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PICTURE CAPTION: *Riders from the Mare & Foal Sanctuary ride out at Berry Pomeroy in readiness for the Valentine's Day Fun Ride on Sunday, February 12.*

BEAUTIFUL BERRY POMEROY PROVIDES ROMANTIC SETTING FOR CHARITY VALENTINE'S RIDE

THE stunning countryside setting and imposing ruins of Berry Pomeroy Castle will be en route for those taking part with their horses or ponies in this year's Mare & Foal Sanctuary Valentine's Day Fun Ride on Sunday, February 12.

With the kind permission of The Duke of Somerset, participants will be able to ride around an eight-mile marshaled circuit at their own pace by the lake beneath the castle – which some believe to be among the most haunted in the UK – along a beautiful Forestry track on the estate, and through woodland which is not usually open to the public.

The ride departs from 9am onwards from the Mare & Foal Sanctuary's Visitor Centre at Coombe Park, near Littlehempston, Totnes, with the last rider expected to start out from there by 12 noon. Free lorry parking will be available at the Visitor Centre where the Café will also be open and serving hot food and refreshments. First Aid cover will be available.

Visitor Centre Manager Teresa Redgrave says: "This is the third year we've held the event at Berry Pomeroy and every time we are seeing more and more riders taking part. You can ride on tracks that you would not normally be allowed to ride on, with views from both above and below the castle. We would like to thank The Duke of Somerset for allowing the ride to take place again this year on his estate."

Senior Manager Syra Bowden adds: "The Mare & Foal Sanctuary's Valentine's Day Fun Ride is something we have been holding since almost as long as we've been going as a charity, most recently at Berry Pomeroy which is a perfect setting. As well as being fun, some endurance riders use the event as a warm-up to the season ahead and will go around it several times.

"We hope riders of all standards will come along with friends, loved ones or on their own; the most important thing is that we would like everyone to have a good time."

Entry costs £10 per adult and £5 per young rider under 15, plus £2 per person for First Aid cover. Rosettes will be presented to all those taking part. For full information about the ride, call 01803 866615 or email events@mareandfoal.org

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