

PRESS RELEASE

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Is there a Side Saddle in your Attic?

To ensure the continuation of side saddle riding more side saddles are desperately needed. Do you have, or know of, any side saddles not currently in use, or simply left lying around in your attic, tack room, barn or garage?

The Side Saddle Association was formed in 1974 by Valerie Francis and Janet Macdonald. It was originally named the Ladies' Side Saddle Association; the word "Ladies" was dropped in the 1980s and now both ladies and gentlemen take an active part in the Association.

This year the SSA celebrates its **40th Anniversary** and is proud of its achievements in ensuring that the elegant art of side saddle has been sustained and developed into the 21st century, and will continue to promote the dignity and versatility of side saddle riding to a wide audience.

The Side Saddle Association remains the leader in the art of side saddle riding in the UK, and indeed worldwide; to maintain that status, an ongoing supply of side saddles for our members is of paramount importance. The aim of the Association is to uphold the tradition of side saddle riding, not only for the next generation but for generations to come. We must protect our heritage; but without side saddles we do not have a future.

The Association fully appreciates and understands that Granny's side saddle may be a treasured possession or is of sentimental value, but if it is not being used, perhaps you would consider bequeathing, leasing or selling it to one of our Areas or an individual member? Our members are prepared to pay a fair price and will unreservedly cherish and take pride in using and/or owning it, so please don't be afraid to entrust your valued side saddle to the next generation!

If you have a side saddle and want to contribute to the survival of this wonderful and elegant art of riding, then do not hesitate to contact the Association:

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