

What the apprentices say.....

Isabel Wain

I am an apprentice at John Whitaker's yard. It is an international showjumping yard with very talented horses. I enjoy going to shows with the horses, seeing their potential and watching their experience grow as well as my own. I've had many opportunities grooming at shows including the Seville Horse Tour and Valencia in Spain, Eschweiler in Germany and Lier in Belgium. I'm very lucky to be having training every day to world class standards and learning the performance needed at the highest level.



William Richards



I am doing my Apprenticeship with top show jumper Matthew Sampson. I find the Apprenticeship really helps me and gives me opportunities that anyone could dream of, for example being able to groom at the Sunshine Tour in Spain for 6 weeks. With this I made loads of new friends but also got to learn about the job role and learn how much a minor mistake can be the difference between coming first in a class and being last in a class. With this I also get to improve my riding with my horse as well as on Matt's horses.

Freya Currie

I am an Advanced Apprentice with event rider Matt Earith (a former SCT Apprentice). Throughout the Apprenticeship I have gained a vast amount of knowledge and experience with a variety of horses; from eventers to sales liverys. I have had the opportunity to groom at competitions and SCT Masterclasses. I would recommend the Apprenticeship, learning hands on, gaining experience and knowledge in a practical way. The training and support I receive from Matt and SCT is second to none.



SCT Masterclass Series

SCT apprentices and employers have the opportunity to take part in the Masterclass Series with world class trainers: Billy Twomey: Irish European, World Championship and Olympic Showjumper; Yogi Breisner: World Class Performance Manager of the British Eventing Team; former apprentice Joe Whitaker, William Whitaker and Matthew Sampson: leading international showjumpers; Spencer Roe: British team rider at the World Equestrian Games and former SCT Apprentice; and Christopher Bartle: Coach to the British Olympic Eventing Squad.

What the employers say.....

Michael Whitaker: European, World Championship and Olympic Show Jumper



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 Kent: 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 and 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 would highly recommend SCT to employers keen to improve the capability of their staff, as well as potential apprentices looking for an excellent, well-focussed training organisation.



Mark Kyle: Irish European, World Championship and Olympic Event Rider



We have successfully worked with Stubbing Court Training for the last 12 years. We have several Apprentices and find with the excellent help and support provided by SCT the Apprenticeship programme allows apprentices every advantage to gain experience and knowledge to a high standard, giving them the practical experience and skills required to work on any professional yard. We strongly recommend the SCT Apprenticeship programme to any employer keen to train and develop their employees.



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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?

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



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 business 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 achievement, including the SCT "Apprentice of the Year" and Enterprise Awards
- 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

We actively practice and promote equality of opportunity for all.

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 an 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 and work experience in international level yards

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

The Advanced Apprenticeship involves supervisory or junior management roles and responsibilities, working towards the Level 3 Standard. Achievement of the Advanced Apprenticeship can also lead to Higher Education.

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 Apprenticeship, which may be a Pass or Distinction.

