



Hayling Island Donkey Sanctuary

Site Management Plan

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1. Donkey Welfare Requirements - Shelters.

1.1 Weather protective shelters are to be provided to allow the donkeys were ever situated on the site to have access to suitable shelter during periods of inclement weather.

1.2 Any shelter structure will be fit for purpose in sound condition with a water resistant roof and a stable floor surface conducive to a twice daily cleaning regime and free from loose or sharp items.

1.3 Any shelter structure will be kept in a well decorated state in keeping with its rural surroundings.

1.4 Shelters will provide dry clean bedding suitable to the size of occupants and be cleaned of droppings twice daily.

1.5 Droppings and soiled bedding material will be removed and stored on the muck heap using a wheel barrow in a manner that enables neat and controlled short term storage.

2. Donkey Welfare Requirements - Water.

2.1 Clean drinking water will be supplied for ad-lib consumption via a suitable receptical in the form of either galvanised purpose made drinking troughs or buckets.

2.2 Water troughs and or buckets will be checked twice a day and filled with clean drinking water they will be emptied and cleaned as required to remove excess algae and debris.

3. Donkey Welfare Requirements - Hard standings and pathways.

3.1 Hard standing areas will be provided immediately around the shelter areas to provide a wet and mud free area to protect the donkeys feet from seedy toe and foot abscess.

3.1 Hardstanding areas referred to in 3.1 of this document and HIDS_2918_DAS will be formed from 50 to 200mm of crushed aggregate sub-base topped with a 40 - 100mm concrete slab to form a bound surface.

3.2 Concrete bound hardstanding areas will be swept twice a day and the waste material added to the muck heap as per 1.5.

3.3 Unbound hardstanding areas such as pathways will be cleared of waste material using suitable hand rake and scoops and the waste material added to the muck heap as per 1.5.

4. Donkey Welfare Requirements - Pasture Cleaning.

4.1 Grazed pature will be cleaned (pooh picked) twice a day to reduce the negative effect of droppings on the grass, reduce the potential of leeching, reduce worm infestation on the pature and in the gut of the animals.

4.2 Waste material will be removed for temporary storage using suitable hand rake and scoops and added to the muck heap as per 1.5.

4.3 A biannual lab sample will be taken from each animal and analysed to ascertain a suitable worming program to ensure their specific protection without compromising their immunity to the only known worming drugs currently available.

5. Donkey Welfare Requirements - Foot Care.

5.1 Donkeys feet will be checked and cleaned at a minimum frequency of one week but daily if being moved , transported or worked.

5.2 Donkeys feet will be trimmed regularly as required within an expected schedule of 8 to 10 weeks.

5.3 Any sign of lameness will be attended to immediately with either Sanctuary or external vettinary care.

6. Donkey Welfare Requirements - Dental Care.

6.1 Each donkey will receive a routine dental check and any remedial action taken at least every 12 months or more regularly should a specific condition require it.

6.2 New admissions to the Sanctuary will receive an immediate dental appraisal and subsequent work undertaken.

7. Donkey Welfare Requirements- Vaccinations

7.1 All Donkeys at the Sanctuary will receive equine flu and tetanus vaccinations at the required schedule in line with veterinary recommendations but usually annually.

8. Site Management - Resident Numbers

8.1 The numbers of resident donkeys will fluctuate from time to time according to needs but should not exceed 30 Donkeys at any one time.

8.2 Should a greater need arise beyond the maximum resident number stated in 8.1 additional sites will be established.

9. Site Management - Open Days

9.1 Open days will facilitate a controlled interaction between community members and interested parties with the donkeys in a safe and enjoyable way.

9.2 Open days are scheduled on weekends to alleviate traffic congestion and make use of immediately adjacent commercial car parking currently offered for use by way of support for the Sanctuary.

