

Fermanagh Harriers Branch of the Pony Club

Programme of Activities – 2025

	Date	Time	Details
*	Thurs 17 th April	pm	Cross Country Rally This rally is a great opportunity to get some cross country practice in before competitions later in the season. Open to all members. Please remember your back protector and skull cap are compulsory for cross country (see our rules page for details). Please book on our Booking Page so we can finalise coaches & arrangements. Venue: Ash Hollow Cross Country, Dromore, Co Tyrone Cost: £20 up to 75cm; £30 75cm up
*	Sat 19 th April		Easter Rally Hack & Snack Join your Pony Club friends for a Hack & Snack, including an Easter Egg Hunt. Please let us know you're coming via Booking Page , by Wed 16 th April. Venue: Necarne Cost: A smile and a thank you 😊
*	Sat 19th April – Date TBC see note	TBC	Spurs Test Training Rally & Test This session will cover the ridden aspect of the Spurs Test, including the actual exam. Don't forget, from 2025, members can only wear spurs if they have passed the Spurs or C+ Test. Please express an interest in taking this test via this form by 1 st April so that arrangements can be finalised. As far as possible, the sessions will be organised around members' availability. Venue: Necarne TBC Cost: £25 for series of 2 sessions (1 unmounted, 1 mounted)
	Mon 21 st April		East Down Derby – also part of Area 17 XC Series This competition involves showjumping and cross country phases, and is being hosted by the East Down Branch. Further details available here . Venue: Tyrella Please note - to compete in either the Area Event or Area Tetrathlon in the summer, you must compete in at least 2 of the Area 17 XC series, and have at least 1 clear XC phase. Further details available here .
*	Wed 23 rd April		Dressage Rally This rally is an opportunity to practice your dressage skills. Open to all members, and will be of particular interest to members competing in dressage at the Spring Festival the following weekend. There are 2 options available:- 1. For those who are new to dressage, or having their first go at riding a dressage test – a group dressage lesson (£10 each) 2. For those who want to practice ride a dressage test and get feedback – ½ hour individual slots available (£15 each) Please book via our Booking Page by 21 st April, so that times can be confirmed. Venue: Aldertree Equine Coach: Kyle Hayes

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	Sat 26 th – Sun 27 th April		<p>NI SPRING FESTIVAL FINAL <i>This year, the Spring Festival final is slightly later. There are classes in Dressage, Showjumping and Arena Eventing. All riders must qualify in advance, to be eligible to enter - see further details on this link or please ask.</i> <i>Venue: Necarne.</i></p> <p><i>NOTE: Each Branch in Northern Ireland hosts an Area Competition each year. This year, we are the hosting Branch for the SF Arena Eventing. This means that our Branch is responsible for running this competition. We therefore need everyone's support with this please, so please keep Sun 27th April free and volunteer to help. We'll need all sorts of duties covered – stewarding, call-up, arena party etc etc, so there will be something suitable for everyone, both on Sun 27th and the evening of Sat 26th. Please offer to help via this Sign-Up. Thank you</i></p>
*	Wed 30 th April	6:30pm	<p>Mounted Games Rally (1/4) A chance to practice mounted games in preparation for the Area Games competition – always an evening of fun and laughter! Open to all members, so come along and join in. It would be fab to have a team representing our Branch at the Area Games competition – there are classes from leadrein upwards, so please come along and join in. <i>NOTE: The weekday & venue for these practices will be finalised to suit members as far as possible – so please let us know what suits you as soon as you can.</i> (Post Script – Karin Lilly has been in touch with our junior members and found that Tuesday evenings suit the majority – hence 3 of the 4 practices are on Tuesdays). Please book on our Booking Page by 25th April Venue: Garvary Cost: £20 for series of 4 Coach: Gwen Kerton – NI Mounted Games Trainer</p>
*	Mon 5 th May	11am	<p>Cross Country Rally (rearranged from 22nd March) This is an opportunity to brush up your Cross Country skills at the start of the season. We've been going here regularly over the last number of years, and our members always enjoy the experience, and benefit from it. Open to all members, but please note that members jumping 65cm upwards will benefit the most. Please remember your back protector and skull cap are compulsory for cross country (see rules here for details). Please book on our Booking Page by 27th April so we can finalise coaches and arrangements. Venue: Carlanstown Cross Country Coach: Laura Whyte Cost: £30</p>
*	Tues 6 th May	6:30pm	<p>Mounted Games Rally (2/4) A chance to practice mounted games in preparation for the Area Games competition – always an evening of fun and laughter! Open to all members, so come along and join in. It would be fab to have a team representing our Branch at the Area Games competition – there are classes from leadrein upwards, so please come along and join in. <i>NOTE: The weekday & venue for these practices will be finalised to suit members as far as possible – so please let us know what suits you as soon as you can.</i> (Post Script – Karin Lilly has been in touch with our junior members and found that Tuesday evenings suit the majority – hence 3 of the 4 practices are on Tuesdays). Please book on our Booking Page by 25th April Venue: Garvary Cost: £20 for series of 4</p>

