



THE JOCKEY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FINALISTS 2022

JAKE HODSON – Garden Maintenance & Tree Surgery

EMMA SAYER – Training & Development Manager, Scottish Racing Academy

JORDAN VAUGHAN – Farrier

1. JAKE HODSON

Age: 31

From: Stratford-on-Avon

Second Career: Garden Maintenance and Tree Surgery



Race Riding Career: Jake rode for eight years first as an Amateur and then as a Conditional until 2017. He had 503 career rides and 31 winners under rules.

Career Development: Jake always knew he wanted to do something practical in his second career and work outside so he started to grow his gardening business whilst still riding, using JETS for guidance and support. He has used his contacts built up from racing to develop his business with a number of trainers now on his clientbook. In 2021, he decided to expand his business to include Tree Surgery. He gained various qualifications through JETS to allow him to do this and now has taken on four new staff to enable him to take on more and larger commercial contracts and continue to grow the business and be a market leader in his area.

Jake said: “In moving into a trade that is non horse or racing related, I knew I would have to learn a whole new range of skills and gain qualifications. I feel that I have put a good career plan in place and have worked hard to gain the qualifications and complete the courses needed. Gaining these without the help of JETS would have been incredibly difficult.”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS Consultation, Training Advice. Chainsaw & Tree Felling Courses, HSE & Environmental Awareness.

2. EMMA SAYER

Age: 30

From: Penrith, Cumbria



Second Career: Training & Development Manager, Scottish Racing Academy

Race Riding Career: Emma rode as an Amateur before getting her Conditional and Apprentice licences with around 600 rides and 59 winners, retiring from riding in 2019.

Career Development: Emma has always been committed to her personal development and gained a PE instructor qualification at university. She travelled extensively as part of her riding career gaining experience in different racing jurisdictions and used JETS to help her apply for the Alex Scott travel scholarship which she did to complement her trainers modules. In 2020, she applied for the role of Level 5 Tutor and Assessor at the Scottish Racing Academy (SRA) and has since been promoted to her current role as Training and Development Manager. She now is able to combine her passion for educating young people with racing and is

continually growing her skills and knowledge with new coaching and educator qualifications to help her progress further.

Emma said: “Working for the Scottish Racing Academy is an honour and I feel very privileged to be doing so. It has been a very steep learning curve over the past two years and the growth over the last year I feel demonstrates my commitment and effort to my job as well as initiative, working with trainers, student and members of the racing industry to try and create a more joined up approach to training and education within the racing industry.”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS consultation, Training advice, Career Guidance, CV Preparation, Interview Technique and Recruitment support. Trainers modules and Saddlers Course Level 1.

3. JORDAN VAUGHAN

Age: 28

From: The Wirral, Merseyside



Second Career: Farriery

Race Riding Career: Jordan first rode as an Apprentice in 2012 for George Margaron before moving to Karl Burke's for three years when he rode out dual Group 1 winner Quiet Reflection. He retired from riding in 2017 after 542 rides and 54 winners.

Career Development: Jordan always had an interest in farriery and particularly in the anatomy and conformation of horses. JETS initially supported Jordan with completing LGV driver training so he could earn money whilst waiting to start his training as a farrier and then helped identify the courses he needed to complete in order to become a qualified farrier. JETS have helped Jordan progress through his four year Level 3 Apprenticeship at Warwickshire College which he completed in May 2022, supplementing his income by riding out at weekends and achieving a Distinction along with a prize recognising his achievement in his exams. As a fully qualified farrier, he continues to work for Ed and Will O'Shaunhessy in Newmarket

but also has managed to purchase his own tools and forge so he can start building his own client list and continue competing in Farriery competitions.

Jordan said: “All the evenings spent studying, taking part in competitions and practicing in the forge have all been worth it. It’s been really hard but I’m so proud of my achievements. I know for a fact I wouldn’t be here without JETS who have helped fund my courses and make this positive change to my life. I can now use my skills to help horses in different ways and be a part of improving their performance in whatever field of equestrianism is their specialism.”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS Consultation, Training Advice.
Apprenticeship in Farriery, Level 2 Certificate in Forgework, Advanced Certificate in Equine Transport, LGV Driver Training.