

RDA

WEST MERCIA REGION

February 2010 - report to BHS West Midlands Region

I particularly wanted to thank all those BHS members who supported RDA in manning the Shopping Drop Off at the British Show Jumping Championships at the NEC in April and those who came back for the HOYS in October. We hope to have raised a total of more than £1500 from both events and have been invited back next year. More volunteers please! Not only did both events help raise much-needed funds, but also publicised RDA and our work.

Thank you, too, to BHS members who were volunteers at our National Championships. I'm sure you are booked in for 2010!

The World's Biggest Riding Lesson on September 30th also raised our profile with more than 5000 taking part at venues across the UK and across the world. Thank you again to any BHS members who took part. This was part of our 40th anniversary celebrations, as was a reception hosted by HRH The Princess Royal at St James's Palace on November 11. A great time was had by all!

HRH also visited our National Office in Warwick in November en route to Stoneleigh where she opened the new Pony Club HQ.

We continue to have more enquiries re riding than we have availability, but we are hoping to remedy that and have a number of potential new Groups in the pipeline. As always it's the right venue, right equines and right volunteers that we need.

We are already planning our 2010 Regional Qualifiers in May and our annual 'party' – our Regional Fun Day – in June.

We have a supra regional conference scheduled for this Thursday February 18, 2010, at Rodbaston.

Helen Holt
Regional Chairman