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	Mon 21 st April		<p>Mid Antrim 2-phase – also part of Area 17 XC Series</p> <p>This competition involves showjumping and cross country phases, and is being hosted by the Mid Antrim Branch. Further details will be shared when available. Venue: Laurelvew</p> <p>Please note - to compete in either the Area Event or Area Tetrathlon in the summer, you must compete in at least 2 of the Area 17 XC series, and have at least 1 clear XC phase. Further details available here.</p>
*	Tues 13 th May	6:30pm	<p>Mounted Games Rally (3/4)</p> <p>A chance to practice mounted games in preparation for the Area Games competition – always an evening of fun and laughter! Open to all members, so come along and join in. It would be fab to have a team representing our Branch at the Area Games competition – there are classes from leadrein upwards, so please come along and join in. <i>NOTE: The weekday & venue for these practices will be finalised to suit members as far as possible – so please let us know what suits you as soon as you can.</i> (Post Script – Karin Lilly has been in touch with our junior members and found that Tuesday evenings suit the majority – hence 3 of the 4 practices are on Tuesdays). Please book on our Booking Page by 25th April Venue: Garvary Cost: £20 for series of 4</p>
*	Tues 20 th May	6:30pm	<p>Mounted Games Rally (4/4)</p> <p>A chance to practice mounted games in preparation for the Area Games competition – always an evening of fun and laughter! Open to all members. It would be fab to have a team representing our Branch at the Area Games competition – there are classes from leadrein upwards, so please come along and join in. <i>NOTE: The weekday & venue for these practices will be finalised to suit members as far as possible – so please let us know what suits you as soon as you can.</i> (Post Script – Karin Lilly has been in touch with our junior members and found that Tuesday evenings suit the majority – hence 3 of the 4 practices are on Tuesdays). Please book on our Booking Page by 25th April Venue: Garvary Cost: £20 for series of 4</p>
	Sun 25 th May		<p>AREA 17 MOUNTED GAMES COMPETITION</p> <p><i>This is when teams from all of the Branches in NI compete against each other playing mounted games. Hosted this year by the East Down Branch.</i> <i>Venue: Oak Tree Farm, Hillsborough</i></p>
*	Thurs 12 th May	pm	<p>Cross Country Rally</p> <p>This cross country rally will focus on the technical aspects of cross country riding. It will be in an arena and is a pre-cursor to the rally later in the month out on the XC course. is a series of 2 mounted training sessions, focusing on development of previous training in preparation for summer competitions. Please book on the Booking Page by 14th May so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £20</p>

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*	Sat 31 st May	am	Try Tetrathlon Rally Tetrathlon is a 4 phase competition – swimming, running, riding and shooting (bean bag throwing for the under 8s). This rally will be an opportunity to try out these phases – although depending on when the Forum closes down we may not be able to swim. Please book on the Booking Page by 22 nd May so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £20
*	Wed 3rd June TBC	pm	Going for Silver Working Rally (1/2) This is a series of 2 mounted training sessions, focusing on development of previous training in preparation for summer competitions. Please book on the Booking Page by 24 th May so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £30 for series of 2
*	Thurs 5 th June	pm	Cross Country Rally This rally is a great opportunity to get some cross country practice in before competitions later in the season. Open to all members. Please remember your back protector and skull cap are compulsory for cross country (see our rules page for details). Please book on our Booking Page by 22 nd May so we can finalise coaches & arrangements. Venue: Necarne Cost: £25
	Sun 8 th June		East Antrim 2-phase – also part of Area 17 XC Series This competition involves showjumping and cross country phases, and is being hosted by the Mid Antrim Branch. Further details will be shared when available. Venue: Laurelview TBC Please note - to compete in either the Area Event or Area Tetrathlon in the summer, you must compete in at least 2 of the Area 17 XC series, and have at least 1 clear XC phase. Further details available here .
*	Tues 10 th June TBC	pm	Going for Silver Working Rally (2/2) This is a series of 2 mounted training sessions, focusing on development of previous training in preparation for summer competitions. Please book on the Booking Page by 24 th May so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £30 for series of 2
*	Sat 14th June	pm	Working Rally at CAFRE Open Day We've been invited to participate in the Open Day at CAFRE, and we plan to bring our new portable XC fence to practice the more technical aspects of this discipline. There will be fences suitable for all members, so please come along and help to show off our Branch to the public. Please book by 31 st May via our Booking Page . Venue: CAFRE Cost: £12

