first Icelandic and my heart horse is Barón (frá Holtsmulá). He is 5 gaited, though I've never really trained his pace. He is brave and calm, although really quite sensitive. He was imported from Iceland by Fi as a yearling and I liked him from the moment I met him. He became my horse a few years later on my 21st Birthday. Best birthday present ever!  
My second Icelandic is Strympa (from Orchardleigh). I wasn't looking for another horse when I met Strympa, I was just there to start her training but I loved her endless energy and enthusiasm. Even now 4 years later she's still first in line at the gate, ready for an adventure. She is feisty and a bit of a troublemaker, but I love her for it.

I also still have my little welsh pony Beauty which my Nan bought for me when I was 6. She's 27 and retired now. She was unbacked and scared of her own shadow when I got her, very fast too! I learnt a lot from her...fell off a lot too!

- What you most enjoy doing with your horses - All things really. I enjoy riding Barón at sport competitions and training clinics when I can, although of course those have been limited the last couple of years.

I'm particularly interested in horse psychology and behaviour so I do a lot of ground work and liberty training too.

- Any goals/ambitions you have - From the very first Edda Hestar/Oakfield show I went to (2011, I think) I was inspired and so most of my goals/ambitions have been focused around sport riding since.

I was also inspired by Fi to become a sport judge, so over the last several years I have taken every opportunity I could to write for judges. I passed my regional sport judges exam last year, so my next goal is taking the national judges exam.

I would also like to ride Strympa in the pace events at the BCs, although it might be a little until we are ready to do that.

- What other interests you have (assuming there is any time left in your life!) - One of my other big interests is psychology and mental health so I do volunteer work for a mental health charity.





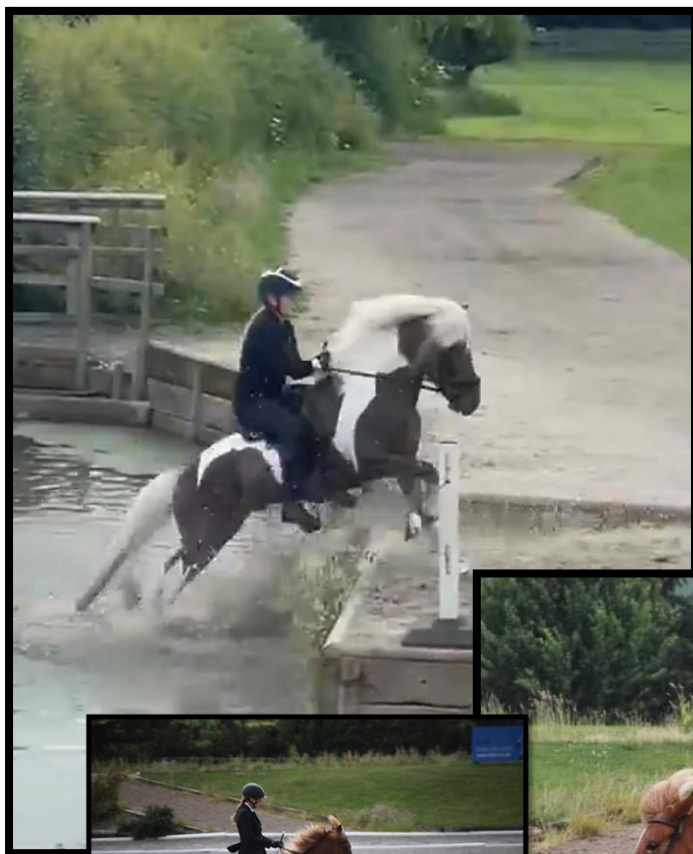
# REPORT OF THE SPORT GROUP 2021

It's been a busy year – two IHSGB British Championships and team preparation and selection for the World Championships that never happened.



The 2020 Summer Show was held under strict Covid rules at Aston-le-Walls Equestrian Centre at the end of September. This was the first time that we had taken our sport to a “super arena” and it was a great success. We used a completely different format for the competition - how riders registered, had their passports checked, how they chose their tests, even how they paid. There were two days of qualifiers with no finals and the marks were all sent to riders’ smart phones using a





new version of IceTest.

This set the scene for the 2021 Summer Show which was held at the same venue and this time there were more horses, more classes and we were allowed spectators. A lot had been learned from the previous event so organising and setting up was quicker and better. Getting judges in from abroad was still a

problem right up to the last minute, but thanks to some skilful juggling, our new judges were able to support Ann, Fi and Mic and ride if they wanted to. This time,

we had pace events on Saturday evening and the atmosphere was terrific. Track and Trail was also a big hit, especially the water jump at the end. We are very fortunate to have a professional and dedicated team covering all aspects of running competitions from catering to track making and from getting riders started to getting them their results on their iPhones.

As mentioned earlier, the World Championships were cancelled this year. However, prospective team members had been given clear targets for selection and they all worked through this process during the spring which provided extra training opportunities for them.



I thank the Sport Group members for their work this year. Andrew and Torben were joined by Becca and we have again been well supported by Ian and Fi in their work for the Summer Shows. I also thank those involved in holding events and courses during the year as this continues to motivate riders.



The goals for the coming year will again be to somehow provide opportunities for riders to continue to have fun developing themselves and their horses in a competitive environment and to send a well-prepared team to the 2022 Mid European Championships to be held in Germany.

