



Sustainability Week – SkyBlue Gateshead

Business Unit:

SkyBlue Solutions

Date:

2nd June 2009

Location:

Gateshead

In partnership with:

The Washington Riding Centre

Key contacts:

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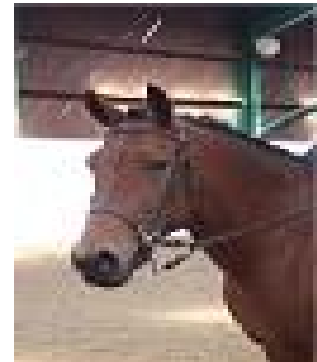
Katie Smith – Resource Consultant

Business Benefits

Raise disability awareness of young people, to encourage Volunteering, and promote care in the community using education to conquer prejudice.

Community Benefits

Made an impact on the lives and daily routines of physically disabled children and adults, providing weekly horse riding lessons and training.



Support worker and horse rider learner at The Washington Riding Centre

During the first week of June 2009, two members of SkyBlue Gateshead took part in volunteering for the day at a local riding school. The Washington Riding Centre, caters for mentally and physically disabled children and adults providing riding lessons every week.

Donna and Katie from Gateshead Branch, spent their time helping out within the stables, cleaning facilities, grooming the horses and mucking out the yard. Katie Smith explained, "It was a rewarding experience to be involved in such a worthy cause".

Tracey Steele, Volunteer Manager from the centre said, "We are a small organisation that benefits heavily from volunteers. We provide an area for those in attendance who like to take the time out to use the facilities and enjoy the farm life within our stables".

The riding school has been recognised as a healing therapy that brings a new dimension to restricted lives and encourages independence.