

A low-angle, close-up photograph of several brown horses galloping across a lush green grassy field. The horses are in full stride, with their front legs extended forward and back legs pushing off. The focus is sharp on the horses' legs and hooves, while the background is slightly blurred, emphasizing the speed and motion of the race.

# RACING CHAPLAINCY

— LEADING THE FIELD —

**SPORTS  
CHAPLAINCY UK**<sup>d</sup>  
SERVING SPORT THROUGH EXCELLENCE IN CHAPLAINCY

IN  
PARTNERSHIP  
WITH

**RACINGWELFARE**   
Help for racing's people in need

## Our Focus

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Sports Chaplaincy UK works in partnership with Racing Welfare and the rest of the racing community to support, encourage and to be a safe port of call for those whom may need support.

## Our Objectives

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Sports Chaplaincy UK is the charity that facilitates, trains, supports and encourages chaplains for the benefit of the whole racing community, people of faith and of no faith. It is recognised that there is a need for high quality pastoral and spiritual care, this generally involves visiting offices and training facilities on a weekly basis and being available to listen and bring support to all. Each chaplain will bring with them a vast range of skills, knowledge and expertise. A chaplain should be extremely supportive and bring a non judgemental, listening ear and empathetic and compassionate presence.

## Sports Chaplaincy UK Values

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**Presence**, talks about being there. A Chaplain becomes a connection point from which a journey of building trust and building relationship begins.

**Excellence**, in everything that a Chaplain does and say, a Chaplain should be continually looking to improve their listening skills which are extremely valuable.

**Relationship**, Chaplains are by their very nature relational, so when engaging with people they need to be sensitive and compassionate.

**Confidential**, a Chaplain must be a trusted and safe port of call.

**Humility**, a Chaplain must be beyond reproach which talks about integrity with a focus on serving and not seeking kudos for themselves.

Sports Chaplaincy UK has had the privilege of providing chaplaincy to the Horse Racing industry for over 15 years. This work was headed up, firstly by Rev. Graham Locking and more recently by Pastor Simon Bailey who moved to Newmarket at the end of 2014. Throughout these years relationships have been built with organisations, trainers and staff via gallops, yard and office visits. Chaplaincy recognises that a healthy heart and mind is needed to go alongside physical strength that Racing staff need to achieve their potential and achieve their dreams.

## The need for a Chaplain

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Pastoral care encompasses a wide variety of issues and offers support at times of personal crises as well as during everyday life. Problems faced by the racing community are no different to those faced by society as a whole but, there are some features unique to the racing industry, that create an additional need for Chaplaincy support:

- \* The highs and lows of the racing lifestyle.
- \* A high number of young apprentices, away from home for the first time, who struggle to adapt.
- \* High odds against becoming a successful jockey can lead to feelings of failure and despair.
- \* The work is physically demanding and dangerous.
- \* There is intense pressure for work riders and jockeys to maintain a low weight.
- \* Intense and unique working hours.



Warren Evans, Sports Chaplaincy UK CEO, meeting Princess Anne.







# A SNAPSHOT OF CHAPLAINCY ACTIVITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY

## Local Life



Simon has entered in to an active local life, with chaplaincy integrated alongside local churches, being present at Racing Open Days, running the London 10k race raising funds for Racing Welfare and taking part in Racing Centre events. Chaplaincy realises that it plays a big part in bridging the gap between the Racing community and those that live in Newmarket who don't work in the industry.



## Education



Simon has carried on the work to the British Racing School, offering valuable time to talk and help the pupils to succeed in finishing the course and go on to get the job of their choice when they step out into full time work. Outreach also continues in places like the Racing Centre, formerly the Astley Club where chaplaincy has an office and space to meet groups or for one to one counselling. Simon is a trustee and director at the Racing Centre and is involved with Race-fit, often meeting Racing staff during exercise sessions which is a great way to build healthy relationships whilst getting fit!

## Training



Chaplaincy now provides support for trainers and staff in Newmarket, Malton and Lambourn. Simon will visit these areas but is supported by South Ryedale Churches Together who have a team offering visits and support in the Malton area. Sports Chaplaincy puts a lot of emphasis on the training of chaplains. 9 chaplains have so far been trained through our regionals and induction days currently equating to around 150 hours of training. It is another great hope of ours to provide more resources for racecourse chaplains to be on hand in the coming years.

