

Manderston Hunter Trial

Thanks to kind permission from Lord and Lady Palmer the South Lammermuir Riding Club was able to hold their annual Hunter Trial at Manderston. This venue had been greatly missed last year due to extremely wet weather. Fortunately this year the weather was kind to us and over 100 competitors were able to enjoy the excellent going and the sunshine.

I must mention here the enormous amount of work that course builder David Law and his brother Adam assisted by Bill Law put in, in a very short space of time. David designed and built the course, which he has done in previous years, ensuring that competitors had an interesting well built course to negotiate. Adam is hoping to relocate back to the Borders very shortly and both he and David will be producing a variety of portable cross country fences as well as show jumps.

It is very much appreciated that so many people put an enormous amount of hard work and effort into the running of this event.

A big thank you to the scorers Marlene Young and Rachael Dewar who once again did an excellent job to get the scores out quickly and to everyone else involved from Sarah assisting Viv in the secretary's caravan to fence judges, timer, lorry parking, numbers, food providers etc, again thank you as without you the event could not happen.

Thanks to the efforts of Ann Affleck as collecting ring steward and Keith Stewart as starter the event ran to time and finished with the sun still shining.

Prize winners this year were able to take home some beautiful 3 tier rosettes thanks to some generous sponsorship (see results for sponsor details) and congratulations go to the first four in classes 4 and 5 as they qualify for the Knockhill Cross Country Championships at Gleneagles on Sunday 9th October provided they are or become British Horse Society members.

(Results included.)