RDA Update 28 April

**Next Steps**

As the possibility of a relaxation of the lock down rules is increasing, we are looking at what we need to have in place to re-open, as appropriate. Before sessions can get started and everyone can take part, there will be a number of considerations that every group will need to act on - notably: mitigating risks for all involved, ensuring the welfare of horses and operating safely within the ongoing government guidelines.

Clearly, with the current uncertainty, it is impossible for us to make firm plans, but we have brought together a small working party to look at the specific issues that RDA will face as restrictions are eased. We are aiming to have some clear guidance for groups in time for any changes to the rules, to enable you to consider what you need to do before re-opening, even in a very limited fashion.

To support this process, next week we will be circulating a survey to groups. Your insight will be extremely useful in helping us to develop the support needed over the coming months, so please complete it if you can.

We do not expect a sudden and complete lifting of the rules, so it will almost certainly be a phased approach, which will vary according to how your group operates and the kinds of people who volunteer, ride or drive with you.

Ed Bracher will be talking a bit more about this during his webinar this Friday at 3pm. If you have yet to register and would like to, please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Sqz7ckHLRruDYhZs_V_fRQ>