



## Replacement Stable Block at Redwings Ada Cole

Redwings Ada Cole is home to nearly 80 horses, ponies and donkeys. Redwings Horse Sanctuary merged with Ada Cole Memorial Stables in 2005. It is the only one of our sites to operate as a rescue, rehoming and sanctuary care centre, as well as a visitor centre open to the public.



The old stable block had been standing for 50 years. But over time the walls had begun to rot and bad weather had caused a large tear to the roof. It was clearly time to replace the stables. The block consisted of six pony stables and was to be replaced like for like.

We knew the work needed to be completed whilst the weather was warmer due the high demand on stabling during the cold winter months. But we had some delays to getting the work started due to the availability of the contractor. Finally work got started in July and progressed quickly with the stables being completed in mid-August.

The clearance didn't take too long, and the space was ready for the new stables.



The new stables are the exact same footprint of the old ones, with the same six stables. Each stable is equipped with rubber matting, giving a cushioned and warm floor. The stable doors have a hard-wearing guard to protect from, biting and chewing. Each stable has a window and clear roof panel to allow the light into the stable.



There are a huge number of benefits to replacing this stable block some of which are highlighted below:

- + Providing Warm and Dry stables for all the residents at Redwings Ada Cole for many years to come
- + Structurally safe stables that are built for the future
- + Maintenance team will have more time for other important jobs now they are not constantly repairing the stables
- + Yard team will have more time as the stables will be easier to muck out as there is no extra water leaking in
- + Less wasted bedding due to the leaking roof will mean lower spend on stable bedding in the wet winter months



We have a lovely video of 18-year-old Tennessee who was the first pony to check out the new stable block. Although less than enthusiastic at first, we are sure he will come round.

Having only just been completed the stables are not yet in full use but the team are thrilled to have them in place before the weather turns in the Autumn. Whether it be the older horses needed the extra warmth in the winter or a pony with laminitis needing a break from the grass. These stables will have a huge benefit to all the horses in the care of Redwings Ada Cole.

These stables will provide the many horses in need a warm, safe and dry stable to come into for many years to come. This project was only achievable thanks to generous donations from trusts such as the Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust. We are so grateful for their continued support.

Together we will continue to make a real and lasting difference to horses in need.