Northern Region report Feb 2021 BY Elizabeth Brown

Like everyone else, Lockdown has affected us all. In the Northern Region we have tried to combat the isolation by putting out weekly bulletins to stay in touch with our members. We have put out 10 weekly bulletins as well as the monthly ‘Asspire’. We have found that this has encouraged members that don’t usually get involved which is fantastic.

We also pioneered the ‘Fab Farriers’ scheme which was designed to recognise the hard work of the farriers involved in our donkeys care. This has been shared with the British farriers council and was featured in their members magazine. 6 Northern farriers have so far received their certificates.

We also held a zoon talk on donkey first aid that was very well attended by members from all over the country.

We have had an increase in membership, the region now has 96 adult members, 1 family, 5 juniors and 3 students.

Plans for future events are tentative at the moment with the uncertainty of the ongoing Corona situation. The regional agm is scheduled for the beginning of march via Zoom and we are hoping to have a ceramics workshop later in the year where members can make a ceramic donkey.