



# Keeping Horses Safe

**Bransby Horses has been rescuing and supporting equines for over 50 years, working hard to change the lives of horses, ponies, donkeys and mules for the better through welfare, education, understanding and care.**

Already full to capacity with more than 400 equines at our Bransby site in Lincolnshire, in November 2019, we were hit by devastating flooding. **We lost 40% of our land in a matter of days and were forced to take emergency measures,** combining animals into larger herds and utilizing fields that needed resting for summer grazing. Our Animal Reception Centre, usually a bio secure intensive care area, was also underwater, preventing us from taking in new welfare cases.



All of our land has been affected, either by contamination in the flood water, or now sodden with persistent rain water. The effects will be felt long into the future; the full extent of the damage will not be realised until spring 2020.

**Our challenge for 2020 is to adjust to a new way of working and raising the money to support this.** Every year the charity needs £6m to run, but in order to alleviate pressures at the Bransby site following the flooding, an additional £200,000 is required to move 59 equines to our other site at Barlings, Langworth. Purchased in 2018, the site needs extensive preparations to make it fit for use.

We are currently sharing equipment across both sites, which has time and cost implications to the charity. The additional £200,000 will pay for the urgently needed facilities and equipment, including temporary buildings, a vehicle and trailer, staff facilities, veterinary equipment together with 2,500m of

traditional post and rail fencing. There will be 5 fields of various sizes in use, from small paddocks up to 33 acres.

**Time is of the essence and we need to move fast.** 42 equines are being moved in January and another 17 in February. In seven weeks, following the launch of a public fundraising campaign almost 20% of the additional funds was raised, but we still have a long way to go.

### Making a difference

We would love to win the top award of £25,000 to help fund the following **two very important elements of this urgent project:**

- Purchase of a Kubota all-terrain vehicle and trailer to give our team access to the entire Barlings site. This vital piece of equipment will allow the team to travel across the 800 acres to care for equines, deliver food, undertake vet checks and for herding. As travelling around the site on foot makes looking after almost 60 equines virtually impossible so the Kubota will be used all day every day.
- In addition, the funding will contribute towards a mobile stable unit, providing an essential dry treatment space so that our vets and staff can carry out routine and medical procedures.

**The combined cost of these two essential elements will be £28,975.**

In summary, an award of £25,000 from SEIB will help the vital new operations at our Barlings site and help the 59 equines, displaced following the recent serious flooding, which will be living there.



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