

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



FROM ALL THE TEAM AT
PINKHAM EQUINE!

Happy Christmas to all our wonderful clients. We are very lucky to work with such a great group of people. Thank you for trusting us with the veterinary care of your horses. Thank you also for advocating the practice to others. We have grown again this year, and the vast majority of new clients come from word-of-mouth recommendations, so we are very grateful.

I hope you have an excellent Christmas and New Year!
See you in 2026!

Best wishes,
Charlie

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PINKHAM EQUINE CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS:

As always, we are open 24/7 over Christmas to provide an excellent service to our clients and their horses.
Please call 01722 741188 if you need us for anything!

The OFFICE will be open during the following hours:

WED 24TH DECEMBER 2025	Vets normal service 24hrs. OFFICE 0800 - 1300HRS
THU 25th DECEMBER 2025 (CHRISTMAS DAY)	Emergency vet cover 24hrs. OFFICE CLOSED
FRI 26th DECEMBER 2025 (BOXING DAY)	Emergency vet cover 24hrs. OFFICE CLOSED
SAT 27TH DECEMBER 2025	Emergency vet cover 24hrs. OFFICE CLOSED
SUN 28TH DECEMBER 2025	Emergency vet cover 24hrs. OFFICE CLOSED
MON 29TH DECEMBER 2025	Vets normal service 24hrs. OFFICE 0800 - 1700HRS
TUE 30TH DECEMBER 2025	Vets normal service 24hrs. OFFICE 0800 - 1700HRS
WED 31ST DECEMBER 2025	Vets normal service 24hrs. OFFICE 0800 - 1700HRS
THU 1ST JANUARY 2026	Emergency vet cover 24hrs. OFFICE CLOSED
FRI 2ND JANUARY 2026	Vets normal service 24hrs. OFFICE 0800 - 1700HRS FOR THE REST OF 2026!

PRE-SEASON EQUINE CHECKS

Pre-season checks are essential for competition horses because they provide a comprehensive picture of the horse's physical readiness before training intensity increases. A thorough veterinary exam can identify subtle issues - such as early joint inflammation, dental irregularities, or muscle imbalances - before they develop into performance-limiting injuries. Evaluations of hoof condition, gait, and cardiovascular fitness also ensure the horse begins the season in optimal health, reducing the risk of setbacks during training or competition.

The identification of any issues can permit the tailoring of training programmes to support specific regions of the horse, as well as allowing the scheduling of joint medication at the most optimum time of the season. Pre-season assessments also give riders confidence that their horse is physically and mentally prepared for the demands ahead, ultimately enhancing performance, longevity, and overall welfare throughout the competitive season.

Please do call or Whatsapp the office on 07572 167343 if you think that your horse may benefit from a pre-season check!

Rich Bristow BVetMed CertAVP(EL) MRCVS
Veterinary Surgeon



CURRENT PRACTICE IMPROVEMENTS

Looking forwards into 2026, we are currently upgrading our back-office systems to allow the vets to have better access to patients records on the road and provide a number of improvements for the practice. In time, this will also allow us to provide a portal for clients to access and manage their accounts and appointments remotely which will be an exciting advancement in our client service to you.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

NEW TEAM MEMBER

PINKHAM EQUINE IS EXCITED TO WELCOME

ABBEY
PRACTICE ADMINISTRATOR



Abbey joined the team in November 2025 as a Practice Administrator and is excited to return to the equine industry.

Abbey has spent the last five years building experience in accountancy and administration; alongside her financial experience, she brings a strong equine background, having previously worked in riding schools and supported equine assisted therapy for a charity. With her blend of financial expertise, organisational skills, and lifelong passion for horses, Abbey is committed to supporting the smooth and efficient running of the practice, including making great strides with integrating our new database software that will significantly improve our client service into 2026!

Outside of work Abbey enjoys spending time with her own horse and exploring the countryside with her dog, Jasper.

NEW HOME FOR PRACTICE MANAGER CATH

Practice Manager Cath has recently moved house with her daughter Ellie and cat Belle! They are currently without hot water and décor, but, of course, have a Christmas Tree in situ! The house is a long-term project, but Cath is busy getting as much as possible done before the UK thoroughbred season 2026 gets into full swing!



G'DAY FROM DOWN-UNDER

As many of you may remember, vet Amber jetted off to Australia in August for the southern hemisphere stud season to work at world renowned Scone Equine Hospital, in the heart of the horse capital of Australia.

Over the past few months, Amber has been busy servicing several large Thoroughbred stud farms in the region and has thoroughly enjoyed getting to experience life 'down under'.

From the daily commute consisting of waving 'good morning' to the local kangaroos, having a Huntsman spider living in her car and spectating at her first ever rodeo. Amber has had the true Aussie experience!

As the southern hemisphere season draws to a close, and with plentiful newfound skills and knowledge, Amber is very much looking forward to putting all she's learned into practice when she arrives back with us in January for the 2026 breeding season!



Beka is also having a fantastic time working for the very busy Crown Equine Group in Australia. She is based near Canberra and has been working across the groups different sites including a trip to the Melbourne Cup. The secondment has strongly developed her interest in lameness work, and we are looking forward hearing all about it when she is back in January to rejoin Pinkham Equine full-time.



I am delighted to let you know that we have joined the global leading group of equine practices, Altano Group, which also includes Scone Equine Hospital, Australia, see above!

It puts us in collaboration with some fantastic equine veterinary hospitals and clinics worldwide, and I am proud to have become a part of it. The team, the management of the practice and our commitment to "providing excellence in clinical care for you horses and the best possible service to our clients" remains the same.

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IN CLINICAL
CARE FOR YOUR HORSES"

Please give me a call anytime if you would like to find out more about it.

Charlie - 07780111421

