



ENDURANCE GB Lancashire Group

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Dear Friend of Lancashire,

You may recall I mentioned in the last EGB Lancs Group Newsletter that Endurance GB was considering the introduction of a National Associate Membership Scheme. This was in response to the membership's request for an alternative to the full riding membership, a request which is obviously very much needed if the membership of local EGB Group Schemes such as 'Friends of Lancashire' is anything to go by. I am pleased to let you know that this has now been fully approved and you are now able to join EGB National as an Associate Member for only £15 per year, i.e. the same cost as Friends of Lancashire was. Not only that but there is no joining fee to pay either, so I really do think that it is a very good scheme.

Local EGB groups are now all offering this form of Associate Membership, and whilst the National Office at Stoneleigh will be issuing the membership numbers etc, the scheme will still be administered by the local group i.e. The Lancashire Committee, and also the membership fee will remain with us, the local group. I also need to make you aware that as that because of the introduction of this scheme, the Friends of Lancashire Scheme ceased at the end of the membership year on 31st December 2007.

We feel that the benefits for you as a member are considerably improved from Friends of Lancashire, as you will now also receive the National EGB Handbook and EGB Magazine. You will also be able to enter other Local Group's Pleasure and Training Rides at members rates, but not unfortunately National Competitive Rides as you would not be a Full Riding Member.

Another bonus is the inclusion of Family Membership for £20, with no restriction on the number of Family Members resident at the same address. Also if you wish to upgrade to a Full Member of EGB, within a year of originally joining as an Associate Member, then the joining fee for full EGB membership will be waived. You will be able to attend all Local Group Meetings, and although you would be eligible to attend the National AGM, you are not eligible to vote nationally.

*On the Insurance front, Associate Members will be covered by the current EGB Insurance Agreement (Public Liability), but **only** at Group Training or Social Rides*

or events. This cover does not apply at any other time or extend to Non-Competitive or Pleasure Rides linked to Competitive Rides advertised in the National Ride Schedule; a supplementary fee of £5.00 Temporary Day Membership must be paid for entry to these rides.

*Additionally would receive the Local Group Newsletter , as you have done up to now as a paid up Friend of Lancashire, and would also be able to claim kilometerage from **approved** Lancashire Group Rides contributing to the Annual Lancs Group Trophies.*

I hope that this new scheme seems attractive to you, and that you are able to continue your support of our Local Group by joining as an Associate EGB Member. An application form is enclosed, along with a "Poster" which you may wish to circulate amongst friends and potential members. You will also find a Lancs Group Horse Registration Form to be completed so we can issue you with a Ride Record Card to enable you to claim your Trophy Kilometerage. Please complete these as appropriate, and send with a cheque for the relevant amount payable to EGB Lancs Group, to Maxine Lang our new Associate Membership Secretary. Please do not forget to send a LARGE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE for return of your cards. Initially, It may take a couple of weeks to return these to you, so do not worry if they do not arrive by return of post, but in the meantime if you have a ride for which you need to show your membership number, please write 'Associate Membership Applied For' on the Entry Form, and you should be able to enter at members rates.

If you have any queries at all regarding this scheme please do not hesitate to contact me on 01772 436043, or email me suetaylorgreen@hotmail.com.

In the meantime, please do not forget our Annual Presentation Night on Saturday 26th January 2008, as was advertised in the Christmas Newsletter. We really do hope you are able to attend – if you have lost the booking details for this, again please contact me urgently.

I hope that you have enough information to make the choice to join as an Associate Member and look forward to receiving you membership application form.

Yours Sincerely

*Sue Taylor-Green
EGB Lancs Group Chairperson*