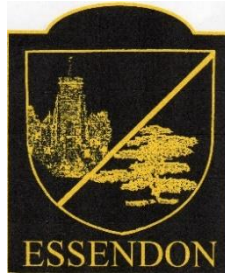


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You may have recently seen in the news about the outbreak of Equine Influenza and the impact this has had on UK Horse Racing. In pet / leisure horses this outbreak has been ongoing for a few months with our nearest case in Essex, I believe. However, the big worry now is that vaccinated horses are also contracting the disease, as has been the case with the Race Horses recently.

How you can help; if you are out walking, running or cycling and pass any fields with horses in, please do not approach them. This strain of the virus is described as 'rogue', it is highly contagious and is airborne. It can live on people's clothing, equipment and possibly dogs, for days. Equine flu is like human flu in as much as it can kill the young, the elderly and the weak. Therefore, please help us to contain the outbreak by staying away from horses.

**PLEASE PASS ON TO OTHER NON-HORSE
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