

**ABINGDON GROUP OF  
RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION**

The aim of the Riding for the Disabled Association is to give the opportunity of riding or driving to any disabled person who might benefit in their general health and happiness. The Group provides riding, driving and vaulting for disabled people within a 30 mile radius. All lessons take place at their purpose built riding centre, just outside Southmoor. The Group is totally self supporting financially, with a team of 12 horses, 132 riders and 159 voluntary helpers. Our costs are continually rising, with the current annual budget estimated to be £90,000

Voluntary helpers are always required at the stables. If you would like to help, or if you know of someone aged 16 or more who may be interested, please contact us.

For more information about all aspects of the Abingdon Group please contact Ann Barlow, on telephone number 01235 763731.

*Abingdon Group RDA is a Registered Charity, No: 1141360  
A Member Group of  
Riding for the Disabled Association, incorporating Carriage Driving  
Registered Company No 5010395  
Registered Charity No: 244108*



**BLenheim PALACE SPONSORED RIDE  
at  
BLenheim PARK, OXFORDSHIRE**

*by kind permission of the Duke of Marlborough*

**FRIDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER 2018**

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ABINGDON GROUP***

Approximately seven mile course  
through glorious Blenheim (with a longer option)

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Rosettes on completion

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Vet on call  
Paramedics in attendance

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Refreshments

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Photographer  
(10.30am – 3.30 pm)

**For all information please visit  
[www.rda-abingdon.org.uk](http://www.rda-abingdon.org.uk) or  
Email [sue.rda@greytiles.plus.com](mailto:sue.rda@greytiles.plus.com) or  
call Sue Taylor 01865 300253**

# ABINGDON GROUP RDA SPONSORED RIDE

## AT BLENHEIM PARK, OXFORDSHIRE

FRIDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2018

### Location

The Sponsored Ride is located within the grounds of Blenheim Palace, Woodstock, Oxfordshire. The Course is approximately seven miles, with a longer option.

### Entrance

We will be using the Bladon entrance off the A4095.

### Details of Entry

- Conditions permitting, rides will start at 10:30am with the last ride starting at 3:30 pm.
- Competitors will be allowed to ride another circuit of the course provided that they report to the Starter Steward before continuing their ride.
- Rosettes will be awarded to all riders after they complete the course.
- The course will be well marked and marshalled.
- Paramedics will be in attendance and there will be a vet on call.
- Parking for cars and horse boxes will be available in a designated field near to the Blenheim Pleasure Gardens.
- Refreshments will be available and spectators are welcome.
- Dogs are not allowed on the course.

### Entry Fees (to include Medical Cover)

- £40- incl.sponsorship - per rider (pay in advance to book start time)
- Cheques to be payable to Abingdon RDA
- Advance entries are non-refundable (except in the event of RDA cancellation, which occasionally happens when ground conditions are poor).

### Rosettes

- Rosettes on completion of the ride.

### Conditions of Entry

- The Organisers and Landowners accept no responsibility for any injury, accident or illness caused by any person, animal, vehicle or property. Any person entering the site does so at their own risk.
- The Organisers reserve the right to stop or alter the course, and to cancel the event.
- Riding hats of suitable safety standards must be worn at all times when riders are mounted.
- The use of a body protector is recommended.
- Horses and ponies must be at least four years old.
- The decision of the Organisers is final at all times.
- Riders are asked to show respect for the land over which they are riding and to follow the Country Code at all times.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and are not allowed on the Course.
- Entry implies acceptance of these conditions and the Health Safety Policy outlined below.

### Health and Safety Policy

- The Organiser has the overall responsibility for Health and Safety.
- The event is organised in accordance with Health and Safety Legislation and all who have (to any extent) control of premises or site at the event are responsible for ensuring that everything practicable is done to ensure the Health and Safety and Welfare of those attending the event.

### Emergencies

- Emergency Services must have access to all parts of the event site at all times and members of the public must not park vehicles so as to obstruct access.
- First Aid Services are based at the Start/Finish and mobile Paramedics can attend any part of the Course.
- In the event of an emergency members of the public should contact the nearest official or the Ride Co-ordinator on **07974 615428**.