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TRANSPORT PROCEDURE

- 1. **General.** Safety is paramount. This means the safety of the horse(s) being transported, the people transporting the horse(s) and other road users are all equally important.
- 2. **Serviceability.** Horse lorries (of any size), towing vehicles and/or horse trailers must be suitably serviceable. To be specific, this means any Warminster Saddle Club horse (owned by the Club or at livery) is not be transported by any towing vehicle which does not have a current MOT certificate or within a trailer which has not been properly serviced within the last 15 months of the date of travel. Failure to abide by this instruction may result membership of the Club being revoked on safety grounds.
- 3. **Checks.** The following checks are to be conducted before and after each journey:
 - a. Towing Vehicle:
 - (1) Tyres.
 - (2) Brakes.
 - (3) Lights.
 - (4) Oil / water / fuel.
 - b. Trailer / Lorry:
 - (1) Tyres.
 - (2) Braking system.
 - (3) Floor, sidewalls and ramps/doors.
 - (4) Lights, including connection to towing vehicle where applicable.
 - (5) Safety of partitions.
 - (6) Safety of coupling to trailer where applicable.
 - (7) Check driver has correct license entitlements and insurance.

c. Horse:

(1) To wear leather headcollar / travelling boots / tail protection.

(2) Horse / conditions dependant: rugs / poll guards.

d. Loader:

- (1) To wear appropriate PPE: hat / gloves / sensible footwear.
- (2) Must have someone with them to close the ramp of the lorry or trailer.

4. Travel:

- a. Horse(s) must be travelled with haynet(s).
- b. Horse(s) must not be travelled more than 3 hours without a break.
- c. Regular checks must be made of the serviceability of the towing vehicle and trailer.