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## LEWIS ROBERTSHAW WINS SCT APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR 2021!



Lewis Robertshaw is the winner of Stubbing Court Training Ltd's Apprentice of the Year award for 2021. The 18-year-old, who commutes daily from Bradford to work for showjumpers William and James Whitaker near Huddersfield, has shown tremendous commitment and eagerness to learn since he started his SCT apprenticeship in the winter of 2019. Chris Bartle, world-renowned coach to Britain's Olympic senior eventing team, former Olympian and Badminton winner, judged the final of the SCT Apprentice of the Year competition with Award sponsor Anna Goodley, Director of Lycetts Insurance Brokers at Speetley EC, Chesterfield, on Monday 5 July. The other finalists were Cottagers Plot

apprentice Ellie Wilson and KH Equestrian apprentice Kacey Sturrock and the standard was extremely high. Chris said: "It was a very difficult decision to make between three equally motivated, keen young people, whom I enjoyed teaching today. Lewis showed great potential and trainability and has all the attributes to make a successful professional in the horse industry." After completing his GCSEs in 2019, Lewis started a course at an equestrian college, but dropped out after three weeks. The chance to spend a week helping the Whitakers at a show led to an apprenticeship with SCT. He passed his Level 2 Apprenticeship with a Distinction and commenced his Level 3 Apprenticeship in January. He has groomed at the Lottery-funded World Class programme training sessions for William Whitaker, as well as at international shows in the UK and abroad. He won a £250 prize, generously sponsored by Lycetts Insurance Brokers.

Anna Goodley, Director at Lycetts, said: "Lycetts Insurance Brokers were once again honoured to be asked to sponsor the Stubbing Court Training Ltd 'Apprentice of the Year' award. It was a pleasure to meet and talk to the finalists, all of whom impressed with their dedication to the equine industry. Our congratulations go to Lewis Robertshaw who won the overall title; his passion for looking after and riding showjumpers shone through, and we have no doubt that over the forthcoming years he will succeed in achieving his ambitions. Well done to all and everyone for completing their Apprenticeships during a COVID year - an enormous effort and one that each and every one of you should be proud of."

SCT'S Enterprise Award winner for 2021 is Saskia Rose, who works for Lambley Paddocks Dressage in Nottinghamshire. The Enterprise Award rewards apprentices who help the businesses in which they are employed to become more successful, by expanding their professional skills in at least one of the following areas:

- Promotion/communication
- Management systems/procedures
- Training and developing others
- Finance - fundraising/sponsorship
- Improving facilities/equipment/services

Saskia, 16, started her SCT Apprenticeship in December. She said: "I'm really thrilled to win this award. I'm getting so much out of my apprenticeship - it gives you a much broader understanding of the equestrian world and a wider outlook than studying at college would, and I am learning all the time."



## ELLIE WILSON: GROOMING AT HOUGHTON HALL INTERNATIONAL



I am an Advanced Apprentice at Cottagers Plot EC based near Grimsby, working for Sophie Brown. Cottagers Plot is a BHS approved Riding School and Livery Yard and a Pony Club Centre. Working at a riding school that also offers livery and schooling and houses Sophie's event horses means that I get lots of different opportunities. Recently one of these opportunities was being able to groom at Houghton Hall International Horse Trials for Sophie. We took 2 horses Sarchie and Rodger. Sarchie was in the 3\* Long and Rodger in the 2\* Long.

We left on the Wednesday morning ready for the Trot up that was later on in the afternoon. We wanted to leave in plenty

of time to get both Sarchie and Rodger settled in for the rest of the week. Before leaving I bathed both horses and packed the lorry for the week. I made a checklist to ensure I did not forget anything. I found that when going to an international there is a lot more to pack for the horses. For example, we had to prepare the back of the lorry to pack their haylage and hard feed, mucking out tools and rugs. Both horses went plaited and bathed ready for their Trot up. When arriving at Houghton Hall we parked up then went to find the stables for the week. We prepared them (filled up water buckets, put a hay net up and bedded them down), then unloaded the horses and let them settle before their Trot up. I then assisted Sophie in unpacking the lorry. We took a tack trunk to the stables and took the horses' rugs up. Once unpacked it was time for the horses Trot Up. I got Sarchie and Rodger ready, they were plaited up, groomed, and had their bridles on with their bridle numbers and fleeces to walk up to the Trot up. We took them both together due to the stables being a distance from the Trot up and both horses had their trot up times quite close together. Once they both passed the Trot up, we put them back into their stables. I took the plaits out and ensured they were settled.