*Mike Adams* **IHSGB**

Sport Leader – September 2021

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## KNOW YOUR SPORTS LEADER

- Who you are and location - Mike Adams IHSGB Sport Leader. - I have been IHSGB Sport Leader for the last 8 years, and live with Elizabeth at Connegar Farm in Dorset. Our daughter Jemimah, and Andrew, her husband live in the house they built at the other end of the farm. The farm is in the Blackmore Vale and is 320 acres of grassland on clay, close to the river Stour.
- Your occupation - We grow grass for hay and haylage, rent some land to dairy farmers and farm sheep ourselves, all 350 of them are Romneys. I am also involved in a couple of local businesses as an advisor. There are around 25 Icelandic horses on the farm that the family owns plus some in Sweden and in Iceland. Sometimes, there are horses here for training and we are fortunate to have very good training facilities on the farm.
- How long you have been riding - I was first introduced to riding by Elizabeth before we were married. Elizabeth had always wanted to do horse riding and we went to



a riding stable at Dousland on Dartmoor where the horses were rented by the hour and, at half past the hour, they turned around and went home. So the “riders” weren’t, if you know what I mean. There were various other encounters with “Rent-a-Nag” outfits for the benefit of Elizabeth and Jemimah and me and Sam, our son, tagged along.

- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses - My love was yachting and the sea so when at Christmas 1993 we went to see Icelandic horses at Michelle and Nick’s place near Hurn airport and then at Claire’s place near Salisbury (where Smari had just started to work) – I really had no idea what was going to hit me!
- Your horses - Past and present - My first horse was half of a mare called Hind. Jem had the other half. When we got her she was white with some black in her mane and tail. In early summer we then witnessed the huge shedding of her coat to leave us with a beautiful buckskin dun. My first competition score was 1.6 at the 1994 BCs. The sequence of horses was then 1996 Glaesa, 5 gaited mare;(1997 boat sold); 2000 Havardur, 5 gaited stallion; 2007 Komma, 4 gaited T2 mare;2008 Gauti a great pacer;2010 - I started to compete on Svala our home bred 5 gaited mare;2013 Kafteinn, 5 gaited gelding. This is us at the WC in Berlin in 2019.



In 2015 I was fortunate to get Hafeti, a 5 gaited gelding with great pace and in 2019 brought Simon back from Sweden – he's a 5 gaited stallion with a breeding score of 8.55. These horses have taken me to every World Championships since 1999 as a member of the British Team. We have managed 6 top 20 placings in that time along with some spectacular disasters!!!



- What you most enjoy doing with your horses - I guess I have focussed on 5 gaiters and pace because of Havardur. He taught me that pace should be easy for the horse and exciting for the rider.
- Any goals/ambitions you have - Tolt riding is an endlessly fascinating mix of suppleness, power and balance and training myself and my horses to get better at this is a real motivation. This should mean that the horses can stay fit much longer because they are not under as much pressure. The goal is always to build the mental and physical relationship with the horses so that this is reflected in the riding – not so easy when the horses are very strong characters with a lot of power. We get a lot of satisfaction from helping other riders to truly discover their horses and develop the potential of the combination.
- What other interests you have (assuming there is any time left in your life!) - Animals are very demanding and there is always plenty to do on the farm. Being part of the IHSGB management team is also a significant commitment. However, there are a couple of things we are very involved in that are fundamentally important to myself and Elizabeth. Twenty-one years ago, we were able to join a couple of like-minded people and start a charity that initially was focussed on supporting AIDs orphans in sub-Saharan Africa. This has developed quite significantly and currently actively supports 89,000 people and their communities on a daily basis in Malawi, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and South Africa. We have always been involved with marginalised people through our association with The Salvation Army and 12 years ago, set up a Community Lounge in Bournemouth to offer day-care services to these folk in a dignified and caring way. This facility now looks after around 120 people every day. So, plenty to do and plenty left to do.

# COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING REPORT

## WORK LIFE BALANCE AND KEEPING UP WITH COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE IHSGB

I would like to start first by thanking Peter for separating out IHSGB from our personal emails, and giving us the breathing space to answer during an allocated time for IHSGB business. This has reduced the stress levels considerably in not having to respond straight away to an email or Personal Message pinged in (usually just as you are about to mount up or load your horse for fun goings on!). This change in process has allowed me, as a full time employee, to bring some normality back into when IHSGB Business can take place. Peter has been instrumental in helping Trustees to shift the workload to be more manageable in our personal time, helping to reduce frustration with the family too..... The “Are you doing that bl\*\*dy horse stuff again?” is now heard less frequent when husband dishes up Dinner and I’m on my iPad emailing or updating our Comms channels.

Being transparent, the behind the scenes in running the Society was a huge shock to me when I first joined as a Trustee, and I do sometimes struggle to keep up with my work life being a busy one too. Last year we really concentrated on having so much for Members to do during COVID that Communications was on the go daily. Whilst we enjoyed the energy, commitment and delivery, it burnt a hole in our time with our horses, health and family. This year I prioritised riding my horses more, and being present at dinnertimes. And also marrying my man after 21 years of being together, and 10 years procrastinating in getting the job done! It doesn’t mean we’ve done any less for the IHSGB but just been more efficient with our time.

For those new, and those who need a reminder: There are 4 main communication channels for the IHSGB:

- Our Newsletter, Sleipnir
- The IHSGB’s Website
- Public Facebook Page



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- Private IHSGB Forum – it is here that we keep Events and News up to date.

Please do remember to pop in and have a look or set your notifications so we are a favourite. If you have something to share news, events, pieces of interesting Icelandic readings/photos – place it on the Forum or in the Newsletter – they are yours to use freely, rather than just for us to post on. The addresses can be found in the latest Sleipnir.

#### AS A MEMBER WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP ME AS A TRUSTEE?

It's very, very clear that those who support the activities that we organise keeps me motivated to continue as a volunteer member - thinking of new ways to bring Leisure and Comms to our members virtually. Also it's the positive comments that help keep me motivated too, and the constructive feedback on how we can improve and do things better, especially from those who join in and help make our activities flow by participation. It is difficult but we all have to remember that we are paid up members too, and volunteer our time to make the Society as best as it can be whilst having our own personal employment and family commitments.

So, if next time you think you don't have time to do something, but would like to join in, please do make that special effort – it makes all the difference to us to know that what we offer, and organise in the background, is appreciated. It re-energises the Volunteer Energy Coffers!

