



## Horsley, Bookham & Leatherhead Riding for the disabled

Update on Raise the Roof project – 25/03/2022

It has been three months since we sent a report, which in terms of our build has felt like a lifetime.

To the right is the build as you saw it last, at the time we celebrated a structure and were in awe of its size. Despite numerous set backs with regards to soak aways and drainage, the builders worked on and every day we saw another change that represented the future of our tiny little organisation.

As we moved into 2022 the build really started to take shape, the roof and the exterior walls went up.



The side build that will house the undercover holding area, the classroom, tack room, accessible toilets, viewing area and storage space became recognisable as individual spaces



Meanwhile in the main part of the building 400 tons (1,800 square meters) of special RDA approved riding service was delivered, which as of today has been spread and our wonderful new harrow has created an arena that is ready for ponies, riders and volunteers.



We are still some way off having the centre completely finished, the fit out will start for the classroom, tack room, toilets and storage area once the dividing walls are in and our fabulous viewing area which is currently being designed by a local carpenter will go in, followed by our wall of thanks to all our wonderful donors at which point we will have our official opening ceremony (date tbc).

Outside the work continues to get the pipes laid, the glamour septic tank is installed and the external area fit for mini buses and horses.



Over the last three months we have undertaken a recruitment drive that has seen us triple our number of returning volunteers and training sessions to get them ready for the riders returning are underway. We have also been working with the horses and ponies undertaking familiarisation sessions to get them used to the new space.

I am DELIGHTED to be able to tell you that our first riding session will take place next Monday, in the new arena.

We have lots still to do but it's a huge step forward to have the surface down, and we are over the moon.

Our next report will be when we are fully kitted out and will include an invitation to our opening ceremony, in the meantime should you wish to visit please do let us know.

With warmest wishes, The Trustees.

