Education and Youth Committee Report AGM 2021

The Education and Youth Committee have continued to meet and develop educational material and training awards.

Partnership Award

This was a new Award created in acknowledgement of the fact that activities out and about with donkeys were restricted through lockdown. Many excellent submissions were received demonstrating what Members had been able to do at home with their donkeys. Certificates and rosettes were sent out to all participants. There were some very busy donkeys out there and lovely to read about what they got up to.

DBS Awards

These awards encourage the development of knowledge about donkeys and it has been agreed that the Bronze and Silver Awards can now be done through submission of written work and video. One member in the Northern Region has completed her Silver Award remotely.

14 Members across the South West and Northern Regions have been able to meet outside to complete Bronze Award days and two Members have achieved their Silver Awards.

The Committee has brought together all the training and knowledge gaining Awards that the DBS has produced over the years into an Awards booklet. A copy of this was sent to all Regional Representatives for use in their Regions.

Educational Videos

A Sub Committee has produced educational webinars on aspects of donkey welfare, which are available for all to see for free via the DBS website and DBS You Tube channel. Subjects that have been covered so far are worming, skin, nutrition, teeth and vaccinations.

Educational Printed items

Large charts are available for groups and clubs on various topics with photos and removable labels to match labels and photos. Priced at £4.99 through the DBS. Already available are charts on Poisonous plants, Parts of the donkey, Grooming kit and Harness parts. At the printers are charts on First aid, Teeth, Feet and Donkey breeds.

Club of the Year Award

Due to many Clubs not being able to meet, the Club of the Year Award has not been awarded this year.

Barnabas Trophy

There were no nominations received for the Barnabas Trophy this year.

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Chairman, Education & Youth Committee

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