Later that evening Sophie and I took both Sarchie and Rodger on a hack around Houghton Hall for a leg stretch. Once ridden they were given their haylage, hard feed and water, skipped out and ready for the night. We did a night check at 9pm to check they were relaxed and had eaten up their feeds. The format of this event was Trot up on Wednesday for both horses. Sarchie had his dressage test on Thursday, Rodger's test was on Friday and both horses then had cross country on



Saturday and show jumping on the Sunday. I worked to ensure the horses were comfortable and relaxed during the week. In the morning we fed the horses and gave them haylage. Both horses were hand grazed at least twice a day. This is important as it gets the horses out of their stables. During the day there would be a plan of what time Sophie wanted to work the horses, planned around her competition times. Both horses were bathed each day to make sure they looked clean and white especially Sarchie due to him being grey! I regularly checked the horses to make sure they were showing their 'normal' behaviour. They had their temperature taken twice a day and before coming to Houghton Hall for biosecurity rules. Each time I took their temperature I also had to record it to monitor their health. Their temperature should be between 37- 38.5 C. Houghton Hall was a great opportunity to work together as a team and also to improve my organisational skills. I really enjoyed the opportunity and learnt so many things throughout the week, such as about the different rules in an international event and the difference between national and international events. I'm really looking forward to the next event that I am able to groom at.





## BARTLE FINDS TIME FOR SCT APPRENTICES WHILE ON THE ROAD TO TOKYO



Team GB Olympic eventing coach Chris Bartle may have his hands full in the build-up to the forthcoming Tokyo Olympics, but he found time to give an exclusive Masterclass to Stubbing Court Training Ltd (SCT) apprentices and employers on Monday 5 July at Speetley EC, Chesterfield. Chris - one of the world's most respected trainers and a former Olympian himself in both eventing and dressage - has had a long relationship with SCT, Britain's leading provider of apprentices to the equestrian industry. SCT's Chief Executive, Belinda Turner, said: "We are so grateful for Chris's ongoing support of SCT, and it was fantastic of him to find time before Tokyo to work with our apprentices and employers. He is an inspirational coach; we try extremely hard at SCT to give apprentices opportunities to learn from the very best to show the importance of high standards in all aspects, and the rewards gained from aspiring to improve all the time."



Chris taught several groups of SCT apprentices and employers of all standards of riding experience and ability, and also judged the SCT Apprentice of the Year final. He said: "It was a pleasure to work with such keen, talented, prospective assets to the horse industry. The employers who also participated were fun to teach and clearly showed their interest in training their apprentices." SCT believes passionately that its apprentices deserve every opportunity to learn from and be inspired by the best riders, trainers and coaches in order to develop skills and confidence. As well as the Masterclass Series and opportunities for apprenticeship placements with highly successful yards and equestrian businesses, SCT's extensive online learning library contains videos of top figures from the equine world demonstrating best practice in all the skills necessary to help young people succeed in their chosen careers.



### LATEST ACHIEVEMENTS!!!!

Advanced Apprenticeship: Keira Tamberlin, Sarah Taylor, Rebecca Gray, Lucy Robinson

Apprenticeship: Lili-Mae Robb, Sophie Malin  
Advanced Apprenticeship Distinction: Holli Staton

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS EXTERNAL TESTS

Mathematics Level 2: Lilly Bird English Level 2: Elle Hallam



## MASTERCLASS WITH WILLIAM WHITAKER



Top showjumper Joe Whitaker's exclusive Masterclass in April for SCT apprentices and employers was a hard act to follow, but another member of the world's most famous showjumping family, Joe's cousin William Whitaker, succeeded in spades. William, who represents Great Britain at senior championship level, and a World Top 10 rider, coached nine groups of SCT apprentices and employers during his own Masterclass at Parklands EC, Sheffield, on 8 June. He said: "I really enjoyed the training - we had enthusiastic groups of riders, all keen to learn and improve." The Whitaker family have been great supporters of SCT's apprenticeship programmes for many years. William added: "It's a fantastic scheme, and it's surely unique that apprentices and employers are given these incredible opportunities to have regular training with world class professionals as part of an apprenticeship!" SCT Chief Executive Belinda Turner MBE said: "William was brilliant - he is as talented a coach as he is a rider, and it was wonderful to see the riders and horses he taught growing in confidence and learning new skills through William's emphasis on the fundamental principles of correct riding. We are also extremely grateful to Parklands EC for their great horses and facilities."



### WELCOME TO:



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