

STUD FARM CELEBRATION



Planning and running a more environmentally friendly stud farm celebration.

The TBA recognises that a healthy environment is fundamental to the prosperity and wellbeing of the thoroughbred breeding industry and an integral component of equine health and welfare.



Here are some top tips for when you are planning and running your stud farm celebration.

- 1 Appoint a member of the team as your sustainability champion, to lead, encourage and coordinate more sustainable practices – think about:
 - > What is required?
 - > Where does it come from?
 - > What is it made from?
 - > What is it packaged in?
 - > What will happen to it afterwards?
- 2 Send digital invitations and event communications or put updates on existing black/white boards in staff rooms.
- 3 Choose decorations that can be reused and that won't end up in landfill. Consider solar-powered lighting (*everyone loves fairy lights*) for evening celebrations.
- 4 Try to source all items locally and select seasonally available produce. Home-grown produce reduces packaging, transport and the use of chemicals.

- 5 Ask guests to bring their own reusable cups, and use plates and cutlery that can either be washed or recycled, or consider hiring equipment.
- 6 Stay away from single-use plastics wherever possible.



Did you know? The sale and use of many single-use plastics are banned in Scotland, whilst restrictions on single-use plastics are to be introduced in England this October and a phased approach is planned for Wales from this autumn.

- 7 Aim to minimise food waste by asking guests to RSVP in advance of shopping for your event. Encourage guests to bring containers so that any surplus food can be shared out and taken home to enjoy later. Consider preparing or cooking food in batches and serving only as platters are emptied. Compost any food waste.
- 8 Clearly label boxes and bins for ease of sorting and recycling similar items (e.g., separating glass bottles from drinks cans or putting aside contaminated packaging for rinsing prior to recycling).

Most importantly – have a great time!

FAQS

What is better for the environment – a gas or charcoal BBQ?

Whilst both release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, gas barbeques release far less than charcoal. If you do use a charcoal BBQ, check whether the wood has been sustainably produced and try to avoid petroleum-based firelighters – use a handful of wood shavings instead.

How can we offset the carbon footprint of our party?

After taking measures to reduce carbon emissions, why not plant a tree?



Find out more on the
TBA's Sustainability Hub