

EQUESTRIAN USAGE IN AND AROUND ULNES WALTON

**SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF SURVEY UNDERTAKEN
BETWEEN 26 MAY and 14 JUNE 2023
completed by 115 participants**

Age Group	12 or younger	13-15	16-18	19-25	26-40	41-60	60 or older	
	7%	4.4%	1.8%	6.1%	21.1%	44.7%	14.9%	
Ride or lead a horse/pony	Ride	Lead	Both					
	95.7%	4.3%	0%					
Area ridden - Ulnes Walton Lane/Moss Lane/surrounding bridleways	Yes	No						
	99.1%	0.9%						
Frequency of Use	Daily	More than once a week	Once a week	More than once a month	Monthly	Less often		
	8.7%	40.9%	14.8%	14.8%	16.5%	4.3%		
If less than monthly, how many times a year	12	6	Every couple of months	2	0	Comments by two riders		
Number of riders	1	1	1	1	2	Stopped riding and carriage driving along Ulnes Walton Lane because it is too dangerous. Cars from the prisons go too fast, there are blind corners also. None, too busy a road.		
Days ridden/lead	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
	39.8%	41.6%	44.2%	40.7%	45.1%	76.1%	90.3%	

Times of day	Before 8am	8am-12pm	12pm-6pm	After 6pm				
	22.1%	75.2%	56.6%	48.7%				
Accidents in and around Ulnes Walton whilst riding	Yes	No	Comments					
	9.9%	90.1%	People drive far too fast.					
			Near miss from prison officers coming to and from work down Ulnes Walton Lane					
			Not had an accident but have had numerous near misses with cars riding close up to the pony's backside. Cars travelling too fast and too close. Cars turning off Ulnes Walton on to Moss Lane at speed. I have no exact dates as it is a regular occurrence.					
			Cars speeding at me, spooking my horse. Cars coming round the bend too fast and almost hitting me.					
			Fast drivers. Drivers not passing with enough space etc					
			Speeding driver just skimmed my daughter's leg, then ran into back of my horse who was in front of her, killed it, approx 2000. Another daughter was hit full on by driver coming out of prison road, she said never saw us. We had all full vis on.					
			Was hit by a car, was ok, driver did not stop.					
			Motor bikes and cars going too fast when passing, scaring the horse.					
			Summer 2022, horse bolted due to car sound it's horn.					
			We have near misses all the time where car drives try to overtake at the junctions. If we are turning left they do it at the same time and try to pass. They also do from the prison daily.					
			Had several near misses due to drivers of vehicles.					
			Not had an accident but a very scared young horse that we have had to go back to the beginner with in regards to hacking out. We had a lot of high visibility clothing on and yet we were very nearly hit, and the young man driving thought it would be a food idea to press his horn as he almost missed us. I had o de-mount due to my 4/5 year old having a break down, shaking and hugely spooking at any car that passed after. It could have been a lot more serious if we were hacking alone.					
			Even though I haven't had an accident that we have needed to report, we have had a few near misses with thoughtless drivers speeding and trying to overtake on the busy mentioned roads.					
			Had a near miss, car driving too fast and close.					
			A few near misses our to traffic and speed of traffic.					

			However this more by good luck and safe riding. Several times I ride, cars exceed the recommended safe passing speed and closer than the recommended distance from my horse despite my signalling to slow. Many of these drivers are prison officers/visitors and other car drivers. Often very inappropriate hand gestures or verbal abuse is suffered.
			Horse was hit by a van overtaking from behind with an oncoming car and not enough room to do so.
			I have had many, the one that took my breath away was an Audi driver travelling so close and so fast he nearly clipped my heel which would have sent me down the road. If I had to guess, he was travelling at 50mph. The number of near misses I have had - maybe 2 a month.
			Not exactly a yes, but too many near misses.
			Scared horse bolted due to speeding car.
			Cars being impatient and forcing us onto the pavement to avoid being hit.
Address where horse/pony kept		In the interests of data protection, the full addresses of the respondents are not divulged in this summary, only the 27 towns/villages up to 30 miles from Ulnes Walton	
		Ulnes Walton, Warrington (24 miles), Chorley, Garstang (22 miles), Whitestake, Farington, Longton, Penwortham, Leyland, Coppull, Charnock Richard, Bretherton, Hutton, Midge Hall, Whittle-le-Woods, Warton (15 miles), Heath Charnock, Eccleston, Mawdesley, Lowton (20 miles), Newton-with-Scales (13 miles), Stalmine (30 miles), Wrightington, Heskin, New Longton, Blackrod, Little Hoole	