

Over the last 3 years I have spent a great deal of time at Nine Acres, having lessons, helping look after the horses, and studying for my British Horse Society Exams, and have learnt more than I ever would have thought of! Horses settle in remarkably quickly, thanks to the way in which the yard is managed. Hazel considers each horse as an individual doing everything she can to accommodate different turnout or stabling requirements, feed requirements or in fact any requirement you can think of! Her patience with the horses themselves is not often found in livery yards these days and by taking the time to get to know each horse she ensures any changes which could indicate problems are noticed early. Her ultimate aim is always to keep each horse happy and healthy both mentally and physically without taking any shortcuts and you only have to walk past the stables once to see how contented and well looked after each horse is, (take particular note of their tails which are always washed and sparkly!!). If I were to leave my horse anywhere in livery in Norfolk it would be with Hazel and Nine Acres!

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