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LED screens on racecourses

You will no doubt have seen the reports on the introduction of LED screens on racecourses. These will be situated on the landing side of steeplechase fences and according to media coverage, will potentially increase significantly the revenue racecourses will receive from this advertising opportunity.

The NTF was involved in the consultation about the new screens. Our priority was the safety of horse and rider and for this reason we pushed for there to be no moving images while horses on the track, i.e. going to post or competing in a race. We also made sure it was explained that the method of powering the screens did not pose a risk.

More information available about EU citizens' registration scheme

In the 18th July edition of NTFW and in our latest newsletter, we reported on the arrangements the Government will introduce to register settled EU citizens in this country after Brexit.

The Government has now issued more guidance and resources for employers to support their EU workers. You can access them [online](#) and they include a “toolkit”, briefing pack, several leaflets and a poster.

Although the registration scheme isn't open yet and is being phased in later this year, employees can sign up to get more information on the status of EU citizens in the UK after we leave Europe.

Careers service aims to support retention

The BHA's Careers in Racing team, in conjunction with Racing Together, the industry's community engagement organisers, are running an 'Explore Racing' day in Newmarket on Friday 24 August.

The day aims to give a wide range of community groups an in-depth, hands on explanation of the racing industry and will include talks on career options as well as a tour of the British Racing School and an afternoon of racing at Newmarket's July Course. The variety of career options will be discussed with a focus on opening up the racing world to young people who

may have an interest in joining the industry.

A large number of attendees are expected with groups being invited from Active Communities Network, Flying Futures, Ride High, Vauxhall City Farm and a number of young people currently involved with the Pony Racing Authority's Youth Training Scheme.

Don't miss this training if you want to strengthen your business

Not many trainers have business management experience when they start training horses. We all know how hard it is to maintain a sustainable business as a racehorse trainer so the management training modules we have put on with the support of The Racing Foundation are a great way to strengthen your business.

Read what one delegate to the Newmarket module said,
"I just wanted to thank you and the NTF for supporting the management training day at the BRS yesterday. The consensus among attendees was of how useful this training is to senior staff and how greatly it will impact morale in yards. Hopefully, it will continue to reach as many trainers, and industry staff members, as possible."

The module is designed to help trainers recruit and retain exceptional staff teams. It is about sharing ideas, tips and support to match the team award criteria and make other wider ranging changes. They are geared to the criteria for the Lycetts Team Champion Award and attending will be a boost to your nomination for the 2019 award.

The modules are delivered by Peter Burnet, who already runs management training for the racing industry at the British Racing School. Trainers either attending the modules or sending representatives in 2017 included Luca Cumani, Ann Duffield, William Haggas, Mark Johnston (Lycetts Team Champion Award shortlisted), Martin Keighley (LTCA shortlisted), Seamus Mullins (LTCA shortlisted), Jonjo O'Neill, George Scott, Suzy Smith (LTCA shortlisted.)

Book now for the remaining event at

- **Cheltenham on Wednesday 12th September**
- **Kelso on Wednesday 3rd October**

The training runs from 10.00 to 16.30 with lunch and refreshments provided. Dress is casual / work clothes. The day will consist of a mix of activities, discussion and some new ideas. There is no formal preparation for the day and please come with an open mind!

To book places

This year there is a charge of £100 + vat per place. To book yourself and up to one other staff member onto any of the three days please contact the NTF at teamchampion@racehorsetrainers.org or ring 01488 71794.

Horsebox for sale

A member of the Racehorse Transporters Association has the following horsebox for sale. Photos are available on request.

Oakley Racemaster, 3.5t. First reg November 2014. Mileage 56k. In superb condition. £34,500 + vat. Call K S Waddington Horse Transport : 07860 552584

Regulation deadlines

- **1 October 2018** – Level 2 safety vest mandatory for jockeys for race riding
- **January 2019** – Changes to Racing Calendar and Programme Book take effect