

LOTHIAN & BORDERS AREA SHOW, HOPETOUN HOUSE - SATURDAY 26th MAY 2018
(Judge : Mrs Annie Rushton-Green)

Hopetoun House was once again the fabulous setting for the Lothian & Borders Area Show. We are very lucky that we are able to have the use of the large main ring during the driving trials event while the trials drivers are out on the cross country phase.

Numbers of entries were excellent this year, especially in the exercise class where there were ten turnouts forward for judge, Mrs Annie Rushton-Green from Hawick in the Borders to judge.

The exercise class saw Shetland Ponies rise to the occasion taking the first two places with Douglas Robertson driving Erray Rosebay to a 2 wheeled Bennington Exercise Vehicle taking first place and Laura Chaffe driving Almondell Crusader to a Robinsons Exercise Cart taking second place.

The Exercise Vehicle Class was followed by the Private Driving Class with four turnouts forward. This Private Driving Class was won by Caroline Watson from West Lothian driving her Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango to an Original Dogcart by Mulliners Of Birmingham from 1890 and in second place was Ruth Martin driving her Welsh Section C, Merioneth Tymesti Ap Storm to a Lawton Gig, Circa 1895.

The Championship then went to Caroline Watson and Llanarth Tango and the Reserve Championship went to Ruth Martin and Merioneth Tymesti Ap Storm.

The showing classes were then followed by a Concourse D'Elegance class which was judged by artist Emma Rocca. Ten turnouts took place and started with a couple of laps of the ring to allow the judge to have a quick look before setting off on a short drive where the judge was able to watch them at a couple of positions on the drive round the grounds of Hopetoun House and down the Lime Avenue before gathering in front of the house for final selection and presentation of commemorative rosettes to all turnouts. Special Rosettes were given to the judge's favourite Traditional Turnout and favourite non-traditional turnout, the turnouts she would most like to paint.

The judges favourite Non-Traditional Turnout was Kendall Young driving her coloured Welsh x Cob, Bertie to a Bennington 2 Wheel Exercise Vehicle and the judges favourite Traditional Turnout was Caroline Watson driving her Welsh Cob, Llanarth Tango to an Original Dogcart by Mulliners Of Birmingham from 1890.

Special thanks must go to "The Farm Supply People", Agricultural, Equestrian & Pet Supplies, West Forth Farm, Forth who for the second year have generously sponsored the show by supplying fabulous prize bags for the first place in the Exercise Vehicle Class, first place in the Private Driving Class and the Reserve Champion and a prize bag and a large sack of horse treats to the Champion. These fabulous prizes were greatly received by the winners and it was lovely that the owner, Caroline Jardine was able to attend and watch the classes and present the winners with their prizes.

RESULTS

Class 1= Exercise Vehicle Class

- 1 = Douglas Robertson driving Erray Rosebay
- 2 = Laura Chaffe driving Almondell Crusader
- 3 = Abby Sclater driving Chief
- 4 = Sheena McConnell-Ferrie driving Sydney
- 5 = Susan Robson driving Llanarth Honeysuckle
- 6 = Kendall Young driving Bertie
- 7 = Alastair Munro driving Robert's Gift
- 8 = Kirsty Matheson driving Blaencanaid Morning Glory
- 9 = Enya Wolfe driving Millie
- 10 = Claire Armet driving Alexandra

Class 2 = Private Driving Class

- 1 = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango
- 2 = Ruth Martin driving Merioneth Tymesti Ap Storm
- 3 = Kim Pearson driving JD's El Dorado
- 4 = Kirsty Matheson driving Paddy

CHAMPION = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango

RESERVE CHAMPION = Ruth Martin driving Merioneth Tymesti Ap Storm

Class 3 = Concourse D'Elegance Class (Judge : Emma Rocca)

Traditional Turnout = Caroline Watson driving Llanarth Tango

Non-Traditional Turnout = Kendall Young driving Bertie