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'TOP PEOPLE FOR TOP JOBS' WITH SCT



If you - or a young person you know - has ambitions to succeed in the equestrian industry, then an apprenticeship with Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) is a sure-fire way to get a foot on the ladder. SCT has opportunities with the biggest names in British equestrianism available for those keen to learn from the best, with excellent all-round training and chances to prove themselves.

Earlier this year, SCT was able to announce with great pride that a number of its equine apprentices have achieved Distinctions in their Equine Groom apprenticeships. SCT Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE said: "It is estimated that just 10% of apprentices nationally get Distinctions. In the last academic year 26% of SCT apprentices received overall Distinctions, with 48% of our apprentices achieving distinctions on the Knowledge Test part of their End Point assessment, which proves the exceptionally high quality of our online learning resources and employers with the highest of standards. Our aim at SCT is that all our apprentices get a Distinction, and they are given every opportunity and the support to do so."

Examples of SCT apprentices who have recently achieved the highest grade in their senior Equine Groom apprenticeship include Mollie Pettigrew, who works for international dressage rider and coach Lara Edwards at her yard in the Lincolnshire Wolds, and Skyy James, who works for Retford-based showjumper Adam Taylor. Adam said: "Skyy has worked hard and is a valuable member of the team, and I hope she will have a great future in equestrianism." Skyy has also remained in full-time employment with Adam, demonstrating that SCT apprenticeships provide the ideal training programme for those ambitious to become professionals with a long-lasting career in the equestrian industry.

SCT is Britain's leading provider of apprentices to the equine industry, and works hard to place its young people with excellent, experienced employers. These include top riders in a variety of disciplines, studs, riding schools, livery yards and rehab centres, among others. SCT gives both its apprentices and employers unparalleled opportunities to gain further knowledge and inspiration from exclusive benefits such as its acclaimed Masterclass Series. On 9 July, Chris Bartle - former Badminton winner, Olympic dressage rider and coach to the double Olympic gold medal-winning senior British eventing team - will host an SCT Masterclass at Pickering Grange EC, Leicestershire. Chris will also do the final judging that day of the coveted Lycetts Apprentice of the Year alongside Lycetts' Director Anna Goodley. SCT's equine apprenticeships offer young people an outstanding chance to achieve the highest standards of horse care and horsemanship by learning from the best practitioners in the equestrian world. SCT contacts are unparalleled, and the company offers exceptional levels of support to both apprentices and their employers, giving advice and training in all aspects of employment. Apprentices earn a wage while gaining valuable, respected qualifications and transferrable skills, giving them excellent employability.



LAURA TURNER: WORK EXPERIENCE AT SAYWELL EQUESTRIAN REHAB.



On 1 May I had the pleasure of having three days work experience at Saywells' Equestrian Rehabilitation and Showjumping centre near Newark. On the first day I got to the yard 15 minutes early to find out where I needed to be and what to expect. A typical day starts at 7.30am and finishes at 5pm, however they were leaving early to go to Wales to compete, so most grooms were already there getting horses ready to be loaded. Once both lorries had left we could focus mainly on getting horses out, on the walker and tacked up to be ridden. The grooms have 3 horses tacked up at a time to be ridden by another two grooms and Andrew. I focused mainly on the mucking out, feeding, finishing horses off after being ridden and just overall getting used to all different routines, and the way things needed to be done thoroughly and fast. They try and get all horses ridden, exercised and out in the morning as well as the stables. So in the afternoon we can skip out, feed, focus on bathing and cleaning tack. Then some of the grooms will go to the farm to sort the mares and foals and do any jobs there.

There's always something to do with 120 horses coming and going. On the first and second day, I had the opportunity to help with clients on the Rehab side which was a fantastic opportunity. This included learning how to use the water treadmill, learn more about each client and what the horse's needs are, learning about the Equusir Best Box, which is a bio energetic scan and therapy. It scans the horse and shows what's actually happening inside the horse's body, shows any problems and helps fix it. It also works on people and dogs.

The water treadmill can be used with or without the water, the water can increase depending on what the horse can manage. It's usually at the level of the hock for a fitter horse, but all depends on the level of rehab as well as the time period. A horse would spend no longer than 20 minutes on the aqua treadmill as this is equivalent to an hours pole work. The Salt Room is also beneficial for any horse, it's an enclosed stable that sends salt into the air and is absorbed through the body/ lungs of the horse. It helps with: lung function/ clearing the lungs from mucus, anti inflammatory, increases resistance to respiratory tract diseases, helps with skin issues, removes pathogen agents and overall strengthens the immunity.

It was also great to learn how to use the horse walker as I could just put on/take off any horses that needed to go on which then helped the grooms and riders. The walker saves so much time as well as being beneficial, it helps any horses get out needing light work, warms the horses up ready to be ridden and cools them down once they've been ridden. On day 3 we did the usual jobs as well as getting the lorry packed and several horses loaded ready for Andrew to go and compete for the day. This left us to finish everything off on the yard, including normal ridden work and exercise. When they got back we had the lorry sorted and packed for the next competition. Overall it was a brilliant experience, being able to handle quality competition horses, seeing stallions with well mannered behaviour at a young age, learning new training aids and skills and meet successful horses/ riders in the industry, meeting new people and learning about the rehab side and opening new opportunities in the future.

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Aimee-Leigh Randle, Bethany Mitchell, Thomas Kean.



