



# Thursday Equine Volunteer

Department: Riding School

Reference: Thursday Riding school

## Our Organisation

Ferring Country Centre is a charity providing support to people with learning disabilities. Having started in 1986 with 12 beneficiaries we have expanded over the years and now provide services to around 130 beneficiaries each week.

Our organisational mission is:

*"To support people with learning disabilities to grow their independence, connect with others and create a good life."*

In addition to our Day Service our Garden Centre, Ranger's Café, Gift Shop, Dales Farm, and Riding School are open to the general public, seven days per week. This allows everyone to share our beautiful site and excellent facilities and allow those we support the opportunity to develop social and customer service skills in a safe and supported environment.

## Line Management

Learning, development and volunteering manager and the Riding school manager.

## Purpose of Role

Our Riding School offers anyone with a keen interest in horses the opportunity to be a part of our Equine team.

We are looking for volunteers over the age of 18 years to help us on Thursdays with our yard duties and riding school sessions. A huge part of the sessions is helping the staffing team to ensure that all our customers who have booked pony rides or lessons get the very best from their time here and leave with smiles on their faces!

## Key Responsibilities

- Greeting customers and ensuring they are in the correct place for their rides.
- Supporting and engaging with customers in the riding school lessons
- Leading of horses/ponies in riding lessons.
- Assisting staff with daily yard duties.
- Helping to ensure the smooth running of the riding school.

## Key Information

Hours: Min 3 per week

Shifts: Thursday 08:30am-12:30pm  
and/or 13:00-16:00pm

## Contact Information

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DBS: Subject to an enhanced DBS

## Person Specification

| Qualifications                                                              | Essential | Desirable |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Relevant qualification (BHS or equivalent)                                  |           | Y         |
| Good general level of education, including basic reading and writing skills | Y         |           |
| Commitment to undertake further training as required                        | Y         |           |

| Experience                                                   | Essential | Desirable |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Experience of working with people with learning disabilities |           | Y         |
| Experience of working/helping in a yard/riding school        |           | Y         |

| Knowledge and Skills                                   | Essential | Desirable |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Basic equine skills                                    | Y         |           |
| Excellent time management, ability to prioritise tasks | Y         |           |
| Reasonable level of physical fitness needed            | Y         |           |

| Personal Attributes                                       | Essential | Desirable |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Flexible, enthusiastic and committed                      | Y         |           |
| Self-motivated and resourceful-able to work independently | Y         |           |
| Respectful and understanding of diversity                 | Y         |           |
| Calm and resilient                                        | Y         |           |