

## **Hartland Carriages Open day – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

The Hampshire BDS ran a training/open day at Hartland Carriages, by very kind invitation of Joanne and Michael Hartland.

In absolutely atrocious weather, nearly 50 people attended with AC Sam Searle showing how to correctly harness up and put to a single horse.

This was followed by Michael giving a talk on carriage maintenance.

Sam then showed how to correctly harness up and put to a pair of horses.

We then stopped for lunch which was provided by the Hampshire Area.

After lunch, Joanne talked us through her traditional carriages and the history of each.

We then went through all of the modern carriages, which would fit from Shetlands to Shires!

The day was finished by discussing everyday carriage driving essentials from whips to bits, from aprons to hi-viz signs and tabards.

Many thanks to everyone who came.