



BHA DEVELOPMENT AWARD FINALISTS 2026

ELLIS COLLIER – Conditional Jockey

BEN MACEY – Conditional Jockey

GREGOR WALKINGSHAW – Conditional Jockey

1. ELLIS COLLIER

Age: 25

Based: Bridgend

Race Riding Career: 371 rides, 27 winners



Personal Development Highlights: Ellis has embraced all of the support available to him as a professional jockey. Working closely with his jockey coach Rodi Greene, Ellis is one of the tallest jockeys in the weighing room at 6ft 2" and has worked extremely hard on his weight and fitness and has had support from the PJA Nutrition team during periods of racing and through injury.

Ellis has consistently utilised his periods of injury to develop personally and professionally using JETS to investigate different areas of the industry such as Handicapping and did a day with the BHA's starting team as well as the Jockey Ambassador training. He also has been buying and selling horses at the sales looking ahead to a pre-training career and has always been very open to training and opportunities.

Ellis said: *"I recently accepted the position of stable jockey to Syd Hosie. I don't think I would have had that opportunity if I hadn't used my time during injury so wisely. I think having a future career path and ideas has had a very positive influence on me and helped to keep me level during good and bad days."*

JETS Support/Training Courses:

- BHA Starter shadowing
- BHA Handicapper meeting
- JETS media training
- JETS ambassador training
- PJA nutrition support
- Bloodstock training
- Business Start-Up meeting

2. BENJAMIN MACEY

Age: 21

Based: Gloucestershire

Race riding career: 317 rides 30 winners



Personal Development Highlights: Ben has made excellent use of Will Kennedy as his Jockey Coach working on style, fitness and evolving his riding as his experience grew. Ben is completing the Sporting Excellence Professional Apprenticeship (SEPA) and part of that has been a phone call with Ruby Walsh which he found extremely valuable.

Ben recently took up road cycling and in July raised over £500 for Cancer Research by cycling 300 miles. Ben credits his cycling as something that has really benefitted him mentally as it gives him time to think about other things and something else to focus on, whilst adding to his fitness regime. He recently climbed Ben Nevis and has now completed the three peaks challenge in 24 hours next year. Ben has also been able to invest in property which he feels can only be a good thing for his future.

Ben said: *“I feel that I have subscribed to all the support available to me and want to give myself the best chance of being as successful a jockey as possible. I really enjoyed all the extra activities and think it’s really important to give back wherever possible.”*

JETS Support/Training Courses:

- Media Training
- Sporting Excellence Professional Apprenticeship (SEPA)

3. Gregor Walkingshaw

Age: 22

Based: Perth

Race Riding Career: 84 rides, 4 winners



Personal Development Highlights: Gregor works very hard with his coach Brian Harding who has helped Gregor with his racing, riding and mentality. Having previously played rugby, Gregor went from 12 stone to 10 stone with the help of the PJA Nutrition team. Gregor also changed his fitness routine from a muscle gain to a more endurance phase of exercise and recognises how much stronger he is and feels he has prevented injury by doing this.

Gregor utilised the help of a sports psychologist and gained a whole new perspective about himself and his future. Gregor enjoys a dual career by taking time off work over the summer and working for a local farmer. This is something he will be doing in the future and is consistently looking to add to his skills.

Gregor said: *“I have really enjoyed working out all of my fitness and nutrition routines with the guidance of the support available. Having a dual career has really helped me with other aspects of life and gives me a concrete vision for the future. I am extremely keen to be a positive person in the yard and try my best to be a mentor for the younger people in the yard.”*

JETS Support/Training Courses:

- Sports Psychology
- Level 3 Senior Equine Groom



IJF ENTERPRISE AWARD FINALISTS 2026

ANDREW ELLIOTT – Tattoo Studio

JAMES O'FARRELL – Landscaping Business

LILLY PINCHIN – Clothing Business

1. **ANDREW ELLIOTT**

Business: Tattoo Studio



Race Riding Career: Andrew has ridden as a Flat jockey for 23 years and has had over 300 winners both in the UK and Middle East where he was Champion Jockey in Bahrain in 2018.

