**Taunton Vale Harriers Pony Club**

**Are hosting**

**OPEN Hunter Trials**

**Sunday 29th September 2024**

**to be held at**

**Pontispool Equine Sports Centre**

Norton Fitzwarren, Taunton TA4 1BH

**CLASSES** **CLASS 1** 60cm – 14 & under ***Sponsored by Catherine McArt Chiropractor***

 **Class 2** 70cm – Pairs ***Sponsored by Hippy Chick***

 **Class 3** 70cm - 16 & under ***Sponsored by Michael Milne Wealth Management***

 **Class 4** 70cm – Open ***Sponsored by William Morrison Private Property***

 **Class 5** 80 cm – Pairs ***Sponsored by Cooper and Associates***

 **Class 6** 80 cm - 16 & under ***Sponsored by Wellington School***

 **Class 7** 80cm – Open ***Sponsored by Green Paddocks Ltd***

 **Class 8** 90cm – Open ***Sponsored by Mayflower KBB***

**PRIZES** Rosettes to 6th place in each class

The Ardmillan Plate will be awarded to the highest placed TVHPC member in class 6

 1st prize vouchers from Jay Photos and further prizes in kind

**ENTRY FEE** £30.00 for class 1

£40.00 for individual classes 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

£55.00 for pairs classes 2 & 5 (All entries are subject to a non-refundable booking fee which will be stated online on a per class basis)

**ENTRIES** Online Entries Only via [www.horse-events.co.uk](http://www.horse-events.co.uk) and close at midnight on Monday 23rd September *(or earlier if classes full)*

**START TIMES** Times will be available after 6pm on Friday 27th September on [www.ponyclubresults.co.uk](http://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk)

**CONTACTS** ORGANISER: Caz Morrison – email cazandwillmorrison@gmail.com 07557 644493

ENTRIES: Gina Legg- email ginalegg20@gmail.com 07980 796983

**PHOTOGRAPHER** JAY PHOTOS will be on site and have kindly donated our 1st prize vouchers

**CATERING** Catering will be available throughout the day

**COURSE WALK** The course may be walked from 2pm on Saturday 28th September

**NUMBERS** COMPETITORS TO PRINT THEIR OWN NUMBERS AND PROVIDE THEIR OWN NUMBER BIBS

 **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR NUMBER IS CLEAR AND CAN BE READ FROM A DISTANCE**

**CANCELLATION/**

**CHANGES** Please see [www.horse-events.co.uk](http://www.horse-events.co.uk) to make amendments

**RESULTS** Please see [www.ponyclubresults.co.uk](http://www.ponyclubresults.co.uk) for results

**RULES**

The health and safety of all competitors, judges, volunteers and parents/guardians must remain paramount at all times.

Ages as of 1st January 2024

Do not attend if you or your horse is unwell.

### Do not forget your horse passport.

### Riding hats must comply with the Pony Club rules 2024 which can be found at http://www.pcuk.org

### Back protectors must be worn for Cross Country and must comply to current BETA 2018 Level 3 standards.

### The course will be run under optimum time rules.

### Pairs classes will include ‘dressing fences’.

### 3 refusals at any fence is an elimination and if in the timing section, they must vacate immediately.

### After 3 refusals riders may only proceed to the next fence with permission from the fence judge as long as they do not hinder or obstruct any following competitors.

After 4 cumulative refusals over the course, riders will be asked to stop and will be unable to continue over any other fences.

A fall on any part of the course is an elimination and you will not be able to continue.

### Competitors must give way to faster horses.

### Eliminated riders must miss out the timed section.

### No horse may compete more than twice.

### The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry.

### Results will be posted on the Pony Club official "Live results" website

### All dogs must always be kept on leads.

No GOPROS or timing watches permitted.

Should we need to cancel the event, then 50% of your entry fee will be refunded.

If you would like to edit your horse or rider details before the closing date of the event, please login to your Horse Events account and edit your booking.

**DISCLAIMER**

Save for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers, or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of this event or The Pony Club nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies, nor the landlord or his tenant, accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, cars, their contents and accessories, or any other personal property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever. Entries are only accepted on this basis.

The organisers of this event have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present at this event. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents. They must obey the instructions of the organisers and all officials and stewards.

All non Pony Club competitors are not covered by The Pony Club insurance and must have their own third party cover. The Taunton Vale Harriers Branch of The Pony Club and the organisers of this event are not legally responsible for non Members and their insurance will not cover you

This event will be run in accordance with the Pony Club rules for Eventing 2024 Pony Club rules for Eventing are available to download from the Pony Club Website www.pcuk.org and a copy will be held with the secretary on the day of the competition. This includes PC /Centre members wearing the correct Pony Club attire.

No horses or ponies less than four years old and no Stallions without permission of our DC.

The organiser’s decision is final and they reserve the right to reject the entry or entries made by any person if they deem fit to do so and the right to cancel any classes, refunding any fees in respect thereof after costs. No refund of entry fee without vet’s or doctor’s certificate. The judge’s decision is final.

Any objections are to be made to the secretary within 30 minutes of the incident, together with £10, refundable at the discretion of the committee.

Body protectors to BETA 2018 Level 3 standard (blue and black label). must be worn on the course and there will be a statutory tack check.

No horse / pony may be ridden more than twice around the course or once in any class.

No mounted competitor is allowed on the course prior to the official start.

If any horse is deemed unfit or unwell the organisers have the right to have the animal removed from the showground.

Competitors having difficulty with an obstacle must clear the area if a following competitor is approaching the obstacle.

Course may not be ridden by competitors prior to the competition once the course has been flagged. It is a condition of entry that competitors keep to the flagged route to minimise damage to crops. Failure to do so will incur elimination.

No jewellery (including watches) allowed. No stopwatches to be worn by riders whilst competing.

Long hair must be tied back and in a hairnet.

Outside assistance is forbidden and will result in elimination of the competitor.

The organisers reserve the right to disqualify any competitor/supporter showing cruel or discourteous behaviour or on the grounds of Health & Safety.