## And Beyond

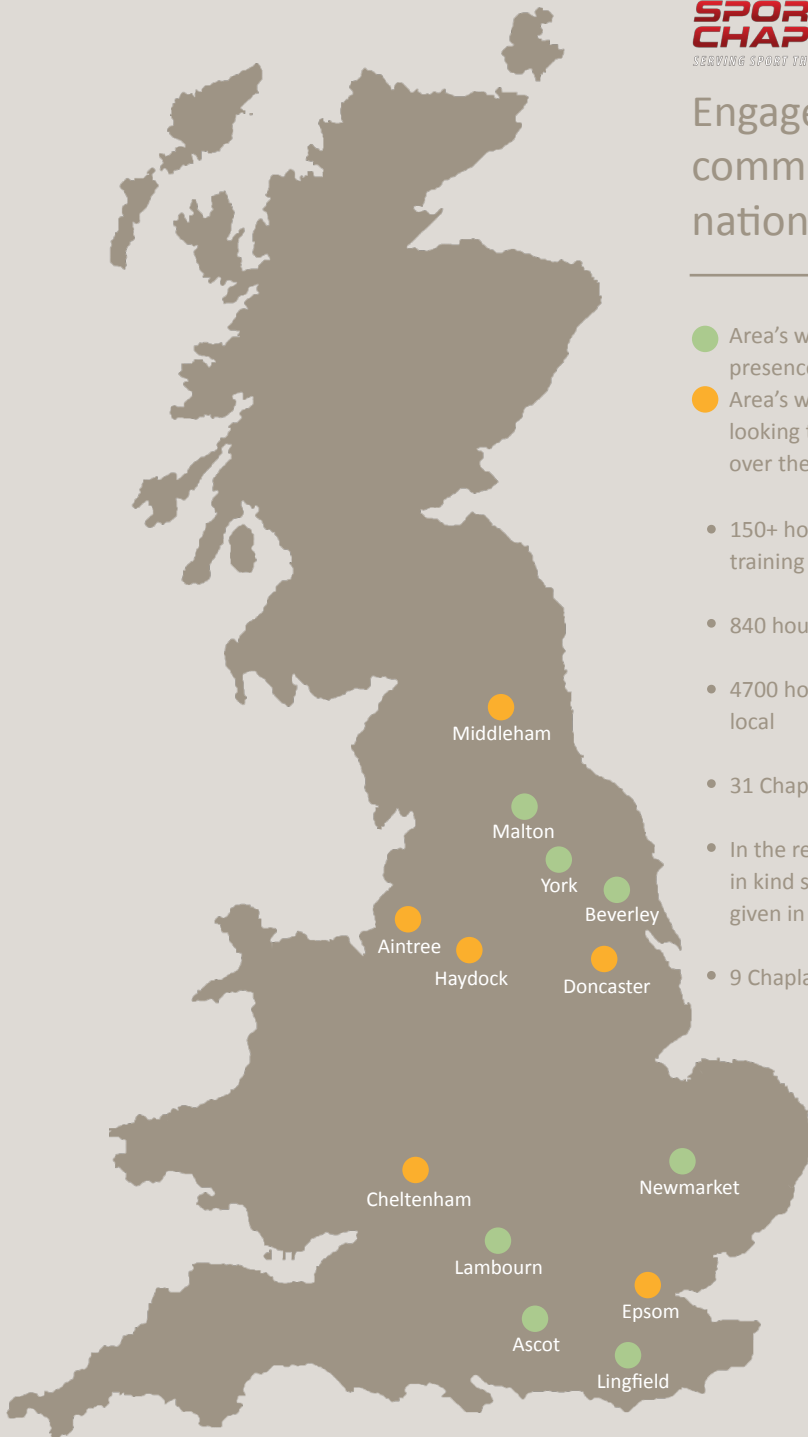


We also have valuable race day chaplains available at certain racecourses in the UK. A chaplaincy team working with hospitality staff, medical staff and the crowd can now be found at Ascot, Lingfield, York and Beverley. The chaplains at Ascot put in around 500 hours of work per year working alongside course staff. Added on to this is around 300 hours at York and 40 at Lingfield. We are also in talks with a Haydock Park over chaplaincy playing a part on their race days. It is difficult to put a monthly, hourly total on this but a chaplain or team of chaplains are on hand for race days at these courses to mingle with staff and the crowd to ensure everyone has a great days racing and will come again.

## Engages with communities nationwide

- Area's we now have a presence.
- Area's we are strategically looking to engage greater over the next 12 months.

- 150+ hours of Chaplaincy training delivered
- 840 hours race day
- 4700 hours National and local
- 31 Chaplains engaged
- In the region of £125K of in kind support and training given in 2015
- 9 Chaplains trained



## Helping others - it's what we are about

### SOME STATISTICS ABOUT SPORTS CHAPLAINCY UK AND HORSE RACING CHAPLAINCY

#### EVERY DAY HORSE INDUSTRY CHAPLAINCY:

- 40+ hours per week from Simon to work on Newmarket and other locations when necessary.
- 3375+ hours per year to the Malton area through the chaplaincy team.
- 9 chaplains trained through Sports Chaplaincy UK regional and induction days.
- 278 hours of training and support provided by Sports Chaplaincy UK.
- 51 Stables and stud farms engages.
- 67 Trainers engaged.
- 247 stable staff engaged.
- 7 Organisations engaged.

#### INCIDENT INTERVENTIONS AND DIFFERENT TYPES OF SUPPORT:

- Suicide intervention.
- Bereavement.
- Funerals.
- Mental Health and well-being issues.
- Eating disorders.
- Relationship breakdown and Counselling.
- Addictions.
- Job issues.
- Hospital visits.

#### RACE DAY CHAPLAINCY:

A chaplaincy team working with hospitality staff, medical staff and the crowd can now be found at Ascot, Lingfield, York and Beverley.

- 840+ hours of work per year to the Race Day support.
- 31 Chaplains engaged.

#### TOTAL:

In-kind hours: 4215

Sports Chaplaincy UK Training & Support: 278 hours

Total Chaplains No: 31

Incident Interventions: 44

ROI: £106,540 not including Simon's time or interventions

\*A suicide intervention alone has a value of £750K to the wider society - Intervention

ROI: £5.2 million

It is our plan and hope to offer a chaplain who is local and on call to all areas of the Racing industry.

"The Chaplain is our first port of call for help and support. The Chaplain is very professional and personable. The Chaplain has done a lot in town to help people, both my staff and racing's people in general, including help with suicides 4 years ago where a lot of staff were helped including managing the funerals"

*Trainer, Newmarket*

"The Racing Centre is very fortunate to have gained Simon Bailey as a Trustee since he began his role as the National Racing Chaplain. He always makes time to provide valuable support to the racing staff of Newmarket. With his likable personality he frequently supports the Charity's events and his generous nature has led him to recently sponsor one of our Racing Staff Sports Day 2015 events; the Simon Bailey Long Jump!"

*Annika Broster,  
Manager, The Racing Centre,  
Newmarket*