



3 Day National Driving Trials

Hopetoun

Hopetoun Estate, South Queensferry, Edinburgh EH30 9SL

22 - 25 May 2025

*By kind permission of
the Marquess of Linlithgow and the Earl and Countess of Hopetoun*

National competition classes:

*Pre-novice Horse
Novice Horse
Open Single Horse
Advanced Horse
Open Horse Pairs
Advanced Horse Pairs
Horse Tandems
Horse Four-in-Hand
Gateway Newcomers
Gateway Allcomers*

*Pre-novice Pony
Novice Pony
Open Single Pony
Advanced Pony
Open Pony Pairs
Advanced Pony Pairs
Pony Tandems
Pony Four-in-Hand
VSE
Small Equine
RDA National Championship Qualifier*

*Club classes: See www.sdda.co.uk for Hopetoun Club event schedule and entry details.
Depending on entries and availability, the organisers reserve the right to combine
classes. Some dressage classes may be held on Thursday afternoon.*

- Driven Dressage:** Dressage tests for 2025 apply. H4: 100m x 40m. All other classes: 80m x 40m. Two dressage arenas will be available for competition and warm up. Training will not be permitted in these arenas at any time. Arenas may be provided by prior arrangement for exclusive use by trainers on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd May at a cost of £100 per day.
- Marathon:** Section A of approximately 7km of undulating forest tracks and farmland; Section B approx. 8km with 8 obstacles within the Deer Park, including 2 water obstacles. National Novice and Small Equine classes will drive 6 obstacles. VSE and Pre-Novice will drive 4 obstacles, maximum 4km. Distances to be confirmed.
- Obstacle Cone Driving:** Obstacle Fault Competition.
- Qualifiers:** National Driving Championships 2025
- Gateway Classes:** Thursday 22 May
- RDA N.C. Qualifier:** Thursday 22 May

- Organiser:** Morag Spence Tel: 07833 337800 or morag.spence@hotmail.co.uk
- Organising Club:** Scottish Carriage Driving Association
- Event Secretary:** Mary Kusin
- Entries Secretary:** Louise McCutcheon
- President of the Jury:** Marion Koornneef
- Judges:** Philippa Thomson, Mary Lunn, Sara Clinghan and Julie Tomasik
- Technical Delegate:** Tommy Thomlinson
- Course Designer:** Colin Smith **Assistant CD:** Alwyn Morrison
- Course Marker:** Robert Elliott **Course Builders:** Ian Gilbert and the Hopetoun A Team
- Safety Officer:** Hamish Isaac **Safeguarding Officer:** Claire Cameron
- Scorers:** Mike and Louise McCutcheon
- Chief Steward:** Dave Skett
- Stewards' Convenor:** Sheila McNeill
- Stable Manager:** Mark and Jenny Woodward
- Veterinary:** Drs. Louise Cornish and Ann Logan

Provisional Programme:

Stable area open	1000	Wednesday	21 May
Gateway Event:	1000	Thursday	22 May
RDA Competition	1130	Thursday	22 May
Obstacles open for inspection	1200	Thursday	22 May
Driven Dressage	0900	Friday	23 May
Marathon	1000	Saturday	24 May
Obstacle Cone Driving	0900	Sunday	25 May

Entry Fees:	Gateway	£61
	VSE / Small Equine / Pre-Novice	£170
	Singles	£180
	Pairs/Tandems	£200
	Four-in-Hand	£200

£25 surcharge for entries accepted after closing date.

ALL ENTRIES ON-LINE

www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk/entries

All entry fees and start fees are paid to Hopetoun Event. Payment can be made using card (by Stripe) or by BACS.

Full refund of entry fees up to closing date, thereafter 50% refund.

£30 start fee on all classes (except Gateway £4), payable online in addition to entry fee.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Monday 12 May

Entries to be made via the Members Login on the BC website. Club classes enter via www.scdaco.uk

Event contact:	Morag Spence Tel: 07833 337800
Withdrawals:	By 0900 on Monday 19 May by e-mail to louise@wellsgray.co.uk .
Prizes:	<p>Worshipful Company of Farriers Awards will be judged and presented on Sunday 25th May</p> <p>The Pentonbridge Inn Trophy and the Halspan Trophy will be awarded to the Horse and Pony respectively who have the fewest penalty points in the Open and Advanced classes at the Hopetoun event in May 2025.</p> <p>The Worshipful Company of Saddlers will present a hand stitched English Leather headcollar to the para-equestrian driver and young driver (as stipulated for British Carriagedriving Young Members) with the lowest overall score (irrespective of the class entered). If the driver with the lowest overall score is already in receipt of a Saddlers' prize in 2025, the headcollar for that event will be awarded to the next eligible driver. Multiple prizes will not be awarded.</p>
Stabling:	<p>Please report to the stable manager on arrival and wait to be directed to a parking area. Rubber matting must be used on all stables and corrals. Electric fencing can be used with prior arrangement with the event organiser and there will be a designated parking area.</p> <p>Generators must be turned off between 10pm and 6am.</p>
Catering:	Catering van on site from Thursday. Bar on site Friday & Saturday. Drinks reception on Friday evening, following Terrier Racing. Prizegiving and Ceilidh on Saturday evening. There will be a hog roast on Saturday evening. Please book tickets with your entry.
Additional vehicles:	£10 per extra caravan, after the first one per competitor.
ATVs/Scooters:	May be used to access the obstacles at competitors' risk. Not to be used in the obstacles as per BC rules. No cars beyond the forward (obstacle) parking area.
Dogs:	Dogs on leads only. No dogs in obstacles. Please clear up and bin all dog waste.
Health and Safety:	Health & Safety standards will be enforced. All persons on the showground or course will be held responsible for complying with these standards at all times and must not put themselves or any other person at risk in any way whatsoever. Any accident or incident must be reported to the Safety Officer or the Event Secretary immediately. A report will be entered in the Accident Book and the relevant forms completed.
First Aid:	Details of first aid provision will be displayed on the event noticeboard.
Vet/Farrier:	Please contact Stable Manager for phone numbers and referral.
Location:	Deer Park, Hopetoun Estate, Newton, Winchburgh, West Lothian, EH30 9SL. A904, via A90 or M9. In the village of Newton, turn north down the road signposted to Abercorn Church; pass the Parkhead Cottages on a narrow Z bend, ¼ mile further on down the hill turn right into the Deer Park through the security gates over a cattle grid.
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