

What the apprentices say.....

Ruby Hurd

I am an apprentice for Steven and Joe Whitaker. I am absolutely loving this course and learning so much everyday! Not only do I get to enjoy working with the horses at home but I've also been to a few shows with Joe and gained valuable experience for my own riding and grooming alongside this. It's so interesting to learn about what goes on behind the scenes at home and what it takes to be jumping at a very high level.



I groomed at my first international show which was a fantastic experience. The Online Learning is fantastic, getting training from all the top professionals which is also so useful. I would definitely recommend the Apprenticeship for anyone who loves horses and wants to learn about all aspects of the job!!



Daniel Bailey

My Apprenticeship is with Simon and Natalie Reynolds, a top class showing yard with cobs, hunters, intermediates and riding horses. Some are young horses just starting and others have been shown for a few seasons. Our aim with the open horses is to qualify RIHS

and HOYS and hopefully get a top place at the finals. The younger horses will compete in novice classes then we aim for the National Championships. At Level 3 I have more responsibility: helping the vet, physio, ordering feed, bedding and receiving deliveries. The Apprenticeship has given me a great insight into how a successful competition yard runs: budgeting, the importance of quality feed, dealing with customers, being organised with show entries and working to such a high standard of stable management, turnout, schooling, working each horse as an individual and being meticulous in your work.

Emily Hobson-Pratt

I am doing the Apprenticeship at Moorhouse EC and thoroughly enjoying it. I have had many opportunities such as: work experience on different yards, dressage writing at Chatsworth International Horse Trials, Masterclasses with world class coaches and winning the Enterprise Award and 'Apprentice of the Year'! Through the SCT Online Learning I have developed an extensive wealth of knowledge regarding horse welfare and yard management.



Researching and developing my understanding of nutrition, muscle groups and organ systems has helped me to make more informed choices when taking care of the horses. I thoroughly recommend this course for anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of horses and the horse industry.

What the employers say.....

Michael Whitaker: European, World Championship and Olympic showjumper



I have worked with SCT for over 30 years. I always recommend SCT to other yards and possible apprentices as they are very easy to work with, encourage apprentices to work to the highest standards, provide a lot of back up for employers and apprentices and always go the extra mile. Highly professional and very well organised.

Morgan Howley: International showjumper, HK Horses

The SCT Apprenticeship gives individuals a great opportunity to learn the vital skills needed in the equestrian industry. They can learn openly while having a structured programme to help guide their learning. The programme covers all areas of horse care and management and helps the apprentice work towards valuable qualifications. It enables apprentices to be trained to an excellent standard and gain invaluable experience. I highly recommend SCT to employers keen to improve the capability of their staff, as well as potential apprentices looking for an excellent, well-focused training organisation.



Andrew Saywell: British Team showjumper, Saywell Rehabilitation Centre

I have employed and trained apprentices with Stubbing Court Training for the last 20 years. This confirms how pleased I am to be involved with them. Their professional way of management makes all their apprentices a success and I congratulate all the SCT team for being such a first class organisation.



SCT Masterclass Series

SCT apprentices and employers have the opportunity to take part in the Masterclass Series with world class trainers: former apprentice Joe Whitaker, William Whitaker and Matthew Sampson: leading international showjumpers and Christopher Bartle: Olympic Team Coach to the British Eventing Squad.



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- Do you want a successful career with horses?
- Do you want to earn while you learn?
- Are you an employer wanting to train and develop your staff?
- Are you an employer wanting to recruit staff?



Stubbing Court Training Ltd. aims to provide apprentices with the skills, qualifications and experience needed to be an effective, educated and competent worker in the horse industry.

We are keen to support all employers working in the horse industry to develop the skills and motivation of your staff through Apprenticeships, and your organisation's overall success.

We have close links with a wide selection of employers throughout the East Midlands and Yorkshire. Placements range from those able to train young people with little experience, to yards suitable for those with existing skills and qualifications. Placements are organised to suit individual preferences, previous experience and ambitions.

We offer:

- Excellent quality of training and support for apprentices and employers
- 'Outstanding' quality reported by Ofsted
- Individual, flexible support, training and assessment
- Excellent achievement rates and fantastic opportunities to recognise achievements, including the SCT "Apprentice of the Year" and Enterprise Awards, helping with Chatsworth International Horse Trials
- Innovative, cutting-edge SCT Online Learning programme with world class trainers
- The SCT Masterclass Series, 'Winning Ways' and Professional Development Seminars - training days with world class professionals for apprentices and employers
- Equine Transport and Coaching qualifications, heavily subsidised for SCT apprentices and employers
- Free, knowledgeable advice and guidance for employers on Employment Law, Health & Safety and related issues

What is an Apprenticeship?

Apprentices must be employed for a minimum of 30 hours per week, learning through their job, following an agreed curriculum to build up the necessary knowledge and skills needed for employment in the horse industry. You will gain qualifications and earn money at the same time. There are 2 levels available - Apprenticeship and Advanced Apprenticeship, each level taking approximately 13 months to complete. People wishing to become apprentices will need to show that they have the ability and commitment to work with horses, including hard physical work and some unsociable hours.

An apprenticeship includes:

- Working towards and gaining the Equine Groom or Senior Equine Groom Standard
- Achieving Functional Skills qualifications in English and Maths
- Opportunities to train with World Class professionals through the SCT Online Learning, Masterclasses, Seminars, Work Experience in international level yards and helping with Chatsworth International Horse Trials

The Apprenticeship leads to the Level 2 Equine Groom Standard, which involves all aspects of yard and horse care. There is the opportunity to progress onto the Advanced Apprenticeship.

The Advanced Apprenticeship involves working towards the Level 3 Equine Groom Standard which involves supervisory or junior management roles and responsibilities. Achievement of the Advanced Apprenticeship can also lead to Higher Education and careers throughout the horse industry.

At the end of the training, apprentices complete the End Point Assessment which determines if they have achieved the necessary skills, knowledge and behaviours required, and the grading of the Apprenticeships which may be a Pass or Distinction.



The SCT Apprenticeship offers you:

- Qualifications while you work
- Experience and qualifications employers really want
- Employment opportunities available now with professional yards competing up to international level in showjumping, eventing, showing, carriage driving and dressage
- Employment opportunities in riding schools and livery yards
- Training to teach and gain Coaching qualifications
- Employment with residential placements available
- World class training opportunities



We actively practice and promote equality of opportunity for all.

