



Student Livery Guide



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Welcome to the Writtle University College Equine Training & Development Centre

'This guide provides you with information about our equine centre and livery facilities. WUC is approved by the British Horse Society as a Livery Yard and Training Centre with a team of committed, enthusiastic staff'.

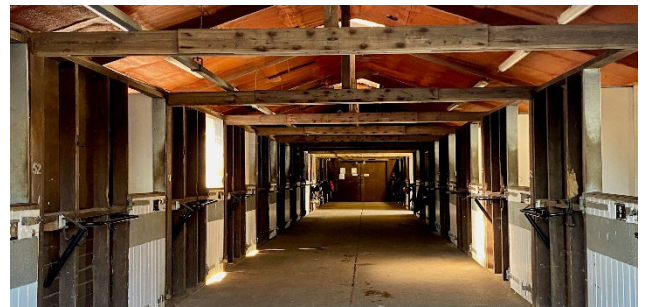


Livery Packages

We provide students with the opportunity to bring their horse (or horses) with them while they study at WUC. On-site livery is offered to students on a DIY basis, subject to availability, and places must be re-booked each academic year. Student liveries have access to all WUC Equine Centre facilities when not in timetabled sessions, including three indoor arenas, floodlit outdoor menage, oval horse-walker, hacking on the WUC estate, solariums, weighbridge and hay steamers.

DIY livery is based in three separate stable blocks at the Equine Training and Development centre.

1. The Equine Academy - 12x12 plastic boarded Monarch stabling within an American style barn with each stable having access to an 'ensuite' sand turnout area (some are shared). Grass turnout is available on a rota basis when weather permits
2. The Cobs DIY - an agricultural conversion providing 12x10 wooden stables. Grass turnout is available on a rota basis when weather permits. When the grazing is closed turnout will be provided on a rota basis in bark all-weather pens.
3. Lordships Stables (working livery) – 12x12 plastic boarded Monarch stabling based in a spacious undercover barn. Grass turnout is available on a rota basis when weather permits. When the grazing is closed turnout will be provided on a rota basis in bark all-weather pens.



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Turnout Rules:

Whilst there are experienced members of staff on hand to advise, students are responsible for the day to day care of their horse and are expected to abide by the yard rules at all times.

- All turnout arrangements need to be discussed and agreed by senior yard staff.
- No horse is to be turned out alone, DIY students must communicate with one another and ensure there are planned bring in times around lectures.
- Head collars and lead ropes must be left by field gates in case of an emergency.
- It is DIY liveries responsibility to check the fencing for any damage and this must be reported immediately to a member of senior yard staff to allow repairs to be made.
- All gates must be closed each time a horse has been taken out of a field.
- When leading any horse around the site and especially for turning out and bringing in you must be wearing a riding hat, gloves and stout boots.

During the winter months it is sometimes necessary to close the grass turnout fields due to the heavy clay soil WUC is based on.



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Equipment:

General storage on the yards is limited so please think about what you need to bring for your horse and ensure items are labelled.

Liveries must provide their own mucking out tools and wheelbarrow as well as feed, feed bins, buckets and hay nets.

The tack room is locked throughout the day and is double locked and alarmed overnight but all liveries are responsible for minimising the risk of theft by ensuring they lock the tack room after use and do not leave items laying around making theft easy.

Hacking:

A map of the local hacking routes will be provided to you. High-visibility clothing must be worn at all times when hacking on and from the College estate. Hacking may be prohibited on specific occasions due to cycle races or other events taking place on site or locally which would make it unsafe.

Facility use:

Both indoor and the outdoor schools are available for student use around pre-booked timetabled sessions.

Lungeing is permitted in the schools providing the student moves up and down the school and do not consistently work on one circle which damages the surface. Lungeing must not take place in the arenas at the same time as someone is riding for safety reasons.

Body protectors must be worn when jumping and all jumps must be put away correctly after use.



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Other Information

Farrier:

There are two regular farriers caring for WUCs horses. Robert Rush AWCF and Jimmy Clark Dip WcF. There are also several other farriers working in the local area – contact details are provided at the end of the booklet.

It is the students' responsibility to book, attend and pay for any farriery due for their horse.

Veterinary Care:

A vet from House and Jackson Equine Hospital has a regular visit to the Equine Centre on a Wednesday and will not charge a call out fee for pre-booked appointments on this day. You will need to register with a local veterinary practice immediately upon arrival at WUC. You are welcome to use any veterinary practice but must provide details of who you are registered with to yard staff in case they need to call a vet in an emergency for your horse.

