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TO ALL APPRENTICES, PARENTS & EMPLOYERS

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AMELIA GARBUTT CROWNED WINNER OF SCT ENTERPRISE AWARD 2026

The final judging of the SCT Enterprise Award 2026 took place during the Defender Bramham International Horse Trials on 12 June. We were extremely privileged to have Lycetts to sponsor the Award and Lycetts Director Anna Goodley to carry out the final judging.

The finalists were Amelia McKenzie-Garbutt (Bridgefield Stables near Bradford) and Eve Jessop (Moorhouse Equestrian Centre near Doncaster). They had both produced very impressive Powerpoint portfolios followed by an interview showing the work they had done with their employer on the Business Plan over the last four months, and the contributions they had made to the business success.

Judge Anna Godley said:

'Lycetts were delighted that Amelia won the Stubbing Court Training Enterprise Award. This award provides recognition to an apprentice for thinking commercially about the equine facility they are working for. Innovation and a forward thinking mentality, combined with resilience and dedication are all skills much needed in the equine world, and it is important for today's apprentices to appreciate the wider context they work in, as well as focussing on equine skill sets and excellence. We particularly admired the diversity of Amelia's project, and the natural commercial instinct which flourished in the pilot days she ran'.

Congratulations to Amelia and Eve for all their hard work, commitment to learning and business success and the great contributions they have made to support their employers. Amelia received a £150.00 cash prize and Eve a £50.00 cash prize. The apprentices and their employers also received exclusive Members Tickets for the Horse Trials. SCT is extremely grateful to Lycetts for sponsoring this prestigious award and look forward to their ongoing support in 2027.



PAIGE GRAY: QUALIFYING FOR THE RDA NATIONAL CHAMPONSHIPS!

Congratulations



Team Scropton at the RDA North Midlands Regional Qualifiers

On Monday 1 June, Belvoir Vale RDA hosted the North Midlands RDA Regional Dressage Qualifiers. 9 of Scropton Horse Centre's riders took part alongside Wenlo RDA and Belvoir Vale RDA riders, across different categories. Riders of different ages and abilities take part in the Qualifiers from tests of walk on lead rein to walk, trot, and canter tests. After a successful day, 4 of Team Scropton riders, including myself, qualified for the RDA National Championships, based at Hartpury College in July. Over the past weeks, 7 Team Scropton riders have also taken part in Countryside Challenge Qualifiers hosted at



Scropton Horse Centre in which 4 have qualified. 12 Scropton riders also took part in Showjumping Qualifiers, where video entries were submitted virtually, in which 6 riders qualified. So, in total, that's 12 Scropton riders heading to the Nationals at Hartpury in July, that's a great result for Team Scropton.

LILY HIGGINS: OPENING DAY! RINGSTONE ROYD REHABILITATION ★

On the Opening Day on 30.5.2026 we had a gathering at the yard to show all our clients and our potential clients how the treadmill, theraplate and showing what we have on offer here at Ringstone Royd Livery and Rehabilitation near Halifax.

Farrier Josh came to give us a demonstration of hoof beat testing and talked about how it all works. It was very interesting learning about how the horse moves and foot fall. We also had other professionals: Ella from Top Spec Feed, Sammy from Windover Worm Count and Claire Whitfield coming to have a chat about her saddle fitting and teaching. We gave our clients tea, coffee and light refreshments. I very much enjoyed my day as I got to meet lots of new and different people. It also helped me with my training in different areas.



EMMA JAMES: APPRENTICESHIP WITH WEELSBY PARK

I am based with Amy Woodhead Dressage at Weelsby Park Equestrian, home to the Woodhead family, providing private equestrian training in Grimsby. I started my Level 2 Equine Groom Apprenticeship in January 2026.

Top 3 things I've enjoyed so far:

- 🐾 Attending the Masterclass with William Whitaker
- 🐾 Working with top quality horses
- 🐾 Having the opportunity to increase my knowledge



Top 3 things I've learnt:

- 🐾 Learning how to lunge correctly
- 🐾 How to handle different, very high level competition horses
- 🐾 Learning about the tack and equipment used on different dressage horses

Upcoming on the yard:

- 🐾 We have a new horse walker coming to the yard which we are looking forward to learning how to use.



VISIT TO THE HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY ...