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*	Wed 18 th June TBC	pm	Going for Gold Working Rally (1/2) This is a series of 2 mounted training sessions, focusing on development of previous training in preparation for summer competitions. Please book on the Booking Page by 30 th May so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £30 for series of 2
	Sun 22 nd June		AREA 17 DRESSAGE COMPETITION <i>This is a chance to represent the Branch and compete against others from Branches and Centres across NI, and is hosted this year by the Tullylagan Branch. We'll share further details when we receive them.</i> <i>To be eligible for an Area Competition, you and your pony must have attended 3 rallies in the previous 12 months.</i> <i>Further details will be shared as we receive them via our Area Competitions Page</i> <i>Venue: The Meadows Equestrian Centre, Lurgan</i>
*	Wed 24 th June TBC	pm	Going for Gold Working Rally (2/2) This is a series of 2 mounted training sessions, focusing on development of previous training in preparation for summer competitions. Please book on the Booking Page by 30 th May so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £30 for series of 2
*	Thurs 26 th OR Fri 27 th June TBC	pm	Riding in the Countryside Under 12s Fun Rally This rally is open to our mini riders, and the focus will be on fun and getting used to riding in the open. Jumps will be mini cross poles up to around 45cm, so everyone, including those on the lead rein can come along and have a go. Thank you to the Bothwell family for hosting. Please book via our Booking Page by 18 th June. Venue: The Bothwells', St Angelo Cost: £8
	Sat 28 th June		AREA 17 EVENT <i>This is a chance to represent the Branch and compete against others from Branches and Centres across NI, and is hosted this year by the Route Hunt Branch. We'll share further details when we receive them. [Eventing is a 3 phase competition - dressage, showjumping and cross country. The Area Event classes start at 70cm.]</i> <i>To be eligible for an Area Competition, you and your pony must have attended 3 rallies in the previous 12 months.</i> <i>Further details will be shared as we receive them via our Area Competitions Page</i> <i>Venue: Dirraw Farm, Ballymoney</i>

PAST ACTIVITIES

*	Wed 16 th April	pm	Jump Ahead Working Rally (3/3) This is a series of 3 mounted training sessions, focusing on polework and jumping, including ringcraft. These rallies will support the preparation for the Spring Festival Final, but are open to all members. Please book on the Booking Page by 26 th March so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £45 for series of 3
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	Sat 13 th April		<p>Branch Tetrathlon (hosted by Iveagh Branch) – also part of Area 17 XC Series</p> <p>This tetrathlon is hosted by the Iveagh Branch. Tetrathlon is a 4 phase competition when members swim, shoot, run and ride, and points are allocated to determine overall placings. Further details available here.</p> <p>Venue: Palace Stables, Armagh</p> <p>Please note - to compete in either the Area Event or Area Tetrathlon in the summer, you must compete in at least 2 of the Area 17 XC series, and have at least 1 clear XC phase. Further details available here.</p>
	Sat 13 th April		<p>Mini Spring Festival</p> <p>The Area Games Committee is running a Spring Festival style competition with classes for our younger members to take part in dressage, showjumping and arena eventing. Heights of fences will run from 30cm assisted, to 60cm. A great opportunity for our minis to represent the Branch. Entries are via this link.</p> <p>Venue: Danescroft</p>
*	Thurs 10 th April – Date TBC - see note	pm	<p>Spurs Test Training Rally</p> <p>This is an unmounted session via zoom, and will cover the theory aspect of the Spurs Test. Don't forget, from 2025, members can only wear spurs if they have passed the Spurs or C+ Test.</p> <p>Please express an interest in Spurs Training & Test via this form by 1st April so that arrangements can be finalised. As far as possible, the sessions will be organised around members' availability.</p> <p>Venue: Online</p> <p>Cost: £25 for series of 2 sessions (1 unmounted, 1 mounted)</p>
*	Wed 9 th April	pm	<p>Jump Ahead Working Rally (2/3)</p> <p>This is a series of 3 mounted training sessions, focusing on polework and jumping, including ringcraft. These rallies will support the preparation for the Spring Festival Final, but are open to all members. Please book on the Booking Page by 26th March so that groups and times can be finalised.</p> <p>Venue: Necarne</p> <p>Cost: £45 for series of 3</p>
*	Tues 8 th April	7:30pm	<p>Parents' Meeting</p> <p>Our annual Parents' Meeting is an opportunity to come along and review 2024, and discuss the Branch. All parents welcome.</p> <p>Venue: Fermanagh House (beside KFC in Enniskillen)</p>
*	Wed 2 nd April	pm	<p>Jump Ahead Working Rally (1/3)</p> <p>This is a series of 3 mounted training sessions, focusing on polework and jumping, including ringcraft. These rallies will support the preparation for the Spring Festival Final, but are open to all members. Please book on the Booking Page by 26th March so that groups and times can be finalised.</p> <p>Venue: Necarne</p> <p>Cost: £45 for series of 3</p>

