

### **A message from Wenlo RDA and Carriage Driving Group Chair.**

I hope you all enjoyed a merry, happy, and healthy Christmas and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

As with 2020, 2021 was once again an unprecedented, uncertain, and sometimes worrying and stressful year. However, through the positivity, determination and dedication of Dawn and every single one of her amazing team of volunteers, Trustees and Fundraising committee, each challenge was met 'head on', thought through and resolved in whatever way possible. This was made easier by the loyalty, understanding and support of our incredible riders, carriage drivers, families, carers, residential homes, friends, supporters, and sponsors.

Wenlo Riding for the Disabled and Carriage Driving Group looks forward to entering 2022 with the sheer hard work and positivity that has bought us through the last 2 years. We will grow, improve, and continue to do what we do best for our many many participants.

We must also thank our wonderful and exceptionally hardworking Horses and Ponies as they are the heartbeat of our group.

We must however, as a group, look at the present situation in our society today. We are by no means 'out of the woods' regarding the pandemic. The Omicron variant now dominates infection alongside other variants of Covid. We have come a very long way at Wenlo in doing our utmost to protect everyone who comes and goes, whoever they are. We must also not forget that we have people on the yard who are of a vulnerable age, have other health concerns or are vulnerable through their disabilities.

May I please therefore ask that until the situation changes regarding any Covid cases, daily figures and Government guidelines, anyone and everyone who comes to Wenlo, or Meadow School of Riding must stay vigilant and sensible, putting the health and well-being of others as a priority alongside their own health and well-being. If you display symptoms, have been in contact with a positive case or have been abroad, please do regular lateral flow tests, PCR tests or think long and hard as to whether it is in everyone's best interest before coming to Wenlo or Meadow School of Riding. We really do need to look after each other until society overcomes the pandemic. Wenlo RDA and Carriage Driving Group and Meadow School of Riding must remain an enjoyable experience and safe place to be, and we must all take responsibility for it to remain so. We will one day be able to carry on as we always did, but until then, please help us by following the guidance we have asked you to.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Sharon Garner  
Chair of Wenlo RDA and Carriage Driving Group.