

The Pony Club Endurance Championships 2021

Held at: British Horse Feeds and Golden Paste Company's Red Dragon Festival of Endurance, Builth Wells, Wales. Sunday 26th September 2021

The 2021 Pony Club Endurance Championships were held in a stunning new venue of the Royal Welsh Show Ground in Builth Wells. Our Championships were kindly hosted by Endurance Great Britain. Special thanks must go to EGB organisers John and Jane Husdon, and to Amanda Barton and Fiona Williams from The Pony Club Endurance Committee for all their support in running this event.

Members met on a sunny autumn day to take on the Grassroots, Novice, Intermediate, and Open challenge. The ride hosts one of the trickiest Endurance routes in the country and sees them navigate a very steep climb into the mountains, and then winding on through the stunning countryside.



With the Novice, Intermediate and Open riders already out on the course, the Grassroots class made their way to the first farrier and veterinary inspection. All competitors must complete and pass this inspection before heading out on the ride. Members also had to demonstrate correct and safe handling skills of their horse or pony throughout the pre ride inspection. The veterinary stewards were our judges. Tack and equipment are checked by an official before heading out.

The placings for the Endurance **Grassroots** 18km are:

Placing	Member	Club (Branch/Centre)	Pony or Horse Name
1 st	Summer Louise Addiscott	Dare Valley	Twyncarmel Miss Money Penny
2 nd	Dylan Shearman	Underhill Riding Centre	Five Star Florence
3 rd	Holly Wright	Berwyn and Dee	Beanie (Tremymor Scarlett)

4 th	Gracie Parry	Dare Valley	Starlight
5 th	Amalie Rundle	East Cornwall Hunt	Millersford Dillon
6 th	Ella John	Swansea and District	Seren Disglair
7 th	Delyth Morgan	Radnor and West Hereford Hunt	Castletown Madge
8 th	Lucy Tomlin	Park Lane Stables	Frenchie (Lady French)

Members took part in regular online learning and training in readiness for the endurance ride which also saw them complete the Intro and Main Achievement badges for the sport.

Members also had the opportunity to form teams. These can be made of three to six members. This event saw four teams take part. The best 3 scores from each team make up the final team score.

Grassroots team results:

Placing	Team	Members	Club (Branch/ Centre)
1 st	Mixed Area Team (Areas 10, 5 16)	Holly Wright Amalie Rundle Delyth Morgan Dylan Shearman	Berwyn and Dee East Cornwall Hunt Radnor and West Hereford Underhill Riding Centre
2 nd	Dare Valley (Area 10)	Gracie Parry Mali-Gwen Lewis Lowri Morgan Summer Louise Addiscott	Dare Valley Dare Valley Dare Valley Dare Valley
3 rd	Area 18	Emily Anthony Llinos Brackenbury Ella John	Vale of Taf Vale of Taf Swansea and District
4 th	Park Lane Stables (Area 11)	Adalaide Greany Claudia Barnicott Lucy Tomlin	Park Lane Stables Park Lane Stables Park Lane Stables



A good test of route planning and map reading skills takes place if the challenge of a longer ride is taken with the 26km Novice, 36km Intermediate, and 56km Open classes.

Post ride, all ponies had to be correctly washed off and cooled down. This takes place before the final inspection with the Vet to see how fit, healthy, and well the horses or ponies are.

The placings are:

Novice 26km:

Placing	Member	Club (Branch/ Centre)	Pony or Horse Name
1 st	Fleur Alexander	Swansea and District	Ora El Maysa

Intermediate 36km:

Placing	Member	Club (Branch/ Centre)	Pony or Horse Name
1 st	Alex Powell	Brecon & Talybont Hunt	Balishla

Open 54km:

Placing	Member	Club (Branch/ Centre)	Pony or Horse Name
1 st	Scarlett Chapple	North Shropshire Hunt	Durboro Tansy

We would like to share a special thanks to supporters such as British Horse Feeds, The Golden Paste Company, Allen and Page, Capture Their Character, Plas Equestrian, Performance Equestrian, Muggling along, and David Saunders Photography.



Congratulations to all members taking part in the Endurance Championship 2021 at The Red Dragon Festival of Endurance.

Awards:

Award	Rider	Pony	Club (Branch/ Centre)
<i>Best Newcomer</i>	Summer Louise Addiscott	Twyncarmel Miss Money Penny	Dare Valley
<i>Hornshill Perpetual Intermediate Shield</i>	Alex Powell	Balishla	Brecon and Talybont Hunt
<i>Open Shield</i>	Scarlett Chapple	Durboro Tansy	North Shropshire Hunt
<i>Best Condition</i>	Fleur Alexander	Ora El Maysa	Swansea and District
<i>Best Shod</i>	Holly Wright	Beanie (Tremymor Scarlett)	Berwyn and Dee
<i>Best Turned Out</i>	Amalie Rundle	Millersford Dillon	East Cornwall Hunt
<i>Capture Their Character Award</i>	Dylan Shearman	Five Star Florence	Underhill Centre