Disease Prevention and Documentation:

Horses must have correct documentation relating to the administration of equine influenza and tetanus vaccinations and have had a negative strangles blood result prior to arrival. Horses arriving from countries deemed 'high risk' will be subject to extended quarantine and will require proof of freedom from their country of origin. All horses arriving from the EU will need to be accompanied by an Export Health Certificate (EHC). You must provide WUC with a negative strangles test certificate (by blood test) before arrival. Nasal swabs cannot be accepted. The test must have been carried out no more than 10 days prior to arrival.



All external contractors (including vets, farriers, instructors, etc) must sign in and out at the yard office and be given a visitor pass when arriving onsite.

Useful Contacts

Farriers	Contact numbers
Jimmy Clark Dip WcF	0771457504
Robert Rush AWCF	07790027492

Vets	Contact numbers
House & Jackson Equine Hospital	01277823858
Clarendon Equine Vets	01245346904
Blaircourt Equine	01245249025
Paton & Lee Equine Veterinary Surgeons	01376513369

Tack store / Feed suppliers	Contact numbers
Ingatestone Saddlery	0127735723
Crown Corner	01277372744
Essex Animal Feeds	01277375647
Westleighs Saddlery & Country Clothing	01268560335



Livery Prices

Livery type	What's included	Cost per day
DIY Livery	DIY Livery stable, use of field and facilities (shavings, straw & hay not included)	-£6.50 Stable -£3.50 Hay/Haylage -£2.20 Straw or Shavings (+ 20% VAT)

Livery type	What's included	Cost per day
Equine Academy	Equine Academy stable, use of sand pen and facilities (shavings, straw & hay not included)	-£6.50 Stable -£3.50 Hay/Haylage -£2.20 Straw or Shavings (+ 20% VAT)

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DIY Non-ridden Working Livery WUC offers limited places for student and staff DIY non-ridden working livery. Owners are offered a discounted stabling fee in return for allowing their horse to be used in non-ridden practical sessions. The owner will have full access to their horse at all times, but the Horse Unit will be able use the horse for a maximum of two practical sessions per day (Monday – Friday). Yard Managers will communicate with the owner to agree on the horse's daily practical commitments.	DIY Livery stable, use of field and facilities (shavings, straw & hay not included) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 6 monthly saddle check 2. Worming/egg count 3. Dentist annually 4. Nutrition assessments/advice 4 times per year 5. Regular veterinary physiotherapy assessments/treatments 	-£4.00 stable -£3.50 Hay/Haylage -£2.20 Straw or Shavings (+ 20% VAT)

DIY Livery FAQ's

Q. Is there individual turnout for my horse?

A. No, DIY livery is based on shared grass turnout.

Q. Is the turnout all year round?

A. There may be times when grazing is restricted depending on the ground.

Q. Can I access the indoor schools at any time or is there a time restriction?

A. Student liveries have access to all WUC Equine Centre facilities when not in timetabled sessions, including three indoor arenas, floodlit outdoor ménage, oval horse-walker, hacking on the WUC estate, solariums, weighbridge and hay steamers.

Q. Can I buy my own horse bedding?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there good local hacking with easy access from the yard?

A. Yes - a map is available with designated routes.

Q. Can I bring my horse from overseas?

A. Yes - many international students bring their horses.

Q. Does my horse need to be in isolation when I arrive?

A. Yes, we have in place strict bio-security measures to protect our horse population. All incoming horses must be strangles blood tested and vaccinated against equine influenza prior to arriving onsite. All horses will be required to carry out a 7-day isolation period on arrival.

Q. My horse bites, is that a problem for DIY livery?

A. Any new horses arriving would stay on an initial trial period. The safety of our Students is paramount and any horses showing signs of excessive aggression would not be suitable for our Yard.

Q. What is the minimum age a horse can come on DIY livery?

A. The minimum age is 4 years old.

Q. Is there an option to put my horse on full livery?

A. Horses are welcome to stay on DIY livery during holiday periods. We are currently discussing the possibility of offering a full livery service, this would only be available during certain holiday periods and would need to be discussed in advance.

Q. Is there anywhere to store my belongings?

A. Yes - tack & clothing can be stored in a locked area accessed only by DIY students and Staff. Feeds can be stored in allocated feed storage spaces, in suitable container.

How to Apply for DIY livery

Stables are limited and offered on a 'first come first served' basis.

You can find a copy of the DIY livery agreement on our website:

<http://writtle.ac.uk/Livery>

To register your interest email:

tessa.campbell@writtle.ac.uk or phone 01245423698

Check out the list of frequently asked questions on our website:

<http://writtle.ac.uk/Livery>



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