

1 April 2026

PWPC MAIN CAMP 2026

Venue: Milton Keynes Equestrian Centre (MKEC), Castlethorpe Rd, Hanslope,
Milton Keynes, MK19 7HQ

Dates: Arrive morning of Saturday, 25 July; depart afternoon of Wednesday, 29
July

Dear Parents and Members,

We are very excited to bring you details of our 2026 PWPC Main Camp, when we will be returning to enjoy the fabulous facilities at MKEC.

What does MKEC have to offer?

MKEC has everything we need to provide a fun and educational camp:

- A camping area close to the stables
- A spacious and homely clubhouse, where we will eat and socialise
- Showers
- Cross-country for all, including a mini course in an enclosed area, as well as the main course with fences up to 110cm (and a new water complex)
- Surface and grass arenas
- A huge area for hacking
- Large stables to accommodate members with bigger ponies and horses
- Turnout paddocks, allowing us to meet the welfare needs of ponies and horses where necessary

Something new for this year!

This year, we will be introducing more choice at camp. If your interests are predominantly flatwork and you would prefer not to jump, you can state this preference on your entry form. If members change their mind while at camp and would like to try jumping, they are very welcome to do so.

We will also be offering a day rally for our 9/10 year-old members, giving them a taste of what Main Camp is all about.

What to expect

Over the five days, members will receive two ridden sessions each day, apart from arrival day (when there will be one session) and one additional day when ponies will have either a morning or afternoon off.

We will have access to all facilities and will make full use of them: the cross-country course (including water, ditches, slopes, and varied terrain), show jumping, and flatwork training on both surface and grass arenas.

There will be daily horse and pony care sessions, and we will be visited by a couple of specialist external speakers. Other features include traditional cake time and tack cleaning, evening games, and shared routine jobs such as the ever-popular muck heap tidy!

Camp is a fantastic opportunity for members to bond with their ponies, spend time with friends, and be both challenged and supported as they develop their equestrian skills.

Cost

£475

Bookings open tonight at 7pm and can be secured with a deposit of **£75**.

Places are limited. If camp is oversubscribed, preference will be given in the following order:

- Members aged 11–16 at the time of camp
- Members who have attended at least three rallies/training sessions between 1 September 2025 and 1 May 2026
- Thereafter, in order of receipt of deposit

Main Camp is primarily aimed at members aged 11–16. Younger members may attend at the discretion of the Committee. All members are expected to care for their own pony; however, supervision and guidance from our stable manager and older members will always be available.

Pony requirements

Ponies must be at least five years old, fit, recently shod or trimmed (if barefoot), and fully vaccinated against Equine Influenza and Tetanus. Tack must be correctly fitted and safe.

Human and equine accommodation

Members stay in tents, trailers or horseboxes and enjoy sharing with friends. However, we do understand that older members may prefer more privacy. Please state your intended camping arrangement on the booking form. If not yet known, you may provide this information later.

Your pony will have a stable. One bale of shavings is included, and hay is available at an additional cost (cost of which TBC). You will need to bring any

hard feed required and your own hay if preferred. Additional shavings can be purchased on site if required.

A full kit list will be sent out nearer the time.

Arrival and departure

To make the most of our time at MKEC, members should arrive on the morning of **Saturday, 25 July**, set up camp, and then say goodbye to parents. After lunch, we will hold a start-of-camp briefing followed by an afternoon ride.

Wednesday, 29 July will be our final day when parents are invited to join us for the last ride, followed by presentations and awards to mark the end of camp. Further details will be shared in due course, but for now, please block out your diaries.

Payment schedule

To secure a place, please pay a **£75 non-refundable deposit** via the PWPC bookings page.

The remaining balance may be paid in full or in instalments by BACS, as follows:

- 26 May: £200
- 26 June: £200

For any questions about Main Camp, please contact Emma Hogg on 07970 926590 or email puckeridgewestern@pcuk.org (please include "Main Camp" in the subject line).

Best wishes,