As part of our aim to promote career opportunities following the Level 3 Apprenticeship we organised a visit to The Household Cavalry in Knightsbridge, London on Monday 18 May 2026. Each year the Household Cavalry recruits people, 18 years and over, as farriers, riding instructors and soldiers. All successful applicants become soldiers, completing Basic Training, followed by 20 weeks riding training at Windsor, and are then based for up to 3 years in Knightsbridge in the Mounted Regiment. The Household Cavalry is currently recruiting and seeks mature, responsible and reliable people with a high level of initiative and attention to detail. Applicants that have completed their Level 3 Apprenticeship and worked full time employed with horses will have a significant advantage in recruitment. Apprentices Madison Ashford and Cameron Markham went on the visit.

Madison Ashford says:

"It was an amazing experience! The best thing I have ever done. I learnt so much about the equipment they use, the type of horses, the environment and facilities, it was fantastic to see how it all works, to see the high standards of care of the horses in the middle of London! I'm so grateful to SCT for organising it and the Cavalry for hosting us. I will now look seriously into the Cavalry after I have completed the Level 3 Apprenticeship, improve my fitness and take every opportunity SCT offers to broaden my horizons and learn more about the horse industry."



Cameron Markham says:

"I very much enjoyed and appreciated all of it! But watching them ride in all their kit was pretty cool and then learning how every bit of uniform they wear has a specific use in the battle field e.g the soldiers' cross belt can be used as a girth in case the horse's one gets snapped in battle. I learnt that there are also lots of opportunities for other qualifications, for example the HGV test, becoming a vet, farrier, saddler, fully qualified riding instructor and the ability to spend 2 years ceremonial riding horses. Then 2 years driving tanks in the field! I will definitely have this option in my mind for my future career after completion of my level 3!"

MY APPRENTICESHIP: AMELIA MCKENZIE-GARBUTT



I started my Level 2 Equine Groom Apprenticeship in October 2025 at Bridgefield Stables near Bradford and within 4 months I had passed my Level 1 English Functional skills. I was homeschooled from the age of 14 and I didn't sit any of my GCSEs due to my lack of self confidence in my own academic ability. I then became a young mum at 16 and so fell out of the education system completely whilst caring for my little boy.

Since starting my Apprenticeship with Stubbing Court Training, I have been working towards both my Maths and English. To help me prepare, I sat lots of practice papers which my Coach would then mark and give me feedback on how to improve further and I also produced and delivered a PowerPoint presentation on strangles which was super evidence for my Speaking and Listening.

Each time my Coach visits we work on different aspects of the Maths syllabus depending on which area needs more focus. I have had access to mock Maths papers which I feel have been so important in highlighting areas I need to work on or I am less confident with. My next aim is to sit my Level 1 Maths later this month and then move onto my Level 2 Maths and English. I would advise anyone who didn't achieve their GCSEs in Maths and / or English not to be scared of doing your

Functional Skills. It is amazing how when things get related to something you are passionate about, they become much easier to get your head round!

Through the Apprenticeship, I have also just completed 3 days work experience at William Whitaker's show jumping yard in Huddersfield. During my time at the yard I mucked out, groomed, tidied and used the walker. I also got the opportunity to bath some of the horses in the solarium. The horses at the yard receive an exceptional standard of care. The yard is well managed with clear and easy to follow procedures. Everything is about top level grooming and horse care along with attention to detail.

The things I learnt most about was how to use the horse walker, the importance of horse and yard management and daily hoof care within your daily routine. Overall, I am very grateful for the opportunity and enjoyed working on a big competition yard with the larger horses. Everyone at the yard was incredibly helpful and always willing to offer support and advice which gave me the confidence to ask questions and learn from those around me.



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

L2 Equine Groom: Ashleigh-Ann Woolley

L2 Equine Groom Distinction: Charlotte Smith

Study Programme: Luke Marsh



WELCOME TO:

Scarlet Wilkes, Matilda Fairbrother, Errin Bowles, Lucie Richardson, Charlotte Kelly, Charlotte Padfield, Holly Stone, Lily-Ann Todd, Lula Mountain, Shelby Cook, Lauren Cope, Hannah Johnson, Freya McNeill, Maisie Sentence, Harriet Adams, Alissia Hoyland-Lau, Olivia Miller, Lydia Mooney.

