

Hopetoun Horse Driving Trials

27th – 29th May 2011

Dear Competitor

Thank you for your entry for the 2011 Hopetoun Horse Driving Trials, we look forward to seeing you.

The **Stabling field** opens on **Wednesday 25th May**. There will be some designated parking zones for large lorries, so please report to the Stable Manager before parking and follow his instructions.

Paperwork will be available from 12 noon on Thursday from the Event Office. Please bring your Declaration Form.

DIRECTIONS For a map see **Competitor information** on www.hopetoundriving.co.uk

Hopetoun is situated on the south shore of the Firth of Forth between South Queensferry and Linlithgow. Access is from the **A904** near the village of Newton and will be signposted from **Junction 2** on the **M9** and from the Roundabout just south of the Forth Road Bridge on the A90/A8000.

NB - Do not follow the signs to Hopetoun House through South Queensferry as entry to the show field is not through the main "Hopetoun House" entrance but through the back entrance into the Deer Park known as the 'Blue Gate', and signposted with white and blue signs.

SAT-NAV The Post Code for the Blue Gate is EH30 9SL and the Grid Reference is NT 083 786. Beware, Hopetoun House has the same Post Code so your Sat-Nav may send you in completely the wrong direction and you would be required to turn round. Furthermore when coming from the North or East your Sat-Nav may tell you to turn right before passing through Newton – this would take you along very narrow rough roads with an awkward turn. Ignore its pleas and pass through Newton before turning right, as indicated below.

Coming from the South and West – M6 – M74 – M73 From **M73** going north, turn onto **A80/M80** (direction Stirling), at Exit 5 take **M876** then onto **M9** (direction Edinburgh). Exit **M9** at Junction 2 (signposted Hopetoun House) and turn left from the slip road. At T-junction turn right onto **A904** (signposted Hopetoun House). Turn left at 'Hopetoun Carriage Driving' sign, just before the village of Newton, down a single track road to Abercorn

From the Edinburgh Ring Road Leave the ring road on the **M8** for Forth Road Bridge and Glasgow. Leave the **M8** at Junction 2 and join the **M9**. At Junction 1A take the **M9 Spur** for the Forth Road Bridge, join the **A90** briefly before taking the next slip road signposted for Bo'ness and South Queensferry. Take first exit (**A904**). Follow **A904** west to Newton and take first turning right after village (sign-posted Hopetoun Carriage Driving) down a single track road to Abercorn

From the North /Forth Road Bridge Take first exit immediately after the bridge to the roundabout beside the Brewer's Fayre. Take 3rd exit (**A904**) follow **A904** through village of Newton and take first right, signposted Abercorn and 'Hopetoun Carriage Driving' sign.

Final Approach The approach is along a narrow, winding lane. Entry to Hopetoun Deer Park is through a stone gateway on the right beside a gatehouse, which needs to be negotiated with care. This Security gate will be manned most of the time or have a number posted on it to phone. In case of problems it is possible to walk through the little gate and contact the Security Guard or Stable Manager to let you in. The gate next to it may have the chain loosely wrapped but unlocked and allow access for smaller vehicles.

DOGS The Estate has stipulated that **all** dogs must be on the lead and no dogs are allowed in the woodland areas.

PRE-EVENT OFFICE PHONE NUMBER 0799 061 2781

SHOWERS There will be two showers on site.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS You will be expected to carry a suitable fire extinguisher for your lorry and caravan and leave it visible at the front near-side of the Vehicle. Please complete the Safety Notice in your pack on arrival and display it clearly.

MOTORISED VEHICLES Section A and D will be driven blind. No motorised vehicles will be allowed on the course. To inspect the Obstacles cars may be taken up the hill on the hard track to the Forward Car Park.

PARKING The area around the Main Arena and the Marquee is **strictly pedestrian only** except for disabled competitors and "Priority" cars.

STABLE MATS AND GROUND CONDITIONS The estate is in an environmental scheme and to limit ground damage we would ask Competitors, to use matting, clear up your stabling area and rake up all bedding. Please put dung in the marked heaps and household rubbish only in the skips. Please contact the Organiser if you need to use electric fencing. We ask you to be sensible in keeping the use of cars on the stabling field to a minimum.

CATERING 'Highland Cuisine' will again be providing their excellent catering service and we hope you will make full use of their facilities. They open for business on Thursday. Full details of their hours will be in your paperwork on arrival.

Their Carvery unit with small adjacent marquee will be in the Stable area offering filled breakfast buns, bakery, hot drinks.

Lunch and dinner will be available in the Main Marquee. There will be a minimum of 3 hot dishes each service in addition to fresh salads, sandwiches, bakery products, hot & cold drinks and confectionery.

Highland Cuisine will also have bread rolls & milk for competitors to purchase.

FRIDAY EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

7.15pm - Demonstration by the Scottish Equestrian Vaulting Team in the Main Arena, followed by.....

7.30 pm – Drinks Reception in the Main Marquee. All Competitors and partners, Judges, Officials, Stewards, Volunteers and Sponsors are cordially invited. Meals and a Bar will be available again after the Reception.

SATURDAY ENTERTAINMENT

Main Arena Events in the afternoon include the Rover Classic Car Rally and a Dog Show

8.30pm Prize giving for Dressage and Marathon in the Main Marquee

9.00pm Ceilidh Entry free and open to everyone on site with Complimentary stovies at midnight courtesy of 'Highland Cuisine'

27th May – DRESSAGE TESTS and Provisional Approximate Starting TIMES

ARENA 1 (100 × 40)	Test	Approx Time		ARENA 2 (100 × 40)	Test	Approx Time
Adv. Single Horse	FEI 9 (2008)	08:30		Open Single Horse	FEI 7a	08:30
Adv. Single Pony		09:00		Open Single Pony		10:15
Adv Pony Pairs	FEI 10	10:45		Interm. Single Pony	BHDTA Test 1a (2009)	10:45
Pony Fours-in-Hand		11:45		Interm. Single Horse		11:45
Open Pony Pairs	BHDTA Test 1a (2009)	12:30		Horse Tandem		12:45
Open Horse Pairs		13:15		Pony Tandem		12:45
Adv. Horse Pairs	FEI 8b	14:00		National Novice Horse	BHDTA Test Novice (2011)	13:00
Horse Fours-in-Hand	FEI 8a	16:00		National Novice Pony		13:15

We hope you all a successful and enjoyable weekend,

Jane Isaac