The pony and the magic well

Once upon a time there was a small and frightened pony. This pony was so small that as it travelled down the lane, it kept getting bumped out of the way by the other animals.

Walking in the centre of the lane meant that the pony was being bumped on both sides and ended up feeling very sad. The centre of the lane was not the best place for the pony.

To avoid these problems, the pony tried to walk down the left side of the lane. It did not do any good; the pony was still bumped and pushed out of the way by the other animals.

The pony decided to try and walk down the right side of the lane. It moved across to the right, but things were no better. The pony was still bumped and pushed out of the way by the other animals.

The pony paused at the well and had a drink. It did not realise that it was a magic well. As the pony drank, it grew and grew and grew, until eventually it was so big that filled the full width of the lane. The pony was now so large that none of the other animals bumped into it any more. They were very frightened of the pony. The pony was finally happy and spent the rest of its life telling the other animals the story of the magic well. It also told that now he was bigger and stronger, he was very careful to be kind and to all the other animals. He was extra careful each time he walked down the lane. He remembered the time when he had been small, and how it had felt to be bumped and pushed out of the way.

He and the other animals lived happily ever after.