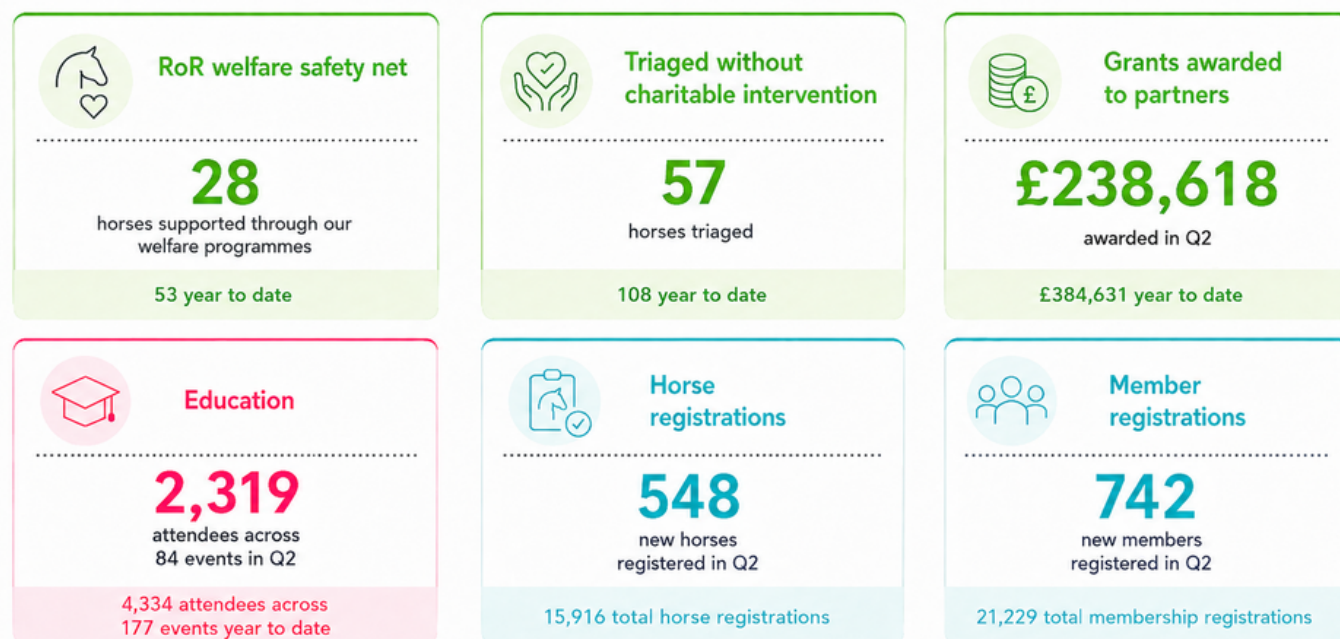


This quarter, RoR continued to see growing engagement across welfare, education, participation and traceability, alongside important progress in developing the partnerships and systems needed to strengthen aftercare.

Key areas of impact included direct support for horses and owners, increased registration and member growth, record engagement with education, and significant funding secured from our partners for long-term digital development.

Key stats this quarter

April to June 2026



1 Welfare and support

During this period, we:

- **Admitted 18 horses onto the Vulnerable Horse Scheme**, providing targeted support for horses and owners where welfare concerns or changing circumstances required intervention.
- **Accepted seven horses onto the Retraining Assessment Programme**, run in partnership with HEROS Charity, helping to secure appropriate pathways for former racehorses needing additional support.
- **Helped three horses through our Emergency Relief for Thoroughbreds programme**, bringing the total to six this year and ensuring horses found in poor health could access urgent veterinary care and support.
- **Triaged 57 horses without the need for charitable intervention**, using advice, signposting and early support to help owners manage issues before they escalated.
- **Supported 29 members through the Ask the Experts email service**, providing practical, expert guidance on care, management, retraining and welfare.

