South West report for September Council Meeting

Briony Wild had a stand at the South Molton Vintage Rally and had lots of people come and chat about donkeys.

The next event was the North Devon Show.  The show had not been held for the last three years due to Covid but this year attendance went through the roof.  Briony and Geoff Wild had taken four of their donkeys.  One of our members Nicki Wight came with her husband and he commentated on our display in the ring.  Sarah Stone and myself were there to help.  Geoff Wild drove his Hartland pairs vehicle.  The two other donkeys were shown by Nicki and a friend of the Wilds, John.  During the day we had alot of members of the public come and talk to us about donkeys.  One couple who were on holiday from Norfolk virtually spent half the afternoon talking to us about what they could do with their own donkeys at home.  All positive interaction.

We were due to go to the Okehampton Show where we had booked a stand but unfortunately this did not turn out to be possible owing to the show clashing with a funeral of a friend of the member who was going to run the stand.

We are hoping to have Anna Harrison who is a vet and also works for Safe Haven for Donkeys give us a talk during the Autumn on donkeys and her work overseas.

Hopefully with Christmas looming we can arrange a get together of some sort for at least the North part of the area.

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