**Wales Region report, May 2019.**

The Wales Committee has focused its efforts so far in 2019 to developing a number of events and activities for members and potential new members. Membership numbers in the region are not high and it is hoped that a vibrant programme may encourage members to renew their subscriptions and for non-members to be inclined to join. Cotts Equine veterinary practice in Pembrokeshire hosted an evening ‘What to do if….’ session in late February and DBS was promoted at that event to the 20-30 attenders, which included several new donkey owners and staff of the visitor attraction Folly Farm.

The Committee has organised a number of informal learning and social events for the coming months, including a *Donkey Monopoly* night in late May, using the new Donkey Sanctuary Monopoly board game; a *Meet the DBS Chair* event, visiting Rosemary Clarke in mid Wales; and *Meet Snowdonia Donkeys*, a chance to promote the Society in north Wales and for members and visitors to see the valuable outreach work undertaken by Ruth Stronge and her donkeys.

The Region’s main event for 2019 will be *Building a Relationship with your Donkeys*, a full day’s training with Ben Hart on 5 October in Carmarthenshire. The Committee is most grateful for the award of a grant of £150 from the DBS Education Committee towards the cost of running this event and disseminating the learning points.

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