

“A special place for special people. The Further Education Through Horsemastership Course is a champion way to help young people with learning difficulties.”

Lanfranco ‘Frankie’ Dettori, MBE
 Champion Flat Jockey 2004, Epsom Derby Winner 2007



The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy

- is one organisation operating over three sites.
- is involved in the promotion and provision of Equine Facilitated Education and Therapy.
- is a Full Member of Horses in Education and Therapy International (HETI).
- is a British Horse Society (BHS) Examination Centre.
- is an Independent Specialist Provider (Further Education).
- is a member of the Association of National Specialist Colleges (Natspec).
- runs a residential FETH Course inspected by Ofsted.
- has FETH Course student accommodation registered and inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).
- organises networking and information exchange days for parents of FETH Course students.
- runs weekly EFET sessions for local children who have a variety of special needs.
- provides EFET for local teenagers and adults on a daily basis or in a short series of sessions.
- provides work placements for professionals in training, such as occupational therapists and teachers.

How to find The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy

The FCRT, Avon Tyrrell location, is between the villages of Burley and Bransgore in the New Forest approx 5 miles South East of Ringwood. **Post Code: BH23 8EE**



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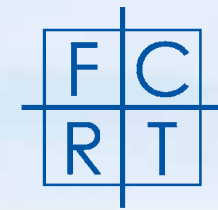


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Life at The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy

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**People with special needs
 learning through horses.**

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Equine Facilitated Education and Therapy at The Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy

Equine Facilitated Education and Therapy (EFET) is planned use of the natural scope of the horse for human learning. The power and relevance of transferring learning from an equine environment into the development of life skills provides new opportunities for many people.

The foundations of successful EFET lie in the art, knowledge and experience of classical horsemanship. EFET is practised worldwide, meeting the needs of a variety of people in different circumstances.

At the heart of EFET is the welfare of equines. Horses treat everyone equally. EFET can surpass more traditional methods of teaching, learning and treatment. The horse has been described as an 'alternative seat of learning', the 'finest mood altering drug' and a 'catalyst for change'.



The FCRT site at Wootton Hall Farm

The FCRT site at Avon Tyrrell

The Residential Further Education Through Horsemastership (FETH) Course

The FETH Course is for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities (LDD) whose educational needs post sixteen cannot be met in general further education provision. The Course is for students who are more motivated to concentrate, communicate and cooperate around horses.

Using this motivation, skills are taught and then transferred into life skills development relevant to each individual. For some young people it is only the FETH Course that gives purpose to learning.

The FCRT is an Independent Specialist Provider (ISP). Students on the FETH Course are referred by their Local Authority and funded via the Education Funding Agency.

