



SCDA VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Our sport needs new, beginner carriage drivers. And beginner carriage drivers typically need lots of help.

As a Driver or Supporter member of SCDA, this is your opportunity to offer your club whatever help you feel comfortable with, to assist us in introducing new enthusiasts to the wonderful, challenging, and very rewarding world of carriage driving.

Please tick all the boxes where you think you may be able to help. Note that you will not be signed up for any specific volunteering opportunity or event, without first receiving full details of what is involved - and there is absolutely no obligation to say yes to any request!

Category A – Generating Interest in our Sport

Tick the boxes where you think you can help to generate interest and promote our sport to people who have little/no knowledge of carriage driving.

- Try-Driving Days** – come as a driver with your own turnout including carriage with bench seat.
Note that you don't have to be a qualified coach as they will also be present.
- Try-Driving Days** – come as an on-ground volunteer or backstep.
- Arena Demoes** – come as a driver with own turnout to demonstrate some or all phases of our sport, or as an on-ground volunteer or backstep.
- Yard visit** – have an interested individual visit you, either at the yard where you keep your turnout or at a suitable alternative yard, to watch and learn (at your discretion) what a typical session with your turnout involves.
- Event Experience** – show an interested group (3 or 4 people at most) around at one of our club events, to explain what is happening, and to introduce them to some competitors, stewards and officials who can chat to them, explain what they do, and answer questions.

Category B – Supporting Beginners to our Sport

Tick the boxes where you think you can help a beginner to gain the experience and exposure to our sport that they will need before they make the decision to “take the plunge” to get their own turnout.

- Provide your experienced turnout for qualified coaching** - this can be at your yard or at a suitable alternative, to allow a qualified coach to give a driving lesson to a beginner using your turnout.
- Provide support for qualified coach** – if you can't offer your own turnout but can assist a beginner in receiving qualified coaching, e.g. by being their backstep.

3. **Yard Experience** – have a beginner come for a series of planned visits to your yard, so they can gain a range of knowledge about our sport and experience the fun of carriage driving.
4. **Event Experience** – for competitors who are willing to invite a beginner to join you and your team for the day during an event, to gain a range of experience (at your discretion) of the fun of competing.
5. **Breaking to Harness** – assist a beginner to carriage driving if they want to break their own equine to harness and need occasional on-ground help, either at their yard or during SCDA-run training classes.

Category C – Requirements Hub Contributor

Tick all boxes where you think you can be one of our “Requirements Hub Contributors” who can offer information or guidance to help beginners to find the contacts they need in order to put together their own turnout and take the step up to being a novice driver.

1. **Finding a Horse or Pony.** We all know how difficult this is, and if a keen beginner has no contacts or knowledge of their own then they need all the help they can get. The SCDA Requirements Hub will include a centralised resource containing information, provided by Contributors like you, giving regular updates of where potential driving equines may be available.
2. **Finding a carriage.** Similarly, if a keen beginner has no contacts or knowledge of their own then they need help in deciding how and where to get their first carriage. The SCDA Requirements Hub will include a centralised resource containing information, provided by Contributors like you, giving general advice and regular updates of where potential carriages are available.
3. **Finding the right transport.** There are many different ways of transporting equines and carriages to events, and overnighting. The SCDA Requirements Hub will include regularly-updated descriptions of the various options most commonly in use, together with leads from our Contributors like you, on where to look for potential solutions.

Name:

Date:

Thank you for providing the above information, which will be held by the club under our existing Data Protection policy (see website for details). Once we have collated all volunteer information, we will be in touch to give you more detailed information on how the SCDA Volunteer Program will operate.

Please email the completed form to secretary@scda.co.uk Thank you!