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*	Thurs 27 th March	pm	Flatwork for Jumping Rally This is a one off rally, open to all members. The focus will be on flatwork for jumping, in advance of the Jump Ahead rallies starting the following week. Please book on the Booking Page by 25 th March so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £15
*	Sat 29 th March	10:30am	Junior Fun Rally This is a fun rally for our junior riders – a chance to practice your riding, improve your skills and have some fun along the way. Open to riders who are 12 years or under. Please book on our Booking Page by 26 st March. Venue: Garvary Cost: £7
*	Sat 22 nd March	11am	Cross Country Rally This is an opportunity to brush up your Cross Country skills at the start of the season. We've been going here regularly over the last number of years, and our members always enjoy the experience, and benefit from it. Open to all members, but please note that members jumping 65cm upwards will benefit the most. Please remember your back protector and skull cap are compulsory for cross country (see rules here for details). Please book on our Bookings Page by 28 th February so we can finalise coaches and arrangements. Venue: Carlanstown Cross Country Cost: £25
*	Sat 15 th March	am	Forest Ride This is a chance to hack out with your Pony Club friends. Come along and enjoy a ride through the forest, and a picnic afterwards. Please let us know you are coming, by booking in by 9 th March on our Bookings Page Venue: Castlearchdale Cost: A smile and a thankyou ☺
	Sun 9 th March		Area Quiz <i>This is a chance to represent the Branch and compete against others from Branches and Centres across NI as part of a team from the Fermanagh Branch. There are junior and senior sections, and it is always a fun event. Please let us know if you are interested in being on a team by completing this form by 2nd February so that we can enter our teams. Please talk to Frances or Denise if you have any queries. This year the Area Quiz is being hosted by the Mid Antrim Branch.</i> Venue: TBC <i>Further details will be shared as we receive them</i>
	Sun 2 nd March	8:30am	Regional Tetrathlon Training Day (including qualifier) This is training event hosted by the Route Hunt Branch, and is run as a Triathlon, when members take part in the unmounted phases of Tetrathlon (i.e. swimming, running and shooting). This is also a qualifier for the Winter Triathlon Championships in Grantham, Lincolnshire) Keep an eye on the Area 17 Tetrathlon page for details. Venue: Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre, Ballymoney

