

Allegra's Ambition Newsletter November 2019

Our new website launched in September. It showcases all the work we are doing, celebrates our fantastic donors and fundraisers and also gives information about fundraising and volunteering opportunities and initiatives. It is regularly updated and a great way to keep in touch with what we are doing. We even have a SHOP now! (<https://www.allegrasambition.org.uk/>).

We are also excited to announce a new opportunity for supporters who would like to get more involved in helping promote Allegra's Ambition. We are recruiting a number of volunteer Advocates. The role involves raising awareness of our work in various ways and helping us to reach new audiences. Anyone is welcome to apply. For more information please look on our website (<https://www.allegrasambition.org.uk/volunteer>).

SAVE THE DATE: It will be Allegra's 21st birthday on 21st January 2020 and we are planning a walk that morning from Cheesefoot Head to West Meon with lunch in the Thomas Lord. Please get in touch if you would like to join us.



OUR PROJECTS

Our annual Ebony Day (<https://www.ebonyhorseclub.org.uk/>) took place in July at Tilford by kind permission of the Morlands. 30 young people from Ebony attended on a blisteringly hot day and enjoyed riding, football, games and the fabulous barbecue generously provided by Newlyn's Farm Shop. It was a great day made possible by so many people who kindly gave their time and most importantly loaned us their ponies. Thanks to all the fantastic riding instructors, our great team of volunteers and of course to Hampshire Hunt & the Petersfield Pony Clubs for their support. Thanks also to Anna Rainbow for the wonderful photos which she took of the day.



The event goes from strength to strength and the feedback from Ebony and everyone who participates is so positive. Our provisional date for 2020 is MONDAY JULY 27TH. Ebony are also again inviting us to a reciprocal event at their yard in February half term. Please get in touch if you would like to attend. It is a great opportunity to see this amazing charity in action.

We were honoured to be invited to an Ebony reception hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall at Clarence House to celebrate their work. Our trustee Amanda attended. She caught up with Khadija Mellah, one of the young riders we took to 10 Downing Street in 2018, who made history just a few weeks later when she won the Magnolia Cup at Goodwood, the first jockey to compete on a British racecourse wearing a hijab. It is an incredible achievement and a testament to the hard work of everyone involved with Ebony.



“Riding a Dream” a documentary about her journey will be shown on ITV on Saturday 2 November at 12.15pm after the Rugby World Cup

We are continuing to fund weekly riding and horse care sessions at Ebony for a number of vulnerable students attending 3 schools in Brixton – Loughborough Primary School, Michael Tippet Special School and a Pupil Referral Unit. The work focuses on supporting students to build self-esteem and positive behaviour and is transformative. Naomi Howgate from Ebony reports that “They are all doing so well. One of the boys from the PRU has started jumping, having never sat on a horse until 18 months ago”.



We sponsored 16 disadvantaged children on a **CHICKS** (<https://www.chicks.org.uk/>) break in Derbyshire in July and August. Four volunteers helped out at CHICKS this year including our trustee Amanda, Lisa, Luke and Hope. Their feedback was, as always, very positive, and they described the experiencing as eye opening for them as well as life enhancing for the young people on the break. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and please get in touch if you are interested in participating next year.

The homework club we supported for Year 11 students attending **Carneys Community** (<https://carneyscommunity.org>) has had a successful outcome. Carneys report “through their own hard work and with support from their teachers and the tutors that we provided through our “Each One Teach One” Tutoring project (in partnership with Allegra’s Ambition) – they all achieved highly and have gone on to study in sixth forms and colleges this academic year”. The success of the pilot has determined us to support the project again this year.

Youth Options (<http://www.youthoptions.co.uk>) has now received planning permission to build a sustainable classroom at its Outdoor Learning Centre in Eastleigh. The 3.16 Acre site is a wild oasis which offers the opportunity for children and young people to be outside, engage with nature and participate in outdoor learning. We are proud to be partnering with them on the funding of this exciting project and have committed funding to build half the cost of the classroom.

Streetreach (<https://www.winchesterstreetreach.org/>) report the Friday night outreach football project we support is going well with around 20 young people attending every week.

FUNDRAISING

Christmas is coming and we have new Allegra’s Ambition notebooks on our website as well as other merchandise including our popular water bottles and hair ties. If anyone would like to sell merchandise for us a Christmas event please get in touch.

We are hosting a coffee morning at Colebrook House in Winchester on November 8th 9am-12pm.



There will a small number of carefully curated stands there including Chalkstream smoked trout, Beyond The Barn Flowers, The Grange English sparkling wine, Barbara Spence jewellery, Henrietta Bevan shirts, Settlers Stores luxury tweed clothing, The Stationery Line, Snow Finel as well as a bake sale. Please come along and bring your friends.

We have been amazed by the wonderful range of fundraising events and challenges undertaken in the last few months. We really can’t thank you all enough for your continuing support. We couldn’t do what we do without you. Every penny raised goes directly to the projects we sponsor. A big shout out to everyone who contributed.

In June Park House/Lord Wandsworth College hosted a bake sale and raised a staggering £700. Thank you so much Emma, Kitty, Georgie and Clemmie and everyone else who helped out.

Emma successfully completed the Windsor Triathlon and raised an amazing sum for Allegra’s Ambition and Team Archie, another very special local charity. What a fantastic effort. Thank you for challenging yourselves and for fundraising for us. We were very grateful for the generous donation of Wimbledon debenture tickets for Ladies semi-final day. Thank you to all of you who contacted us with offers. We had a great response and hope the winners had a great day out.



Thanks to Sienna and Downe House for organising another delicious looking bake sale. We so appreciate your brilliant support.



In September Bronwyn, an old friend of Allegra's, ran the Great North Run and chose us as her charity. She wrote movingly about the training and what it meant to her. Thank you for this amazing effort, for challenging yourself and raising money for us.



The Cotswold Shala (@rosevancutsen and @soulfoodjunkie), along with our brilliant patron Julie Montagu, hosted a yoga retreat in aid of Allegra's Ambition. It was a very special day and we are so grateful to everyone who supported us.



Thank you to Catherine and Kirsty who organised their third tennis tournament in aid of Allegra's Ambition. Your continued support is much appreciated.



St Swithun's chose Allegra's Ambition as one of their charities for 2019 and raised a wonderful sum through various fundraising events throughout the year. Thank you to everyone for your support and for the wonderful donation.

If you would like to find out more about fundraising for our charity please go to our website and get in touch. Please do follow us on instagram and facebook to keep up with all our activities.



Allegra's
AMBITION
Challenge yourself

**Winchester Coffee Morning
in aid of Allegra's Ambition**

Friday 8th November
09:00 – 12:00

**A small but perfectly curated fair of local produce:
Allegra's Ambition merchandise; cake sale; ChalkStream smoked trout;
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Snow Finel; Barbara Spence Jewellery and more...**



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