



Borders committee honoured with national award

Scotland

The British Horse Society honoured the individuals and organisations who have supported the leading equestrian charity's work at an awards ceremony at Saddlers Hall in the City of London recently.

The BHS Borders committee received the prestigious Chairman's Commendation award for their exceptional work. The award was presented by the Society's President Martin Clunes.

For a decade, the BHS Borders committee has run the acclaimed Borders Festival of the Horse, where for two weeks each May, some 40 events take place to celebrate the equestrian culture of the region.

Established in the wake of the catastrophic foot and mouth outbreak, the first Borders Festival recognised that the horse could be used as a spur to the regeneration of the rural economy. Ten years on and annual participation exceeds 10,000.

The BHS Borders committee embraces this massive challenge each year with their customary drive and energy. Entirely volunteer-driven, the Festival has become an indelible fixture on the calendar of southern Scotland. And for those who believe that two weeks of work leaves 50 weeks of idleness, make no mistake that the planning and preparation ensures that this is one of our busiest committees in the entire UK.

Wanda Dodd, BHS Borders chairman, said: "The committee was totally gobsmacked to have received the award, which will make us even more enthusiastic about doing even more!"

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