Any questions? I can be found at [communications@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:communications@ihsgb.co.uk)

Yours

*Karen Smith* Communication & Marketing Trustee – September 2021



## KNOW YOUR COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEE

- Who you are and location - Karen Smith, Communications Trustee, North Lincolnshire
- Your occupation - Global Productivity Manager – what does that mean?! It means I work full time across several time zones in one day to join up our Production Sites across the world. Which can be challenging to walk the dogs, ride the horses, cook dinner and do the daily IHSGB volunteer work on top too, whilst facilitating Australia who



are late into their evening whilst Colombia are having their early morning swim. It makes for interesting meetings working with colleagues who are ready for bed after a glass of red, whilst the other is in swimming trunks gearing up for the day. But it is what makes the world go around nowadays. And if it removes 2 months of work time for our colleagues by using each other's knowledge and experience and previous workings then we all win. But it does make for a very tired Karen on occasion. I've even had a Work HR meeting in my yard in the dark, whilst finishing a IHSGB Trustee call at 8.30pm..... this type of dedication unfortunately goes unnoticed most of the time so its good to place it here.

- How long you have been riding - Since I was 11. But Icelandics only for 6 years – and they have thrown me right back to basics! Loving the challenge of being 11 again!
- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses - I saw an article on the Indian gaited horses. Thought it looked interesting as I no longer bounced

well on Hunter Trial jumps. Iceland was more manageable to travel to. And well, you all know the rest on how it goes from there.

- Your horses - Past and present - I used to ride Big Horses for others, and had a little Welsh Section A for breaking and selling on. He was the sweetest guy that helped me through my troublesome twenties, so he stayed with me throughout until he passed away. After making the decision of staying with, or removing horses from my life altogether, I went to buy Tinna (just the one) to have on a livery yard. A local field became available so I needed a companion, so Jord came along too. They are chalk and cheese and are teaching me so much, particularly how to sloooooow down, become more consistent and more balanced. I mainly hack as I don't have a school, but weekly lessons have been a godsend, and we now do British Working Equitation to tune up our brains and add some brake thinking. The British Championships is something I have always supported taking those long journeys, and Tolt clinics too where possible.
- What you most enjoy doing with your horses - Learning and continuous improvement through fun methods. Currently I'm being very novice at British Working Equitation regional competitions. The obstacles and dressage are really helping our communication and balance. The speed round we are resisting and aiming for a clear, steady and consistent rhythm.
- Any goals/ambitions you have - To be able to use my core and be balanced on my horse. I have some physical restraints but slowly strength is returning in the right places.
- What other interests you have (assuming there is any time left in your life!) - I used to play Hockey and be part of Young Farmers. But seems being a IHSGB Trustee takes up a larger part of my life than I could ever have expected. So I keep with 3 dogs and a husband and a huge Long Term House Project.

*Karen Smith* - maybe I will get round to changing to Mrs Karen Winter sometime soon!



# FINANCE REPORT

As we know last year didn't really happen and this year too has seen only a fraction of the activity we would normally hope to deliver. Two years ago we set out to spend, spend, spend; planning to invest in Education across the country, financing an ambitious training programme by reducing our investment balances (our savings). Covid prevented the former but delivered the latter as we took quite a hit on those savings. In 2020/21, whilst markets are recovering and our investments are bouncing back, yet again Covid has limited engagement. So, in common with many other charities, our outturn for the year is significantly different from predicted as fluctuations in the global markets directly affect our Income & Expenditure account. Yet it is those very investment balances that strengthen our resilience against, for example, drops in income or the demands of a new project.

There is no single level or range of reserves that is right for all charities. However, it is important that the Society provides a robust argument for the holding of reserves instead of spending such monies on the charitable cause and that these reserves are not disproportionate in size to its day to day activities.

Holding investments and reserves gives the Society the flexibility to have good and not so good years. As long as we don't plan to disinvest when the market is low, then any fall in year whilst not ideal, is not - currently - a cause for concern.

With all this in mind and with thanks to our wonderful – and growing membership – our income streams remain robust and we can move into 2021/22 with ambitious plans. Looking ahead we have revisited our three year rolling budgets, ratcheting up the Education Initiative by planning to invest £15,000 into courses and grants, subsidizing events for our members and bringing in an exciting range of international trainer talent....as well as our home grown experts! Covid permitting!

The Society's commitment to FEIF endures but this continues to be supported by a generous donation from a member. This donation, made in 2019/20, tops up the funds the Society itself invests into FEIF to part fund delegate expenses so that we can be represented, participate in and influence policy direction. 2021/22 will also see funds set aside for the, again postponed, Breeding and Young Stock show which will, hopefully and finally, be able to take place in the coming year. Another series of

webinars is also planned and our Judge Training Programme continues with the second wave of candidates starting module 2. Funds are also earmarked for both Youth and Leisure and we wish to add to our home grown resilience by looking at how we can strengthen the pool of Icelandic trainers in this country. For the first time too we are actively supporting Sport rather than relying on donations.

Picking up on other themes in this review, for 2021/22

- what we deliver as a Society,
- models of delivery,
- organisational change and
- area, regional & member involvement

are all on the table for discussion.

However any plans we might have or

propose are totally dependent on members stepping up and 'doing'. There is no mythical central body that 'does', we are all members who volunteer our time. It is no use saying "why doesn't the Society do x, or can you do y?" You, we, are the Society yet the current small and central team is run ragged to deliver the myriad of agendas we all aspire to. Basically your Society needs you to volunteer now!



Back to the year just gone: for 2020/21 our major budget variances are, as above, due to restrictions placed on us by Covid. A combination of underspending eg: .....