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*	Sat 1 st 8 th March – note date change	am	Junior Fun Rally This is a fun rally for our junior riders – a chance to practice your riding, improve your skills and have some fun along the way. Open to riders who are 12 years or under. Please book on our Bookings Page by 21 st Feb. Venue: Aldertree Equine Cost: £10
*	Wed 26 th Feb	pm	Kick Start Working Rally (3/3) This is a series of 3 mounted training sessions, focusing on kick starting your preparations for the exciting 2025 season ahead. Everyone is welcome. Please book on the Bookings Page by 31 st January so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £45 for series of 3
*	Tues 25 th Feb	7pm	C Test Training (6/6) Open to members who have D+ Test and have received invitation. Preparation for the theory aspects of the Pony Club C Test. Venue: Online Cost: £55 for the series of 6 sessions
*	Sat 22 nd Feb	pm	Horse & Pony Care Unmounted Rally (4/4) This is a series of 4 stable management sessions focusing on badgework and quiz preparation. Everyone is welcome, as we are planning groups suitable for all members. Please book on the Bookings Page by Sun 5th Jan so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: tbc see Members' Only Pages for details. Cost: £30 for series of 4
*	Wed 19 th Feb	pm	Kick Start Working Rally (2/3) This is a series of 3 mounted training sessions, focusing on kick starting your preparations for the exciting 2025 season ahead. Everyone is welcome. Please book on the Bookings Page by 31 st January so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: Necarne Cost: £45 for series of 3
*	Tues 18 th Feb	7pm	C Test Training (5/6) Open to members who have D+ Test and have received invitation. Preparation for the theory aspects of the Pony Club C Test. Venue: Online Cost: £55 for the series of 6 sessions
	Sun 16 th Feb	8:30am	Regional Tetrathlon Training Day This is training event hosted by the Seskinore Branch, and is run as a Triathlon, when members take part in the unmounted phases of Tetrathlon (i.e. swimming, running and shooting). Keep an eye on the Area 17 Tetrathlon page for details. Venue: Omagh Leisure Centre

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*	Tues 11 th Feb	7pm	C Test Training (4/6) Open to members who have D+ Test and have received invitation. Preparation for the theory aspects of the Pony Club C Test. Venue: Online Cost: £55 for the series of 6 sessions
*	Sat 8 th Feb	pm	Horse & Pony Care Unmounted Rally (3/4) This is a series of 4 stable management sessions focusing on badgework and quiz preparation. Everyone is welcome, as we are planning groups suitable for all members. Please book on the Bookings Page by Sun 5th Jan so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: tbc see Members' Only Pages for details. Cost: £30 for series of 4
*	Tues 4 th Feb	7pm	C Test Training (3/6) Open to members who have D+ Test and have received invitation. Preparation for the theory aspects of the Pony Club C Test. Venue: Online Cost: £55 for the series of 6 sessions
	Sun 2 nd Feb	8:30am	Regional Tetrathlon Training Day (including qualifier) This is training event hosted by the East Antrim Branch, and is run as a Triathlon, when members take part in the unmounted phases of Tetrathlon (i.e. swimming, running and shooting). This is also a qualifier for the Winter Triathlon Championships in Grantham, Lincolnshire) Keep an eye on the Area 17 Tetrathlon page for details. Venue: Larne Leisure Centre
*	Thurs 30 th Jan	Eve	Shooting Practice Open to all members who are interested in Tetrathlon from the Tadpoles class upwards, and/or members who want to have a go :-). Book by Sun 19th, by commenting on the post in the Facebook Members Group , and Debbie will allocate a timeslot for you. Venue: Cloughcor House, Lisbellaw, by kind invitation of the Black family. Cost: £2/head contribution towards targets and pellets
*	Tues 28 th Jan	7pm	C Test Training (3/6) Open to members who have D+ Test and have received invitation. Preparation for the theory aspects of the Pony Club C Test. Venue: Online Cost: £55 for the series of 6 sessions
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*	Tues 14 th Jan	7pm	C Test Training (1/6) Open to members who have D+ Test and have received invitation. Preparation for the theory aspects of the Pony Club C Test. Venue: Online Cost: £55 for the series of 6 sessions
*	Sat 11th Jan	pm	Horse & Pony Care Unmounted Rally (1/4) This is a series of 4 stable management sessions focusing on badgework and quiz preparation. Everyone is welcome, as we are planning groups suitable for all members. Please book on the Bookings Page by Sun 5th Jan so that groups and times can be finalised. Venue: tbc see Members' Only Pages for details. Cost: £30 for series of 4
	Sun 5th Jan	8:30am	Regional Tetrathlon Training Day This is training event, run as a Triathlon, and hosted by the North Down Branch where everyone has the opportunity to take part in the unmounted phases of Tetrathlon (i.e. swimming, running and shooting). Keep an eye on the Area 17 Tetrathlon page for details. Venue: Ards Leisure Centre, Newtownards

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*	Sat 4 th Jan	Eve	Shooting Practice (for those competing on Sun 5th) This is a shooting practice for those members who are entered for the Triathlon Training Day on Sun 5 th January (there will be further shooting practices open to ALL members later in the month). Please book by Fri 3rd, by commenting on the post in the Facebook Members Group , and Debbie will allocate a timeslot for you. Venue: Cloughcor House, Lisbellaw, by kind invitation of the Black family. Cost: £2/head contribution towards targets and pellets