



THE JOCKEY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FINALISTS 2023

STACY BONE – HR Business Partner

DICKIE HAWKINS – Accounts Manager

DAVID PARKES – Customs Broker

1. STACY BONE

Age: 38

From: Leicester

Second Career: Human Resources



Race Riding Career: Stacy Bone (nee Renwick) rode as an Apprentice for seven years and had 12 winners from 215 rides.

Career Development: After initially setting out as personal trainer in her second career, Stacy then decided to pursue a career as a Recruitment Consultant. With no relevant experience, initially Stacy had to gain sales experience in a Call Centre role to improve her chances of a Recruitment role. After six months in a challenging role she applied for a Trainee Consultant role and quickly was promoted to a Senior Consultant. In 2019 she moved to help set up an agency (The Recruitment Group) with her boss and has helped expand the company which now has 12 branches across the country and she has become part of the senior management team after completing her Level 5 CIPD qualification.

Stacy said: “I have tried two different careers to finally find the right choice for me but I am extremely proud that I have managed to find a role where I can make a difference to a company. I believe my resilience, competitiveness, and work ethic I learned from working within racing, and this has helped no end in this career. I am proof that there is hope for a successful career outside of racing, with no academic qualifications, a family to raise and living with Cyclothymia (a form of bipolar disorder).”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS Consultation, Training Advice. CIPD Level 5 Diploma in HR Management, Personal Trainer course

2. DICKIE HAWKINS

Age: 34

From: Somerset



Second Career: Accounts Manager

Race Riding Career: Dickie rode as a Jump jockey for 4 years before sustaining a serious head injury in a fall in 2011 which ended his riding career.

Career Development: Having initially tried to stay in racing, Dickie realised due to his injury he wasn't able to do a physical role and with the support of JETS and the IJF he applied for an Accountancy apprenticeship in Taunton. After ten years working in the business, completing his AAT accountancy qualification with Distinction and working in practice, he now enjoys a role as Accounts Manager for a large local construction firm in West Somerset. The role is incredibly varied and Dickie has become a valued member of the team, gaining huge confidence after overcoming periods of low mental health as a result of his head injury.

Dickie said: “I have overcome many physical and mental challenges since my accident and I am incredibly proud of where I am and all that I have achieved. A lot of hard work has gone into my new role and the training required to get here, I am dedicated to my success and will keep working hard. I miss racing very much but I have to move forward.”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS consultation, Training advice, Career Guidance, CV Preparation, Interview Technique. AAT Apprenticeship.

3. DAVID PARKES

Age: 31

From: Northern Ireland



Second Career: Customs Broker

Race Riding Career: David rode as a Flat jockey for 7 years with over 1000 rides and winners in the UK and across Europe and in Dubai. He won the 2014 Hands and Heels Apprentice Series in 2014.

Career Development: David first used JETS to gain an Accountancy qualification whilst injured. Following an injury, he assessed his career and decided he wanted to pursue a second career in logistics. He gained his LGV licence and developed a keen interest in the customs side of the haulage and shipping industry, gaining various qualifications enabling him to become a Transport Manager for a renowned vehicle movements company. Since then, he has founded his own business, DAP Shipping, taking advantage of the various post Brexit trade deals and using many of the skills he acquired as a jockey to acquire clients, grow the business and forge relationships which is so important when dealing with customs. He plans now to expand into new markets including the thoroughbred industry which will enable him to reconnect with his first passion of racing.

David said: “The resources offered by JETS are incredible, and I can certainly say they have played an integral role in my career today. I feel when support has been given you, there is a duty to achieve the goals set out. I always believe in being positive in any situation, and if anything is worth doing it is worth doing it right. Racing required strong self-discipline which has helped me get where I am today.”

JETS Support/Training Courses: JETS consultation, Training advice, Career Guidance, CV Preparation, Interview Technique. AAT Accountancy Level 2-3, LGV Driver’s Licence, Transport Managers Course, UK Customs Academy Level 2, 3 & 4, Institute of Export UK Customs Diploma in International Trade & Finance