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HEAVY HORSE DRIVING COURSE

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend a day with magnificent Shire horses? We offer one-day courses at Wimpole Home Farm, part of the National Trust's Wimpole Estate in Cambridgeshire.

Each course is for 4 or 5 participants only; 10.00am to 4.00pm. Refreshments will be supplied for morning and afternoon breaks. Lunch is available for purchase at the Farm Kitchen (cafeteria).

Beginners' Course - £115 per person

No previous experience with horses is necessary, but participants need to be over the age of 16 years and physically fit to be able to manage a Shire horse when walking through a field and be able to manoeuvre a horse using just the reins.

The course begins with grooming to familiarise yourself with the horses (all geldings), followed by harnessing and walking behind a Shire giving him directions via the reins and verbal instructions. Then you progress to driving a sledge on grassland, manoeuvring around trees. In the afternoon, you have the opportunity to take the reins driving a one-horse cart through the Park. There should also be time for an escorted tour of the Farm Yard to see Wimpole's rare breed cattle, sheep, goats, etc. At the end of the day, if you don't want to rush away, you can help stable and feed the horses, or put them out in the field.

Intermediate Course - £115 per person

The aim of this course is to build on the skills learned on the Beginners' Course, to experience driving a pair of horses and the different harness required. If you already have experience of driving a cart, this course may be of interest to you.

If you wish to give a Heavy Horse Driving Course as a gift, please advise us at the time of booking so we can prepare a gift certificate and contact you directly and not spoil the surprise for the recipient.

Please contact Wendy Oakley at the Office at Wimpole Home Farm to discuss the availability of dates for booking. As these courses are popular, early booking is recommended.

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