



THE ANNUAL Middleham Open Day took place on Good Friday, April 7, and was hailed a huge success after more than 3,000 people travelled to Middleham to take a glimpse behind the scenes at the village's racing yards.

Once again, Johnston Racing were happy to support the event organised by Racing Welfare and sponsored by Arena Racing Company. Both Kingsley House and Warwick House were opened up for visitors in the morning, and, as ever, the programme of swimming horses in the equine pool at Kingsley House proved a popular attraction for visitors. Patrick Holmes is pictured with one of the horses swimming.

In the afternoon, the programme of activities on the Low Moor included a Retraining of Racehorses display, an inter-yard staff challenge and a well-supported dog show. The good weather ensured that a good time was had by all.

Racing Welfare said that more than £27,000 had been raised by the event, providing vital funds to support their work with people working, or formerly working, within the racing industry.

'We are thrilled by the success of this year's Middleham Open Day,' Ryan Judson, Racing Welfare's Head of Fundraising commented.

'Thank you to all the trainers and racing staff who supported the event this year. Without them, the Open Day simply would not happen. The funds raised by this event will help our charity support the dedicated workforce that keep our sport functioning on a day-to-day basis.'