

Using Smart Phone Applications (Apps) to Track Your Ride.

The Pony Club encourages members to take part in as many activities and sports as possible with their horse and ponies along with friends. As part of training and fitness many use hacking as an option to socialise whilst getting horses and ponies fit.

Below we have some guidance on the safe using of Ride Tracking Apps for those using this to support fitness work

1. There are a variety of Smart Phones and Applications for these which can support you in your riding to tell you the distances you've ridden and average speeds etc. Please investigate the one you wish to use prior to mounting your horse or pony.
2. When creating a "profile" for use of the smart phone application please investigate the settings of your profile. We would recommend:
 - a. Editing the profile setting to private, this will mean your rides, distances etc are only viewable to you
 - b. If you are not able to make your profile private it may be worth considering an alternative application

NB: on some applications you may still be searchable but your details and locations of rides will not be viewable to the public

3. When creating your profile please consider the photo you share, this is public facing and should be something which is suitable for this purpose.
4. If you are using a ride tracking app this still means you need to tell someone at the yard and parents where you are going if you are not accompanied. This is in case there is an accident, should this happen they will know where to start looking for you.
 - a. A useful app for this would be [Whatthreewords](#) as this narrows down your location to a three metre square and covers the whole world. You can then share the three words it states with the emergency services should you need to.