- only one Education course was run (we would have hoped to run 6!)
- the Breeding Show was, again, cancelled and

***We are able to claim Gift Aid on your membership subscriptions if you have signed up to the scheme with us. The Society's income increases by £9 and £11.25 on each gift aided single and family membership respectively.***

*For information; Gift Aid is a tax relief allowing UK charities to reclaim an extra 25% in tax on every eligible donation made by a UK taxpayer. The IHSGB is a registered charity so we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give and it doesn't cost you any extra! **This year we have been able to claim £1.4k from HMRC Thank you.***



- no Member grants were issued as few events were run
- digital issues of Sleipnir during lockdown
- virtual FEIF conference with no delegate expenses

And extra income eg: .....

- Donations including contributions from Amazon Smile, proceeds from our Lottery and gift aid again surpassed expectations and
- Income from membership fees of c. £1k more than expected (more members!)
- Net gains from the Judge Training Programme and Tolt on Line
- The Studbook had an exceptionally busy year generating a net surplus of c. £1,200 (normally we expect to be just on the right side of breakeven). However Freija was challenged to keep up with the workload as imports, transfers of ownership, stallion and foal registrations etc. kept dropping through her door for processing.

.....has meant that the Society has bounced back, countering the previous years' effects of Covid and the slump in the Global economy (when our investments lost c. 17% of their value.)

Our bottom line for 2020/21 is therefore **BLACK** in colour, a surplus of £13.4k helped by the variances above and our investments surging back, as we hoped, by £5.4k. Once again we deeply regret not having been able to organize, subsidize and hold more physical events for our members this year and hope that 2021/22 and Covid will permit us to redress the balance.

A word here about the Sport Activities our Society indulges in. During the year we received a query from a member which highlighted the belief that our 'happy hackers' lose out due to the funding of the Sports' elite. This is so far from the truth that I think it is worth, replicating, in full, our response to that enquiry. This also addresses some of the concerns over the planned 2022 BC/Summer Festival venue with respect to access for members across the country.

A reminder that, in the 2020/21 financial year we saw two annual British Championship events: in September 2020 (postponed from June) and again in June 2021.



.....“Hi. Peter and Mike have asked me to give you some background to the finances of the BCs... so here goes!

Firstly and foremost, and I have spent the last ten years trying to debunk some of these old standing myths (obviously I've failed! LOL), the Society does not underwrite the British Championships or the Sport discipline as a whole. In fact quite the opposite - if the BCs make a loss then that has been met, historically, by donations from individual members. However if they are in surplus, and that does happen occasionally, then that surplus goes into the bottom line of the Society - for the benefit of all members!

There is one small exception, since the BCs were 're-badged' in the last 2 (3?) years to be the BCs and IHSGB summer festival the Society has pledged £250 per annum of its general funds to the festival - this re-badging to try and broaden the appeal of the event rather than it being perceived as only for die hard Sport Rider enthusiasts.

So.... looking at the two BCs that occurred in our financial year just gone (ie; ending 31st July 2021), both events made a significant loss. The September 2020 show, (delayed from June 2020 thanks to Covid), went further into the red than the more recent one as it fielded a panel of international judges. That said, it was not a world ranking event, so the loss could have been more if the full, requisite number of judges required for a WR event had attended.

In summary, for September - Show costs totaled £5,888. The total income received from all entrants and spectators was £3,572. That show therefore lost £2,316. The IHSGB met £250 of that (as above). The balance of the loss ie: £2,066 was met in full by donations from participating members.

In June 2021, the show costs were £7,085. Income was £5,252. The Society had already committed its annual £250 contribution - to the September 2020 show above - so the shortfall remained at £1,833. Again this was underwritten by personal donations to the Society from its members.

I consider the accounts/figures of the IHSGB to be open book and you are more than welcome to tunnel down into the detail to understand this further or to help you with the costing of any future plans ...happy to talk you through anytime.

(As an aside our formal, published accounts as required by the Charity commissions and Companies House are not overly user-friendly - we are required to show

*donations separately from the expenditure they are supposed to offset and I guess it is this that causes the confusion and perpetuates the idea that Sport is subsidised by the IHSGB. Hence why, at our AGMs I try to go 'back to basics' with figures plus run Q&A sessions etc.)*

*However the fact remains that, unless attendance at the BCs can be materially ramped up, the costs of putting on a show are significantly higher than the income collected. One could, of course, increase the entrance fees but you are then going to lose competitors as they are priced out of the show. A conundrum.*

*Before the use of the professional venue for Sept 2020 and June 2021 we have also been lucky enough for shows to be hosted by IHSGB members using their own facilities - hence costs have been historically lower as these members have not charged the Society for use of their oval tracks. Again this shows the Society's past reliance on the generosity of its members when putting on these events. Similarly the use, this year, of more of our 'home-grown' judges - who themselves did not charge for their time - demonstrates how difficult it is to host an event that, at best, breaks even.*

*It is also a fact that more people attend the more central shows than those at either end of our country. For the shows to be viable participation has to increase and therefore wide accessibility to the venue is key.*

*Unrelated, but again on the theme of Sport Riders and how the Society perceives them, if we look at the attendance of the British team at the World Championships, there is no Society help for our team members whatsoever. Yet we subsidise our young members to go to Youth Cup, we provide IHSGB organised subsidised education courses across the UK open to all members and we offer individual bursaries for members attending clinics. But our 'A' riders receive no financial support from the IHSGB. If we are to review our activities then maybe this too needs to go into the pot as it could be argued that this is disadvantageous to some of our top riders - those who have less disposable income to allow them to compete on the international stage. I know when I joined the Society (2009? seems a long time ago) a significant percentage of the membership believed our Sport riders to be elite and heavily subsidised by the Society. When I started doing the books ten years ago the reality was very different yet we do not seem to have got this across ....maybe Sport need to*

*be a lot 'blunter'/more forthright about the work, time and personal finances that go into making the British Championships a success...thoughts?*