2 Retraining standards

During this period, we:

- **Held our first RoR Veterinary Standards Committee meeting**, beginning work on clinical guidelines, improved assessment recording and better data capture to strengthen consistency and evidence-led welfare decision-making.
- **Received a further eight expressions of interest in becoming an approved retrainer**, bringing the total to 29 and demonstrating growing sector engagement with RoR's standards-led approach to aftercare.
- **Carried out eight site visits for approved retrainer applicants in partnership with the BHA Stable Inspectorate**, supporting a robust assessment process and helping ensure horses are placed with suitable, high-quality providers.

3 Education and community

During this period, we:

- **Welcomed 2,319 attendees, to 84 online and in-person education events**, helping more owners and riders build the knowledge and confidence needed to support former racehorses successfully.
- **Partnered with four equestrian organisations to deliver collaborative educational activity**, extending our reach and embedding best practice across the wider equestrian community.
- **Contributed to and hosted four continuing professional development activities for equine professionals, attended by more than 120 delegates**, strengthening specialist knowledge of former racehorses among those involved in their care and support.
- **Achieved record attendance across our free webinar programme**, with sessions covering veterinary care, common retraining concerns and understanding former racehorse behaviour, making practical, expert-led guidance accessible to more people.

4 Increasing demand and awareness

During this period, we:

- **Saw a 90% increase in entries across three classes at the RoR Eventing Championships**, hosted at new venue Osberton International in partnership with BEDE Events and with support from Connolly's RED MILLS, demonstrating growing demand for competitive opportunities for former racehorses.
- **Generated 420 entries from 146 horses across three days at the RoR Winter Championships at Pickering Grange, a 14% increase on 2025**, providing more partnerships with the opportunity to compete, progress and showcase the versatility of former racehorses.
- **Received 73 entries for the Tattersalls Open and Amateur Showing Finals at the Hickstead Derby Meeting**, giving former racehorses a high-profile platform at one of the country's leading equestrian events.
- **Attended six racecourses, including a demonstration day at Newmarket Spring Meeting showcasing second careers in multiple different disciplines, and two major equestrian events**, increasing awareness of aftercare and helping us engage new audiences.

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Traceability

During this period, we:

- **Increased the response rate to our Non-Racing Agreement survey to 18.6%**, improving our understanding of where horses go after racing and the support they may need.
- **Increased the percentage of horses registered with RoR on the NRA data to 14.5%**, marking continued progress towards improved traceability and connection with horses beyond racing.

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Funding, marketing and communication

During this period, we:

- **Launched our latest membership survey, generating valuable insight into our members, their horses and their needs.** The findings, published at the end of June, will help shape future services, communications and support.
- **Secured support from Kairos Philanthropy**, helping us continue to strengthen the long-term sustainability and reach of our work.
- **Launched a new email CRM integration**, enabling us to deliver more relevant and timely communications to members, donors and stakeholders based on their interests and preferences.
- **Announced a two-year partnership with Newbury Racecourse Runs as its Charity Partner of the Year**, creating new opportunities to raise funds, increase awareness of RoR and engage racing audiences with the importance of aftercare.
- **Co-hosted a forum with Markel and Gallagher to engage bloodstock insurers** in RoR's work and explore opportunities for the insurance market to contribute to the long-term funding of aftercare.
- **Concluded our three-year partnership with Ascot Racecourse Supports, which raised an outstanding £100,000 for RoR.** This funding has supported, and will continue to support, our digital development work, improving traceability, community engagement, education and welfare support.
- **Were selected as a beneficiary of the HMA Tax Charity Polo Day at Beaufort Polo Club following a nomination by our Patron, Zara Tindall**, raising valuable funds for RoR and introducing our work to new potential supporters.

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People, finance, governance and sustainability

During this period, we:

- **Responded to the BHA consultation on the review of centrally funded activities**, ensuring the needs of former racehorses and the importance of long-term aftercare were represented in future industry funding discussions.
- **Began the consultation process for RoR Strategy 2027–2031**, engaging stakeholders to shape a clear, evidence-led plan for strengthening traceability, welfare support, education and the long-term sustainability of aftercare.
- **Contributed to HWB's A life well lived strategy planning**, helping to ensure the role and needs of former racehorses are reflected within wider equine welfare thinking.
- **Recruited a Welfare Operations Executive**, increasing capacity within the welfare team and helping us respond more effectively to owners, horses and partners requiring support.