



3 Day National Driving Trials

Hopetoun

Hopetoun Estate, South Queensferry, Edinburgh EH30 9SL

23-26 May 2024

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

National competition classes:

Novice Horse

Open Single Horse

Advanced Horse

Open Horse Pairs

Advanced Horse Pairs

Horse Tandems

Horse Four-in-Hand

VSE class

Gateway Newcomers

Club classes: See SCDA website (www.scda.co.uk) for Hopetoun Club event schedule and entry details.

Judging of additional dressage tests: £10/test: contact the organiser directly

Novice Pony

Open Single Pony

Advanced Pony

Open Pony Pairs

Advanced Pony Pairs

Pony Tandems

Pony Four-in-Hand

RDA National Championship Qualifier

Gateway Allcomers

Driven Dressage:

Dressage tests for 2024 apply. H4: 100m x 40m. All other classes: 80m x 40m. 2 competition and 2 practice arenas will be available.

Depending on entries and availability, some classes may be held on Thursday afternoon.

Marathon:

2 Sections with 8 obstacles, including 2 water obstacles (6 for Club and Novice, 4 for VSE). Marathon details to be confirmed.

Obstacle Cone Driving:

Obstacle Fault Competition.

Qualifiers:

National Driving Championships 2024

RDA N.C. Qualifier:

Thursday 23 May

Gateway Classes:

Sunday 26 May

Organiser:

Morag Spence Tel: 07833 337800 or morag.spence@hotmail.co.uk

Organising Club:

Scottish Carriage Driving Association

Entries Secretary:

Louise McCutcheon Tel: 07957 222028 Email: louise@wellsgray.co.uk

Event Secretary:

Alison Morris

President of the Jury:

Andrew Counsell

Judges:

Sara Clinghan, Mary Lunn and Julie Tomasik

Technical Delegate:

Tommy Thomlinson

Course Designer:

Colin Smith

Course Marker:

Rob Elliott

Course Builders:

Ian Gilbert and the Hopetoun A team

Scorers:

Mike & Louise McCutcheon

Safety Officer:

Hamish Isaac

Chief Steward:

Bobby Simson

Stewards' Convenor:

Callum Dougan

Treasurer:

Kate Henderson

Stable Manager:

Mark and Jenny Woodward

Veterinary:

Drs. Louise Cornish and Ann Logan

Provisional Programme:

Close of withdrawals	0900	Monday	20 May
Stable area open	1000	Wednesday	22 May
RDA Competition	1100	Thursday	23 May
Obstacles open for inspection	1200	Thursday	23 May
Driven Dressage	0900	Friday	24 May
Marathon	1000	Saturday	25 May
Obstacle Cone Driving	0900	Sunday	26 May
Gateway Event:	1000	Sunday	26 May

Entry Fees:	Gateway	£50	<p>ALL ENTRIES ON-LINE www.britishcarriagedriving.co.uk/entries</p> <p>All entry fees and start fees are paid to Hopetoun Event. Payment can be made using card (by Stripe) or by BACS.</p> <p>Full refund of entry fees up to closing date, thereafter 50% refund.</p> <p>There will be £25 surcharge for entries accepted after the closing date.</p>
	VSE	£165	
	All Club Classes	£175	
	All Singles	£175	
	Pairs/Tandems	£195	
	Four-in-Hand	£195	

Start Fee: A start fee of £30 applies to all classes (except Gateway £3 and Club classes £9). Start fees are payable on line and are in addition to the entry fee

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Monday 13 May

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

Event contact:	Morag Spence Tel: 07833 337800
Withdrawals:	By 0900 on Monday 20 May by e-mail to louise@wellsgray.co.uk .
Prizes:	<p>Worshipful Company of Farriers Awards will be judged and presented on Sunday 26th 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 2024.</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 2024, 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>
Marathon Information:	Section A of approximately 7k of undulating forest tracks and farmland; Section B approx.. 8k. Neutral section between Sections A and B. 8 obstacles within the Deer Park, including 2 water obstacles. National Novice and Club classes will drive 6 obstacles. VSE will drive 4 obstacles with no Section A. Distances and Neutral Section to be confirmed.
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.
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.
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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