

# A happy ending for two of Essex's last police horses

Submitted by: Insight Marketing Concepts

Wednesday, 30 January 2013

---

The Horse Trust (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk>) is proud to have become home to two of Essex Police's last police horses, Patrick (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/residents/police-horses/patrick/>) and Trojan (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/residents/police-horses/trojan/>). These horse heroes, who can no longer be ridden due to health problems, will spend the rest of their lives enjoying a peaceful retirement in the Chiltern Hills.

Patrick and Trojan had a busy and varied career with Essex Police and highlights include policing the London 2012 Olympics, Premiership and Championship football matches, an English Defence League demonstration, the Southend air show and V festival. Patrick, a 16.3hh Czech Warmblood gelding is only 12 years old but has been retired from his police duties due to arthritis and lameness in his back legs. Trojan, a 16.3hh Shire x Thoroughbred is 14 years old and had been suffering with a variety of health issues, including painful stomach ulcers. Both horses have settled well in to their new life in the country and are looking very fit and healthy.

They are two of the last Essex Police Horses as the Mounted Section has recently been disbanded in order to save money. Patrick and Trojan are much missed by their riders who are now looking ahead to a new challenge in their police career without a horse. Most of Patrick and Trojan's fellow police horses will be rehomed to other Police Forces or private homes across the UK. As Patrick and Trojan can no longer be ridden they were sent to The Horse Trust, a Buckinghamshire-based charity, where they will spend the rest of their days grazing in the Chiltern Hills. The charity provides a dignified retirement for working horses like Patrick and Trojan who have spent a lifetime bravely serving their county or community in the Police or Military.

They may both be heroes, but these two Essex boys could not be more different. Patrick, who's registered name is Sharon, is a gentle giant who can regularly be seen prancing round the fields like a dressage champion and making new friends. Trojan on the other hand has made his presence known in his new field and has been busy showing his fellow retired police and army horses who is boss!

The Horse Trust is currently closed to visitors for repair and renovation work to build much-needed new facilities for the 100 retired and rescued horses, ponies and donkeys in their care. However, Patrick and Trojan's new fans will be able to them in his new home when the Trust re-opens in spring 2013.

The Horse Trust's Chief Executive, Jeanette Allen said "We are proud to be able to offer Patrick and Trojan the dignified retirement they deserve after years of brave and loyal service with the Essex Police. It is wonderful to bring a little bit of Essex to the Buckinghamshire countryside. They are both gorgeous horses with great characters and are very welcome additions to our herd".

It costs £12 per day to care for each horse at The Horse Trust and we need to raise £4,380 per year to provide Patrick (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/residents/police-horses/patrick/>) and Trojan (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/residents/police-horses/trojan/>) with the retirement they deserve. These two horses have made Essex proud and now they need your help. Please visit [www.horsetrust/essexboy](http://www.horsetrust/essexboy) (<http://www.horsetrust/essexboy>) and donate today to show your support

(<http://www.horsetrust/essexboy>).

-Ends-

#### Notes for Editors

1. The Horse Trust (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk>), founded in 1886, is the oldest horse charity in the UK. Based at Speen, Buckinghamshire, it provides a place of retreat for working horses that have served their country or community and nurtures them throughout their final years. The charity also gives sanctuary to horses, ponies and donkeys that have suffered and need special treatment. The Horse Trust funds non-invasive research that advances knowledge of equine diseases, improving diagnosis and treatment and reducing suffering among equines worldwide. The charity also offers training for professionals and owners, with a focus on equine welfare and quality of life assessment.

2. The Horse Trust (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk>) depends on the support of the public to look after retired working horses. It costs the charity an average of £12 per day to look after each horse at the sanctuary, which includes the costs of grooms, forage, farriery and veterinary care. To donate to The Horse Trust, please visit [www.horsetrust.org.uk](http://www.horsetrust.org.uk), or contact the charity on 01494 488 464 or [info@horsetrust.org.uk](mailto:info@horsetrust.org.uk).

3. The Horse Trust's (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk>) Home of Rest for Horses in Buckinghamshire is currently closed to the public as we are undertaking extensive repair and renovation work. This work includes replacing the 40 year old stable blocks, building a new intensive care unit and equine treatment clinic to help better care for rescued and retired working horses at our Home of Rest. We will also build our first ever sand school and horse walker which will provide therapeutic exercise for our older horses and ponies and be used for backing and training younger rescued horses. The Horse Trust will re-open to visitors in spring/summer 2013.

For further information please contact:

The Horse Trust (<http://www.horsetrust.org.uk>)

Catherine Napper

T 01494 540024

M: 07900 905199

E: [catherine@horsetrust.org.uk](mailto:catherine@horsetrust.org.uk)

W [www.horsetrust.org.uk](http://www.horsetrust.org.uk)

PR Agency

Insight Group Marketing

Mark Robson

T: 0845 643 6181

M: 07785 395 499

E: [markr@insightgroup.co.uk](mailto:markr@insightgroup.co.uk)

W: [www.insightgroup.co.uk](http://www.insightgroup.co.uk)