



BDS SCOTTISH SHOW REPORT 2016

Entries this year were to be honest very poor, in numbers but not in quality. There were many reasons for this, a number of drivers were either injured or their equines were, we clashed with an SCDA event and generally entries to all shows have been down this year. However those who did attend had a great day, our Show Champion went on to win the Horse of the Year Show and the Championship and the Concours d'Elegance in the main ring with over 2000 people watching was a great success, so it wasn't all bad.

Even with the reduced income we managed to keep the show in the black and this year proved the worth of having some money behind us. With cash in hand we have the confidence to go forward, if we had no reserve we would probably have cancelled the show and as you know once that happens it's very hard to start again. I would like to thank all our sponsors; In Harness Magazine who have been long time sponsor and are good friends of Scottish Driving. The Capon Tree restaurant in Jedburgh who actually saw an upturn in business from the publicity of their sponsorship last year, and not many sponsors can say that! And of course all the members who very generously sponsored classes, without their support we would have no show.

The hospitality tent most ably run by Sandi Lanni and her team once again was the hub around which the show turns, our thanks to them all for their generosity, the show would not be the same without them. With regard to the tent it has unfortunately come to the end of its life. I think we paid £300.00 for it fifteen years ago so I don't think it owes us too much and the Committee has agreed that we should purchase a replacement.

Next year we are introducing some more classes for exercise vehicles and would like your suggestions for classes to add. This is your show, it is a case of use it or lose it. We have a great facility at the Border Union Showground they like us being there and are ridiculously inexpensive and we all get into the main ring to show off our turnouts. If you haven't been before why not make it your show not to miss in 2017.

Enjoy your driving and I look forward to seeing you out and about in 2017.

Clive Rushton-Green
Show Director.