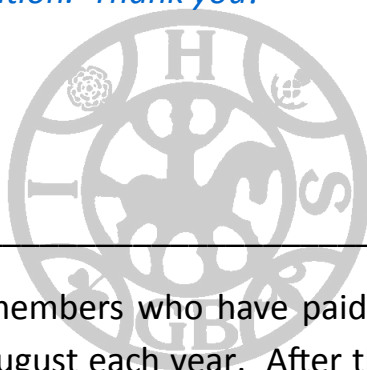
*Anyway I hope that gives you a little bit of background to the BCs and, if you are making plans for future shows or just bouncing ideas around then please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of help. The Sports Team will have a much better idea of the number of entrants, horse and rider combinations, take up of classes, etc etc but I am sure that, between us all, we can pull together indicative costs/budgets.....*

*One day I might actually get to ride at a BC - my one attempt resulted in my horse bolting before we even got on the track and, after a heavy fall, I admitted defeat and took to the gin instead! ☺ Hey ho...I know my limitations!*

*I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email so I can assure Peter that you have access to the information. Thank you!*

*Kind regards Debbie...."*

Food for thought.



As always thank you to the members who have paid their 2021/22 subscriptions – subs become due on the 1<sup>st</sup> August each year. After that our Membership Secretary, 'H', will send you a series of reminders but, after October 31st, all member benefits will be lost and membership will lapse. We don't want to lose you but, if we have to, then please let us know why and how we could have retained your membership. Chat with Peter, our Chair ([chair@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:chair@ihsgb.co.uk)) and provide that feedback loop as our ongoing challenge is to grow our membership and then retain you all as members. Paying your membership gets ever easier as our website now allows you to complete any new membership forms online or renew and update your details with simple links to Paypal if required or reminders of alternative ways to pay.

A reminder too about the IHSGB Development Fund: the interest earned each year from the Development Fund can be used to award grants that will further the Society's objectives. Any member can apply to the fund for a grant and there is no limit to the number of times an individual may apply. Applications should include the reasoning why the applicant believes that the Society objectives would be enhanced



and state the benefits to be gained. There is an application form on the website or <mailto:office@ihsgb.co.uk>

This year we again publish an abridged financial report. The headline figures are:

	2020/21	2019/20
Income	38,523	26,820
Expenditure	25,114	25,556
Surplus/(Loss)	13,409	1,264
Balance Sheet	49,950	36,541

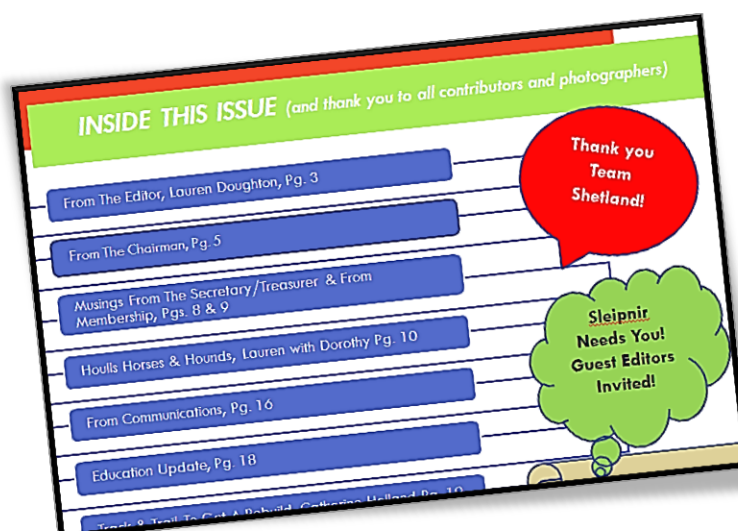
The full accounts & financial report, satisfying the requirements of our 2 separate Charity Commissions and those of Companies House and signed off by your Trustees and our Independent Examiner, Bevan Buckland, is available on the IHSGB website to download or by email to [office@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:office@ihsgb.co.uk). Hard copy can also be posted out on request.

Lastly another comment about volunteering, this time with respect to Sleipnir. You will know that we are piloting an initiative involving Guest Editors at the moment – the first of which was very well received – thank you Team Shetland and Lauren Doughton! We are currently doing all the ‘boring bits’ centrally - the collation, design and graphics, proof reading & final hard copy sign off, the print runs, mailing and distribution. This to keep it: (1) corporate as the Society’s magazine and (2) to encourage you to engage without the hassle of the admin side. However this will only work if editors come forward and members share their hopes, aspirations, experiences and skills. So please get involved, make your debut as the Society Magazine’s editor – your chance to make the edition something you are really proud of and want to read or, at least, submit copy and articles!

*Debbie Ede*

Treasurer – September 2021

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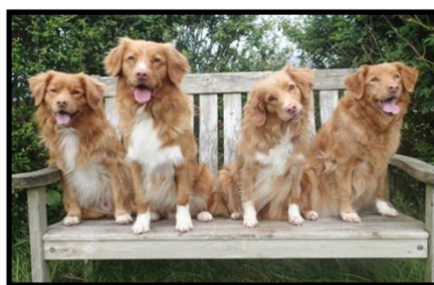
## KNOW YOUR TREASURER

