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Fantastic Funding for Woodland Pytchley Hunt Pony Club

The Woodland Pytchley Hunt Branch of The Pony Club, have recently applied for and been awarded a £9,979 'Small Grant' from Sport England, which they use to acquire a full set of new show jumps.

The Sport England Small Grants Programme uses lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations, to deliver new community projects to either grow or sustain participation in sport or to support talent development.

The Woodland Pytchley Hunt Pony Club Branch has over 150 active Members who train and compete. "Our members are dedicated and talented young riders, who identified a need for better training fences to prepare themselves and their ponies, safely and successfully, to compete at a variety of different events" says Jaquie Burrage, District Commissioner of the Branch. The small grant application consisted of a series of questions about why the funding is needed, how it would benefit people in the area, planned use of the small grant and how the equipment purchased would enhance the sporting achievements of the Members and create new opportunities. "We based our grant on the fact that a significant proportion of our Members, who are from less affluent areas, do not have access to more experienced ponies or the facilities to train", said Jacquie, "purchasing these new show jumps will enhance the opportunities we offer our Members, developing their talents and enabling them to excel"

The Branch also runs a number of events open to those who are not Members of The Pony Club, which the new jumps will be used for, with the aim of increasing the number of local riders using their facilities, and in turn enhancing the fundraising opportunities for the Branch.

Notes to Editors:

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Further details about the Woodland Pytchley Hunt Branch can be found on their website: <http://branches.pcuk.org/woodlandpytchley/>

For further details about Sport England and the Small Grants Scheme visit: <http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx>

The Pony Club is a registered Charity (1050146). Established in 1929 it currently has 345 Branches and around 600 Centres (for those who do not own their own pony/horse) throughout the UK, which provide training and competitions for approximately 50,000 Members. Further details about The Pony Club can be found at www.pcuk.org