MY APPRENTICESHIP JOURNEY AT EVG EQUESTRIAN... ★



I'm 17 years old in my seventh month of a Level 3 Apprenticeship with Stubbing Court Training. I work at EVG Equestrian in Tideswell, run by Evie Gaskell. Evie is 23 years old and a 4-star event rider. EVG Equestrian offers full and part livery, sales livery for livery clients, and develops promising young horse stock. Evie has a small string of event horses and also competes for liveries on a competition basis. She is a Stage 4 BHS Coach, having trained through Talland with the renowned Pammy Hutton. Evie teaches regularly at EVG Equestrian and fits lessons around her eventing schedule. She also runs clinics and teaches at camps, including the Aspire Camps, which focus on riding skills and mindset. I have attended these camps, and they've been very useful for me. I work four days a week with varying schedules, which keeps things interesting. Since starting my apprenticeship, I've had the chance to travel as a groom to international competitions with Evie's top horse, Scampy, and also attended British Eventing classes with the younger horses. I have also taken part in two SCT Masterclasses with Harry Meade and William Whitaker that have helped me learn a lot.

My daily tasks include mucking out, feeding, and exercising the horses, dealing with the liveries, which has really helped me develop strong communication skills. Working with people of all ages, I've learnt how to communicate clearly and respectfully. Being part of the EVG team has taught me the value of teamwork—our yard motto is "Team work makes the Dream work." Everyone here is very supportive, and we follow and encourage each other's horse journeys. One thing I really like about EVG Equestrian is how we use modern technology to manage the yard. We have the HippoVibe app installed on our phones, and we use it to hold all records and daily tasks, which helps us stay organised and communicate efficiently, even when away. I have weekly riding lessons with Evie, and my riding has improved a lot since I started. It's great to have regular coaching that fits around her busy schedule. I also get to watch Evie teach, which I find informative and interesting—it's great to see the riders and their horses develop over the months of lessons.

One of my favourite parts of the job is caring for the young horse stock. We currently have two foals—Sybil and Adonis. Sybil is a filly by Grafenstolz, the same sire as the recent Badminton winner, Lordships Graffalo, and shows great potential as an eventer. Adonis is a striking gelding by Double Pleasure, known for producing top-level showjumpers. With his impressive bloodlines and natural ability, he shows real promise for a successful showjumping career. Both foals live outside 24/7 to encourage natural movement and socialising. Every morning, we check their health carefully, watching their behaviour and appetite. They have fresh grass and water, plus 500g of Baileys Stud & Youngstock Cubes and a handful of Baileys Alfalfa Blend chaff twice daily to support their growth. I enjoy the basic groundwork with them—leading, standing tied, and picking up their feet — which helps build a good foundation for their future training. These sessions are short and positive to keep the foals comfortable and confident. We keep detailed records of their farrier visits, vaccinations and worming to make sure they get the best care.

My Apprenticeship at EVG Equestrian has been a great learning experience so far, full of new skills and opportunities. I aim to follow up my Level 3 Apprenticeship with coaching qualifications in the future. I'm looking forward to the rest of the year with Evie and seeing where this journey takes me.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? HEIDI SAMSON... ★★



At 16, I left school and did an Apprenticeship through Stubbing Court Training with Patsy Bartram at her dressage yard. I learnt so much and had some amazing opportunities, which meant that by the end of my Apprenticeship, I'd landed a job as a home rider with Matt Heath on an event yard. I got to ride some incredible horses, groom at Burghley, and competed internationally for the first time last year—something I'd always dreamed of. I am now 19, and I've taken the leap and set up on my own yard in Scropton in Derbyshire, running a schooling and competition yard. It's a beautiful place, and I'm so excited to grow my team and build something of myself. My top 3 achievements since completing the apprenticeship have been to start up my own yard, complete Osberton 2* Long last season and produce my horse Spring Rock up the levels in dressage to Advanced Medium.



SAMSON
— EVENTING —

TEAGEN CROWE: APPRENTICESHIP WITH SPRINGFIELD HORSES



I was lucky enough to attend the SCT Masterclass with William Whitaker on 4 April 2025. My employer, Caroline Barnes, and Craig Kiddier participated in this event with me and offered to take my horse to the venue. In preparation for the Masterclass, a high standard of turnout was essential, so we ensured the horses looked their absolute best. They were bathed thoroughly, plaited up neatly, and trimmed, reflecting the professionalism expected at an event with many opportunities. Once the horses were ready, we carefully loaded them for the 36-minute journey to Parklands EC. Timing was crucial, as we needed to arrive at least 40 minutes before

my lesson to allow enough time to settle the horses, check equipment, and get the horses warmed up and ready to jump. The preparation was rewarding; we had a great time at such a well-organised experience. All three horses jumped amazingly, and we also gained excellent tips from the lesson. I feel incredibly fortunate and deeply grateful for the opportunity to attend a Masterclass led by William Whitaker through Stubbing Court Training. Learning from someone with such high abilities — a World Championships rider and a true master of horsemanship — is an amazing experience. I'm thankful to Stubbing Court Training for making such a valuable experience accessible, and I know the lessons I've learnt will help me throughout my equestrian journey.



LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Apprenticeship: **Skye Casper** Distinction: **Sarah Hoare, Kate Porritt**

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

English Level 2: **Evie Chadwick**