- Who you are and location: Debbie Ede living in a Coastguard Cottage on, allegedly, the highest plateau on the south coast of England. Down in the West Country and in a county where the cream goes on the scones first!
- Your occupation: Now retired 😊 after a varied and fun career. I started with a science degree then spent approximately ten years working with a sailing company, both at sea as crew (cruise cook and mate) and later senior management. Here I met my husband Pete and first worked with 'H', our membership secretary and a lifelong friend, back in, mmm, 1977 - when we were young! A graduate entry training scheme followed and a qualification in public sector finance with 20 years+ in the NHS in various Executive Director posts, some freelance consultancy and, finally, local government...
- How long you have been riding: My mum sat me on a pony when I was small and round. However, apart from falling off, sitting was about the limit of my prowess until I reached my late 30's when I got back onboard and acquired my first horse – a gypsy cob. I still fall off and am still round!
- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses: I was studying Equine Behaviour & Training, part time at Duchy College in Cornwall, in the early 2000's and there was an Icelandic enthusiast on that course...we did our course homework together, designing the ideal riding stables and establishment – for Iceys of course!
- Your horses - Past and present: Josie, my 1<sup>st</sup> foray into horse ownership, was a wonderful HW gypsy cob – chunky but she could keep up with a thoroughbred if she set her mind to it – those quarters had a lot of power in them!! Next came Molly, a rather sorry looking little Irish cob who just happened to come home with me, by accident, whilst we were looking for a horse for a friend's



daughter - she turned into a beautiful riding horse. Then Josie had a spirited skewbald filly foal Martini, after which Shadow, a Dartmoor Hill Pony, arrived.... In 2007 the herd grew to five as along came Glinga from Oakwood, my first Icelandic! Hmmm....then came a few more Icelandics plus old age/mortality overtook some others and now I have just three: Grautur - semi-retired, Roka - my beautiful black Icelandic mare but one who finds tölt a challenging conundrum, and Sol fra Sydri Reykum who can teach me a lot (I hope...)

- What you most enjoy doing with your horses: my relationship with them, hacking and the friendships made within the Ikey community thanks to the horses! But also the absolute buzz of attending a training session/clinic and the inspiration at the close when you know you have both improved and have homework to fulfil the trainer's adage of 'could do better!'
- Any goals/ambitions you have: to improve my riding skills - believe me they need it!
- What other interests you have (assuming there is any time left in your life!): living in a beautiful part of the world, albeit a tourist hot-spot, being outside in the countryside with the dogs (four) takes a lot of beating. As an erstwhile occasional hobby breeder and now stud dog owner the dogs take up any slack time. However trips to Iceland could also become a favourite pastime...but rather an expensive one! I also now seem to be collating, designing and organising Sleipnirs and have the secretarial role for the Society too as well as Treasurer, LOL. Seriously some succession planning is needed here soon!





# EDUCATION REPORT



As was announced at the AGM in 2020, it was hoped that Education could continue to give to all of the membership; grants, opportunities to access training courses and training and assessments of riders. Sadly Covid made this more difficult but there have been online activities available.

## IHSGB TOLT ONLINE

IHSGB Tolt Online has proven to continue to be an excellent tool for IHSGB members, especially with the Winter Tolt Online competition held which ran into 2021. The results were announced on the IHSGB website and prizes were awarded at the Summer Festival 2021.

We thank those who supported the prizes (TopReiter in the UK, Hrimnir, Klottra designs, Eques and Fager). Being online, it meant that riders of all abilities have been able to ride a test of their choice and receive feedback and a score from an internationally qualified Icelandic Horse judge and trainer. The scores and feedback is useful to improve during schooling sessions at home, even if the rider hasn't been able to get out and about.

Tolt Online continues to be available to IHSGB Members and Non-members with members benefitting from a reduced entry fee, giving the opportunity for more virtual training and virtual competitions.

## FEIF EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2021

In April and May 2021, I took part in the online FEIF Education Conference, organised in association with NIHF, Stian Pederson and Bent Rune Skulevold. There were a number of online Zoom meets with instructors around the world, where teaching videos were available to view and discuss or ask questions about. There was a lot of teaching information and knowledge imparted and good discussions were had regarding good and harmonious riding and what it means to our sport and judgement, giving everyone food for thought regarding the future of our chosen horse sport.

## VIRTUAL EDUCATION SEMINAR

In October, the Icelandic Equestrian Association is running a virtual education seminar which is also able to be used as CPD in education. Our UK FEIF trainers and regional judges are able to take part and there will be online seminars with some amazing speakers including Hilary Clayton and Andrew McLean.

## IHSGB EDUCATION HUB

With a number of lockdowns due to Covid, the IHSGB could not organise as many courses as we would have liked. However, we were able to run one (organised and subsidised by IHSGB) course with Baldvin Ari at Risca in Wales, by kind invitation of Peter and Katherine Heathcote. It was quite a mission to ensure that Baddi could fly into the UK with 2 covid tests, plus flights and coach transport, and I am ever grateful to Baddi and Peter for being so understanding with the organisation done from afar when I wasn't present! Don't forget – it is up to you if you'd like to host an IHSGB course in your area, I can help make it happen but I need new locations if you feel you don't have the opportunities to attend an IHSGB education course or you feel they are always at the same locations.

Most IHSGB courses have been oversubscribed and waiting lists made, so it is evident that these courses are well received. We intend to organise courses going into 2022, which all riders are welcome to attend.

There have also been quite a few privately (non-IHSGB) organised courses recently in different areas which is great for our UK riders. If you'd like more to happen in your area – maybe you can hold a course (or event)? If you need any information where to start, feel free to contact us on [education@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:education@ihsgb.co.uk), we can give you advice and suggestions! Don't forget you can also apply for a grant to help towards costs of member-run events. We need active people to make things happen in more areas!

## IHSGB TRAINING AND EDUCATION SYSTEMS

As you may know, after 6 months of preparation, the Young Rider Badges were released in 2020 with one Young Rider in the UK passing the Level 2 badge within a month of the release. There has been some interest in 2021 from a few youth and adult riders, but there were no further entries in 2021. It has been suggested that the badge system is to be revisited to include a variety of progressive pathways such as

Youth, General riding, Leisure and Sport, which would be open to all members (and non-members) of the IHSGB. However it is not easy to commit more time to this if it is not likely to be utilised by members, despite the initial excitement at the AGM where it was announced.

