



Saddle Research Trust 2023 Seminar Series

Equine Performance & Safeguarding:

How Understanding Ridden Horse Performance Can Protect Our Social Licence to Operate in Equestrianism

*CPD certificates available
(BHS Approved 6 points)*

Venues

(Further dates to be announced)



Reaseheath College, Nantwich, Cheshire, CW5 6DF

Date: Monday 20th March

Tickets available online. Book [HERE](#)



**NETHERTON
EQUESTRIAN**

Netherton Equestrian Centre, Aberargie, Perthshire PH2 9NE

Date: Bank Holiday Monday 29th May

Tickets available online: Book [HERE](#)

TICKET PRICES

Early bird offer up to 1 calendar month before - £30

Advance tickets up to the day before - £40

On the door - £45

Concessions available for groups

All enquiries - please contact annebondi@me.com



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- **Better for longer?**

Why many talented horses do not live up to their promise or disappear from competition after a short career

- **Training issues**

What behaviour of the ridden horse can tell us about poor performance

- **Small gains mean bigger wins**

How we can help optimise ridden horse performance

- **Can we protect our social licence to ride and compete?**

How to enhance the 'happy' appearance of sports horses

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This seminar will share new ground-breaking work that will change the future of the equine sports industry – for good. The evidence-based information that will be presented is a game-changer for the industry in respect of the welfare and performance of ridden horses and our social licence to operate. The focus of the seminar is on the latest research, the evidence and its practical application.

If you would like to host a seminar in your area, please contact us - we would love to hear from you!

Further information:
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Seminar Programme

9.15 am Registration

9.30 am Anne Bondi

The Equine Safeguarding Concept

What does it mean for equestrian sports?

Followed by Q&A

10.00 am Sue Dyson

Ridden Horse Performance

Development of the Ridden Horse Performance Checklist

Followed by Q&A

10.30 am Sue Dyson

What should a Happy Horse Look Like?

What behaviour of the ridden horse can tell us about poor performance

Followed by Q&A

11.00 am Coffee break

11.15 am Sue Dyson

How can we protect our social licence?

Future-proofing equestrian sports

Followed by Q&A

12.30 pm Lunch break

1.00 pm Sue Dyson and Anne Bondi

Ridden Horse Performance - Practical demonstration

Assessment checklist & practical application

3.00 pm Sue Dyson and Anne Bondi

Assessment Checklist - Practical session

Opportunity to practice applying the checklist

4.00 pm Break

4.15 pm Anne Bondi

Summary

4.30 pm

Open forum

Any questions panel & discussion

5.00 pm

Finish

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Seminar Presenters

Dr. Anne Bondi *BHSI, BHSAPC, PGDip, DProf*

Anne Bondi is a BHSI Accredited Professional Coach, the Director of the Saddle Research Trust and Chair of the Board of Directors of SMART Saddles.

Originating from a Pony Club background, Anne represented the Perth branch in all competitive teams throughout her youth and passed the PC 'A' certificate with honours. Early career opportunities included working for Olympic eventer Karen Dixon followed by several years as a senior instructor at the Yorkshire Riding Centre, home of Olympians Jane and Christopher Bartle.

During a successful professional career, Anne built up a wide client base of coaching, training competition horses and specialising in the rehabilitation of behavioural problems in performance horses. Anne enjoyed success up to Advanced level in both dressage and eventing both in the UK and overseas and continues to produce young sports horses at amateur level.

After graduating with a Doctorate from Sunderland University, Anne has continued her research interests in horse and rider interactions, authoring and co-authoring a number of peer-reviewed scientific papers and textbook chapters. She is a peer reviewer for several scientific journals, a PhD Examiner, a Higher Education Programme Consultant, a Post Graduate Course Tutor and delivers a wide range of training courses for professional practitioners.

Anne currently provides a coaching and consultancy service for horse owners, riders, coaches and professional practitioners to assess and improve performance of the ridden horse.

<https://equineperformanceconsultant.com>





Dr Sue Dyson *MA Vet MB PhD DEO*

Sue Dyson graduated from the University of Cambridge in 1980. After an internship at the University of Pennsylvania and a year in private equine practice in Pennsylvania, Sue returned to Great Britain to the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket. Sue ran a clinical referral service for lameness and poor performance, attracting clients from all over the United Kingdom, Ireland and continental Europe for 37 years.

Sue's passion was the investigation of lameness and poor performance, improving approaches to diagnosis and management. Sue has been involved not only in providing clinical services, but also clinically relevant research and education, drawing also on her experiences as a rider. Sue's key interests are improving the diagnosis of lameness and poor performance and maximising the opportunity for horses to fulfil their athletic potential at whatever level, taking a holistic approach to the horse-rider-tack triad.

Sue is a former President of the British Equine Veterinary Association and is currently scientific advisor to the Saddle Research Trust and Moorcroft Rehabilitation Centre. Sue is also a rider and has produced horses to top national level in both eventing and show jumping. Sue holds the Teaching and Stable Managers Certificates of the British Horse Society (BHSI).

Sue currently works as an independent consultant advising on non-veterinary aspects of equestrianism, drawing on her observations of many years as a hands-on horse person, and continuing research and education.

