

# HODGEMOOR RIDING ASSOCIATION

Do you enjoy hacking off the roads? Like riding in beautiful woods? Hodgemoor Wood offers you over 5 kilometres of trails set in 250 acres of ancient woodland, a precious opportunity to get away from the traffic. There are two public bridleways and a network of permissive trails. The Association exists to raise funds for maintaining and creating riding trails in and around Hodgemoor. It does this with membership subscriptions and organising fund-raising events such as dressage cross country and TREC. The more members we have, the more lobby presence we have, the more money we have, the more work we can do!

**New for 2008:** Membership is obligatory if you would like to use the permissive trails in Hodgemoor.

- As of 1 April 2008, membership is required for all riders who want to use the permissive trails (in **blue** on the map. Bridleways (in **red**) are public right of ways and open to horse riders and cyclists.
- No visible identification tag will be given, but cards will be issued, and occasional checks against the membership list will be made in the Wood by committee members and Forestry Commission rangers.

**The Past:** The trails may seem pretty good now, but in 2000 the Forestry Commission threatened to close the wood to riders because of the damage they caused making many trails virtually impassable. The Association has since 2001 raised over £62,000 from grants and its own activities, resurfaced 2 kilometres of the worst sections and created a new trail.

**The Future inside Hodgemoor:** There is still plenty to be done. The trails must be maintained. We cannot risk the wood being closed to horse riders in the future.

**The Future outside Hodgemoor:** We need new bridleways in the area to get horses off the roads and into the safety of the woods. We need you support to lobby for better access.

Membership gives you:

1. The right to use the permissive riding trails in Hodgemoor
2. Membership card to identify yourself in the woods if required
3. Support and lobbying for improvement to riding trails in the area
4. Information and Maps on other permissive trails and bridleways
5. Email service: members receive regular information and can use service themselves (e.g. to sell your horse, find tack, inform of event useful to other members, etc)
6. Bi-annual newsletter "Hodgemoor Rider"
7. Access to Hodgemoor cross country course: £5 rental for members
8. Rides, Demos, dressage, XC Fun Jumps, TREC and other fund-raising events
9. Access to Thames Valley Horse Watch information and motorbike action list

If you are based at a livery yard, your owner or manager will inform the Hodgemoor Riding Association of your name, address, phone number and email address so that we can contact you directly about the advantages of membership of the Association. Please inform your yard owner/manager if you do not want this information passed on.

Website: [www.hodgemoor.org.uk](http://www.hodgemoor.org.uk)

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# Membership Application Form

Name:

Phone Numbers

Address:

Postcode:

E-mail address:

Write neatly in capitals please, and let us know any changes as can keep costs down using email

Where do you  
keep your horse:

## Annual Membership fee

- a) **By standing order:** Use the standing order mandate on the back of this form and save money: **£10** per adult and **£20** for a family and livery yard owner/manager plus 3 named grooms
- b) **Cash or cheque:** **£15** per adult and **£25** per family. £5 for junior members under 16 on April 1<sup>st</sup>, and £5 for walkers and non-riders.

The membership is for you the rider not per horse.

A Hodgemoor Rider tabard costs £10. Would you like one?

Yes / No

Please return the mandate to the address below or make cheques payable to "Hodgemoor Riding Association" and mail to the address below.

Yes / No

Do you want a Hodgemoor Wood map?

Yes / No

Do you want a Pocket Map routes to Penn?

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