

## World Horse Welfare – a first hand account by club member Caroline Storey

At last year's AGM I reported on the fund raising I have been doing for [World Horse Welfare](#). The money has gone directly into Romania and so far about sixteen farriers have been trained which should more or less cover the whole country. The local horse owners rely on their horses to earn them a living, and sadly its not unusual for them to have a go at shoeing themselves. You can imagine the suffering caused.

I raised over the target of £2,000, eventually getting about £2,500 and have decided to continue collecting for this charity in the long term. You will see the boxes in several local saddlers and from time to time I will send the proceeds up to the WHW Centre in Norwich. I would like to thank everyone who has donated.

There was a carrot dangled by the charity as a reward for all this fundraising; a six day riding trek across Romania in June. This was a fantastic experience, great fun. We were a group of six plus two guides from the riding centre. We travelled right up into the hills of Transylvania, riding hard and fast for about 6 hours each day and covering about 190 kms in all. We stayed in different places each night and met interesting hosts each time. The horses were great, the group was fun, the open countryside beautiful, the food and accommodation varied, basic but adequate. Sometimes we stayed with the locals, but were always well looked after. It really was an amazing time. I definitely recommend the charity for its good organisation on these treks, they really made sure everything was arranged well The flights and trekking centre were booked through a company called In the Saddle.



*Caroline is in the middle of the picture*

When I got back I wrote a detailed diary about the trek, which I can email to anyone sad enough to want to read it and also the address of [WHW](#) if you want to know more about the charity, its fund raising and organised treks run by them. The main aim at present is trying to stop the awful live transport of horses across mainland Europe on their journey to slaughter.

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