There have been many discussions regarding setting up a trainer (FEIF Level 1) system for the UK. The system itself is still being considered, but it is felt that it is important that the teaching and examinations are level to other countries so that any instructors from the UK are equally knowledgeable to those abroad. Therefore part of the system may include utilising already available UK-wide courses such as the IHSGB judges training course, BHS courses, UKCC levels, Health and Safety, First Aid and Safeguarding courses etc. as examples. This also enables access to all – and which can part satisfy FEIF requirements. The IHSGB would then have to devise course/s for students to complete prerequisites (badges or other modules for example) and to complete the remaining FEIF requirements. It goes without saying that this would be a big undertaking, both in personal time to write, organise and run, most likely bringing in a foreign trainer/examiner meaning cost - and for students to commit time themselves and with their horse. To make it viable for the society and students, it would likely need a minimum number of committed participants. Expressions of interest would be appreciated by email at [education@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:education@ihsgb.co.uk) before further work is done to consider a system.

*Jem Adams*

Education Trustee – September 2021

[education@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:education@ihsgb.co.uk)

## KNOW YOUR EDUCATION TRUSTEE

- Who you are and location - Jemimah Adams, Dorset
- Your occupation - I was a Post-Doc researching leukaemia for 5 years following my PhD but I have worked full time with horses, training, teaching etc for around 10 years.
- How long you have been riding - I started riding normal horses when I was about 6, but we got our first Icelandic's 27 years ago.



- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses - My parents bought 2 from Mic and Nick on suggestion from a friend and the 3 of us shared them!
- Your horses - Past and present - I have been very fortunate to have the chance to ride many horses, including starting some lovely horses - but the ones that have had the biggest influence on my riding include my first 'competition horse' was a gelding called Hlynur (who I bought from Smari Slater) and he took me to my first WC in 1999. He sadly passed away from Colic a few years ago at 29 years of age. My next was a 6 year old 4 gaited gelding, Draupnir, who I rode competitively for 13 years including a WC. I later rode another talented and lovely 4 gaiter called Kraftur with whom I competed at a number of WCs. Kraftur got injured 5 years ago meaning I had to pass the role of competition horse to my young stallion Kolbeinn, who at the time was rising 6. I still have Kolbeinn as well as being able to ride my mum's amazing horse Skirnir and they are currently my main horses.
- What you most enjoy doing with your horses - I enjoy training the horses to be the best I can try to help them be whilst having fun, whether that is starting youngsters or training older horses. I do a variety of work with them; school work, riding out, lunging, sometimes jumping etc.
- Any goals/ambitions you have - It would be a dream to reach a final at a WC one day, but to try and develop the horses and myself is always an ambition.
- What other interests you have (assuming there is any time left in your life!) - If I have any time available, after horses, sheep and jobs ;) I tend to spend time with my other animals (Dog and Cats), seeing friends, or going to the beach if the weather is warm enough!



# LEISURE REPORT

Once again it's been a busy year bringing IHSGB Leisure Riders together virtually across both GB and with our FEIF International friends too.

As always we have the IHSGB Distance Awards that run from AGM to AGM. And also the "IHCC" ....Icelandic Horse Challenge Cup which is an accumulation of points awarded

for any Icelandic activity completed over the year. If you didn't enter this year you can find more information here:

<https://ihsgb.co.uk/activities/leisure-riding/>

We also have the great partnership with Far and Ride, a well established Riding Holiday company for those wishing to travel to ride abroad. You can read more about the 5% discount from Far and Ride here (please note COVID may have altered the details) Travel to Iceland with a 5% IHSGB discount with Far and Ride.

If travelling is not your favourite activity closer to home is a

discount on a new saddle for your Icelandic Horse from Matt at Heritage. Matt has been a regular sponsor to IHSGB members. Matt has 2 Icelandic style saddles available but this is the one with the IHSGB members special offers:

<https://heritagesaddlery.co.uk/product/the-flying-pace-5-gait-freedom-panel-icelandic-saddle/>.

We have others for leisure riders too – which you can check out on the website.



**IHSGB**  
**LEISURE**





We had a fabulous response from our Leisure riders and owners to our first ever IHSGB Online Show! We'll be running this again in Spring – so do capture some



Winter photos during those dark nights as Fluffiest Bum will probably feature again.



Which leads onto our most favourite Day of the Icelandic Horse year where everyone can be involved May 1st : International Day of the Icelandic Horse .

Leisure riding. All our IHSGB members helped to complete the word count with “What one word would you use to complete this sentence? ‘The Icelandic Horse is....’”

On top of the GB activities we Leisure members can also join in the FEIF International activities. Perhaps a 2022 go to for you. FEIF Photo Competition 2021 – showing the bond between Icelandic horses and people, following the motto “People and Horses”.

Limited Edition  
calendars.

Participate in  
the FEIF Tour  
Rider Cup or in  
the FEIF virtual  
ride to the  
next Landsmót

<https://www.feif.org/leisure-riding-dept/virtual-ride/> and the

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great  
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to meet fellow  
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the globe,  
opening up  
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friendships just as per the old penpal days! There are a number of members who have been part of the FEIF virtual rides, clocking up miles and making friends across FEIF over several years. Join up today at <https://www.feif.org/leisure-riding-dept/virtual-ride/>

And we thank the Youth team and IHSGB Leisure Riders who put together a great Hestfest 2021 for all to enjoy but you can read more about that on the Youth Report.



*Becca Hughes & Karen Smith*

September 2021



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# FINANCIAL POSITION (abridged)

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IHSGB LIMITED COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of IHSGB LIMITED COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2021.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 8 October 2021 .....