9.2 To accommodate the visitors on these days parking will be marshalled and sign posted to ease traffic flow.

9.3 Disabled parking will be prioritised via the parking marshal in the Sanctuary's on site parking area.

9.4 Additional overflow parking will be made available during dry conditions in paddock 1 when required.

9.5 Pedestrians will be guided by the parking marshal and temporary signage to the pedestrian entrance past the temporary welcome sign with site rules and risks, where they will be greeted by a HIDS representative pointing out the sites facilities.

9.6 Opening times are currently anticipated to be between 11.00 am and 3.30 pm.

9.7 Visitors will exit via the same entrance to enable use of the hand wash facilities

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10. Site Management - Appointment Only Visits

10.1 Donkey Adoption visits will be made by appointment at a mutually convenient time and will be supervised by a Sanctuary representative.

10.2 Visitors will exit via the same entrance to enable use of the hand wash facilities

11. Site Management - Professional Visits

11. Visits by professionals, veterinary practitioners, farriers etc. to undertake donkey welfare requirements as outlined in section 5, 6, and 7 will be made by appointment at a mutually convenient time and will be supervised by a Sanctuary representative.

11.1 Professional visitors will be encouraged to park on site to facilitate easy access and use of their equipment.

12. Site Management - Deliveries

12.1 Deliveries of hay, straw and other feed stuffs will be via the drop kerb and double gates to the service yard giving access to the storage containers.

12.2 All deliveries will be by appointment and supervised by a Sanctuary representative.

13. Site Management - Waste

13.1 Animal waste products will be collected as per 1.5 and 4.2 and stored on the muck heap.

13.2 The muck heap will be dressed on a regular basis by walking over it to compress it, regularising its shape and keeping it contained within a 3m x 5m footprint.

13.3 The muck heap will be removed as required but usually every quarter to control its size.

13.4 The muck heap will be removed at a pre appointed time and will be supervised by a Sanctuary representative.

13.5 The waste will be taken for further composting and used as fertiliser on agricultural land. The waste will be removed by specialist machinery, during this operation the road will be marshalled to protect passing vehicles and pedestrians.

13.6 Once removed the surrounding area including the immediately adjacent road will be swept and cleared of any debris.

13.7 During periods of inclement weather the muck heap will be protected by a waterproof sheet to reduce the potential of run off.

14. Site Management - Lighting

14.1 The site does not currently have a mains electricity supply. In winter months it is necessary to use artificial light to enable duties as outlined in 1.5 of this document and others that may be required from time to time.

14.2 it is necessary to start operations at 6.00 am to enable all required duties as outlined in sections 1 to 4

of this document to be undertaken to a satisfactory standard with the assistance of artificial lighting.

14.3 It is necessary to undertake a second set of necessary duties as outlined in sections 1 to 4 | starting late afternoon again requiring the use of artificial lighting.

14.4 It will be necessary from time to time to attend specific medical conditions during the night and will be an exception, but will also require the use of artificial lighting.

14.5 Artificial lighting is used in the form of head torches and rechargeable portable work lights and are only used for the duration of activities as per 14.2 and 14.3.

15. Site Management Plan - Fire Action

15.1 In case of fire ensure free escape of animals to paddock areas.

15.2 Never release animals from the Sanctuary's perimeter or on the road.

15.3 Any persons on site should be evacuated immediately and directed to the muster point outside the front service gate.

15.4 Should this happen on an open day Sanctuary representatives will marshal the visitors to the muster point in a calm and controlled way.

15.5 Tackle the flames using the buckets and hose available only if it is safe to do so.

15.6 Call emergency services if required.

15.7 It will be the responsibility of the Duty Manager with assistance of the other Sanctuary Marshalls to ensure a complete evacuation.

16. Perimeter hedging and grassed bounding.

16.1 Perimeter hedging will be trimmed as required to allow safe passage to entrance way and adjacent to Mill Rythe Lane pavement.

16.2 Grassed bunding adjacent to Mill Rythe Lane pavement will be trimmed as required to maintain a neat frontage to the Sanctuary.