

ANNUAL SHOW

Sunday 3 July 2011 at Brockenhurst Park

The day started very early with competitors arriving at 8.00am - luckily we were there by 7.30am. We were also very fortunate to have beautiful weather, a lovely venue in Brockenhurst Park and the going for the horses was perfect.



Hard working show "set-up" team still smiling!

Ring 1 is our Show Jumping which is kindly sponsored by Wessex Petroleum. We had been given two lovely banners which were displayed on the sides of the rings and we thank Wessex Petroleum for their generous sponsorship for these classes.



This year we had made the show rings slightly larger and thank goodness we did as we had so many entries, a bumper year.

We had for the first time introduced a Championship Rug for Rings 3 and 4 which it seems most people thought was a great idea. Ring 2 was Dressage and again we had good entries for this.



We started this ring off at 8.30am with Clear Round Jumping. Then at 10.00am the main competitions began. We had 5 classes of jumping starting at 1'9" for the Novice, the height then gradually going up to 2'9".

We again had a lot of entries and this ring was the last to finish at the show.

We believe from the feed back we have had, that the show this year was one of the best we have had, and I would like once again to thank all of our kind sponsors for their support.

Janet Sheen

I must confess that showing has never really been my thing, but after watching from the proceedings from the secretary's tent last year I decided that Herbie and I would give it a bash, as it looked like good fun and the venue and going were superb.



We are used to tidying ourselves up for Dressage, but I realised we'd have to up our game somewhat as the judges get up close and personal and any dirty bits or dodgy plaits would be much more obvious than from a judges box or car, so my poor horse was trimmed and scrubbed until he gleamed with help from a friend who is much better at cleaning horses than me!

The day dawned and the weather was perfect, but my horse had managed to poo-stain himself quite nicely in the

night even with the addition of leg bandages and a cotton sheet, so more early morning washing ensued.

We arrived in good time and Herbie took it all in his stride, he is used to Dressage competitions but had done nothing like this before. I was a bit nervous when I saw the quality of our competition and the fact that we weren't in a double bridle, but I shouldn't have been, as the judge was happy with my explanation that this was our first ridden showing event and gave me very complimentary and encouraging comments and we were thrilled to get a 3rd place in the Ridden Hunter and the members cup for this class.

We then went on to get a 4th in the Riding Club horse in a strong class and had a go at the 2'3" jumping, the first time he'd jumped away from home.

We had a great time and were thrilled to come away with 2 rosettes and a cup and will definitely come back next year having learnt a lot from the day.

Nina Clarke