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND  
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
Donations and legacies		14,863	-	-	14,863	11,292
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Promotion, welfare and care		17,587	-	-	17,587	19,201
Investment income	2	4,926	-	1,063	5,989	(3,673)
Other income		<u>84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>37,460</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>38,523</b>	<b>26,820</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
Promotion, welfare and care		25,114	-	-	25,114	25,556
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<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>12,346</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,063</b>	<b>13,409</b>	<b>1,264</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>30,355</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,186</b>	<b>36,541</b>	<b>35,277</b>
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b><u>42,701</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>7,249</u></b>	<b><u>49,950</u></b>	<b><u>36,541</u></b>

The notes from part of these financial statements



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 JULY 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Endowment fund £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible assets	6	37	-	-	37	46
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors	7	1,435	-	-	1,435	2,503
Investments	8	20,583	-	7,249	27,832	22,382
Cash at bank		<u>24,039</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,039</u>	<u>15,077</u>
		46,057	-	7,249	53,306	39,962
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,393)	-	-	(3,393)	(3,467)
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<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>42,664</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,249</u>	<u>49,913</u>	<u>36,495</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>42,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,249</u>	<u>49,950</u>	<u>36,541</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>42,701</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,249</u>	<u>49,950</u>	<u>36,541</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	10					
Unrestricted funds					42,701	30,355
Endowment funds					<u>7,249</u>	<u>6,186</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					<u>49,950</u>	<u>36,541</u>

The notes from part of these financial statements: continued...\*

\*... The full financial report signed off by your Trustees and our Independent Examiner, Bevan Buckland, is available on the IHSGB website to download or by email to [office@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:office@ihsgb.co.uk)

# CAPTION COMPETITION

Let us have your best ideas for a caption for this photo! Then identify one thing you'd like to achieve with your horse this year and how the IHSGB could help you. The winner gets a **FREE** IHSGB (single) membership for a year. The winner will be announced at the 2021 AGM on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November! Hope to see you there.... Entries, by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021, to [communications@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:communications@ihsgb.co.uk)





## KNOW YOUR WEBMASTER

- Who you are and location - Ian Pugh, Worcester
- Your occupation - Engineer & Smallholder
- How long you have been riding - 30 years
- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses - Married Fi Pugh
- Your horses - Past and present - Helgi frá Músarrindill
- What you most enjoy doing with your horses - Local rides
- What other interests you have (assuming there is any time left in your life!) - Smallholding & Tech





## KNOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

- Who you are and location
  - H (Hilary, if I have to be!) Ashford, Membership Administrator, South Devon
- Your occupation:
  - Was a sail training vessel skipper, now admin in a maritime security office examining for a Maritime and Coastguard agency course.
- How long you have been riding:
  - 12 years
- How you became interested and involved with Icelandic horses:
  - Friend Debbie Ede
- Your horses. Past and present.
  - Lotta frá Sandhólaferju 28, on full loan but retired & Óskadís frá Kópareykjum, 17, imported 4 years ago and a gem.
- What you most enjoy doing with your horses:
  - Hacking, (I'm trying to get her to like working in a school!)
- Any goals/ambitions you have,
  - To ride better & to do Óskadís justice,
- What other interests you have (assuming there is any time left in your life!)
  - I don't seem to have any time between working full time and horses

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# WHAT'S ON OFFER FOR MEMBERS IN 2022?

IHSGB initiatives you can join today or look out for in the future:

**SHARE** your knowledge, experience or ask questions in the Sleipnir Newsletter or on the private Facebook Members Forum – search for “Icelandic Horse Society GB – Members Forum”

## IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND/OR RIDING SKILLS WITH:

- IHSGB Education Hubs (fee applied)
- Tölt Online - £12 for educational feedback on all gaits that can be video'd at home
- IHSGB Webinars
- Training on the Trail – On Demand
- Sport Judge Training Programme - On Demand
- Education Badges, Cups and Leadership courses for Youth
- Breeding Assessments

## FOR THOSE WITH A COMPETITIVE NATURE:

- Long Distance Award - free to join
- Icelandic Horse Challenge Cup – free to join
- Photo competition(s) - free to join
- Winter Tölt series (fee applied)
- Selection for Team GB for World Championships (fees applied if selected)
- Online Show - free to join

## PLUS:

- As a Member you also contribute to the present and future welfare of the Icelandic Horse
- Updates from the IHSGB e-Bulletin (have you sent us your Membership forms to give GDPR permission to email you?)

- There is also the IHSGB AGM which is an annual group get together which is fun, sociable and educational
- IHSGB Lottery – the chance to win £25,000 whilst supporting the Members Development pot
- IHSGB Amazon Smile – raise funds whilst you shop on Amazon Smile
- More new initiatives coming – but we do need your help to organise them.



#### AND THEN THE OVERALL BENEFITS OF JOINING THE ICELANDIC HORSE BREED SOCIETY:

- Belonging to a Worldwide group of people who share your passion
- Years of combined knowledge and experience of the breed
- Welcome Pack including information on Local contacts and events in your area
- Access to Trainers and information on websites exclusive to the Icelandic Horse.
- Upto 15% discount on merchandise from our Supporters including Fager Bits, Far and Ride, Heritage Saddles, Hrimnir, Outdoor Functional Wear, Wessex Sweet itch rugs and Top Reiter.
- Free issues of Sleipnir Magazine exclusive to IHSGB members with discounted rates for advertising
- Access to FEIF News and member country magazines
- Members page on the website and private IHSGB Facebook forum
- Members rates for studbook services including passport and registration of your horse in Worldfengur database
- IHSGB Funding available for members towards running and attending events
- FREE access to the Worldfengur database for IHSGB members
- Annual festival and show which includes sport classes with member's entry rates
- Annual awards for Pleasure riders
- Annual awards for Sport Riders in the GB Ranking
- Vet certificates for endurance riders

- Opportunities for youth riders to attend International events and make friends across the world
- Email Support for concerned GB members on the welfare of Icelandic Horses
- FREE advertising of horses and items for sale on the IHSGB website
- FREE link to your own website (if Icelandic Horse relevant) from the IHSGB website
- FREE advertising of your events on the IHSGB events calendar (Published on the website and in the magazine)
- Access to posters and leaflets about the Icelandic Horse
- A surprise gift for your equine friend for new members

Any questions?

Please get in touch with [communications@ihsgb.co.uk](mailto:communications@ihsgb.co.uk)





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