

TREC Event held at Brendon Manor Riding Stables

TREC Riders Club held a Level 1 TREC Competition at Brendon Manor Riding Stables in spectacular countryside near Lynton.



It was an early start on for competitors and helpers at TREC Riders Club Level 1 event. The event was designed to a Level 1 standard, with classes for individuals and pairs, and the aim was for everyone to complete the course successfully and to have an enjoyable day.

TREC competitions consist of three phases. The first phase is the POR, where riders copy a route onto their own map and then follow the course. The second phase is MA, where horse and rider have to canter slowly and walk quickly over a set distance. The third phase is a series of skills tests, which can include immobility, bending and rein

back.

Map reading skills were put to the test to ensure that riders reached checkpoints in the correct order. There were also some obstacles including opening and closing a gate safely. After a break for lunch, the riders then had to tackle the MA section, a slow canter followed by a fast walk over a marked distance. The final section was the PTV, where the horse and rider had to negotiate a variety of obstacles in the field.

TREC Riders club would like to thank Equisafety for their hints safety wear and reeves, Barnstaple Equestrian Supplies for their gift voucher, vouchers

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Results are as follows:

Level 1 Individual: 1st Nicky King, 2nd Perry Wise, 3rd Martin Stone

Level 1 Pairs: 1st Anna Ames and Helen Halpin, 2nd Julie Box and Alison Blasdale, 3rd Amanda Lang and Heather Edwards

Level 1A Pairs: 1st Carol Burge and Zoe Willford, 2nd Sally Watts and Peter Vaughan

For full results and further events please see our TREC Riders Club facebook page

Pictured are:

- 1 Sally Watts and Peter Vaughan set off as a pair at 8am!
- 2 Lynn Fisher, Anna Peepo and Martin Stone arriving at a checkpoint
- 3 Anna Ames and Helen Halpin checking their map.
- 4 Nikki King Opening the gate
- 5 Riders waiting at the start of the PTV obstacles.
- 6 Martin Stone and June from Brendon Manor Stables.
- 7 Carol Burge and Blue, immobility for 10 seconds
- 8 Heather Edwards and Faith, Bending
- 9+ Competitors enjoying their day
Images by Annabelle Gregory