Career Development: Having always had a passion for art, Andrew took up the hobby more seriously during COVID when racing was suspended. He then injured his shoulder in 2022 and during his rehab spoke to JETS who encourage him to look at tattooing courses. He carried out various courses to complete his qualification as a tattoo artist and continued to gain experience, developing his designs and growing his portfolio before taking the step of setting up his own studio ([2092 Tattoo Studio](#)) in Bedale in May 2025. He has since grown the business, building a loyal client base and raising awareness of his studio within the local racing community whilst he continues to ride work for Karl Burke and take race rides during the week.

Andrew said: *"Having a dual career has really helped me take the time to develop my business properly. The riding still provides me with income and keeps me fit but I've been able to develop the skills and qualifications I need for tattooing alongside my"*

riding. I'm now at the stage when I can look to the future knowing I've found a second career I really enjoy and can be successful at. JETS have been so helpful in helping to steer me onto this path and I just wouldn't be here without them."

2. JAMES O'FARRELL

Business: Landscaping



Race Riding Career: James rode as a Conditional for 11 years from 2001 to 2012, both in the UK and abroad. He represented Ireland in the Fegentri Series and won the American Grand National.

Career Development: James initially carried out field and paddock maintenance on equestrian properties whilst riding but after a career ending fall, he widened his work establishing O'Farrell & Sons Limited, a field maintenance, landscaping and property refurbishment company. Over the years he has used JETS for general advice and to complete a number of different courses enabling him to grow his business and expand the property side of the business. He's taken on more staff and property jobs all over the country with larger farming contractors and recognised developers, leading to a lot of repeat business as well as work still within racing at training properties.

James said: *"The courses I've done through JETS really helped me gain better contracts and establish a wider network of contacts. Riding abroad and meeting different people from all walks of life has helped me massively in my business dealing with all types of individuals and scenarios and I'm able to treat any issues or problems as speed bumps and look for solutions instead of approaching them negatively."*

3. LILLY PINCHIN

Business: Clothing



Race Riding Career: Lilly has been riding as a Jump jockey for 11 years and has had 115 winners from over a 1000 rides, including three winners at Cheltenham.

Career Development: Lilly established [Pinchin Collection](#) in 2026 as a business she felt confident she could build alongside her riding. Having always been interested in fashion, she has created a brand which is both practical for the outdoors but also looks good too. Before launching the business she spent time researching different manufacturers, fabrics, sizing, pricing and product quality whilst developing the designs. She has also established a strong social media presence via [Pinchin's Farm](#), growing a community to introduce the brand to. She continues to develop her business and marketing skills and knowledge to take the business to the next step having already sold over 500 items in five months.

Lilly said: *"My ambition is to build Pinchin Collection into a recognised countryside and equestrian-inspired clothing brand which I can move into fully when I finish riding. I've learnt so much already and am always willing to ask questions and take advice where needed. Having JETS on hand is really reassuring, knowing the support is just a phone call away and not just now but beyond my riding career as well."*



THE JOCKEY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FINALISTS 2026

ED BARRETT – Riding Instructor

EMMA STEPHENSON – Education in Racing

BRIAN TREANOR – Accounting

1. ED BARRETT

Second Career: Rider Coaching



Race Riding Career: Ed rode as a point to point jockey for nine years and had around 315 rides with 37 winners before a life changing accident ended his jockey career.

Career Development: With his mother running a family riding centre it was a natural progression for Ed to transition into a coaching role. With the support of JETS, Ed has become a fully qualified BHS coach allowing him to stay connected to the equestrian world while building a meaningful second career. Ed has faced severe mobility and speech challenges which he's had to adjust to carry out his coaching and optimise his delivery and shaped how he coaches. His success prompted the BHS to adjust their assessment procedures, developing a more inclusive pathway for candidates in wheelchairs which will benefit others in the future. His ambition is to progress to BHS Stage 5 Performance Coach, become a BHS assessor, and continue developing his family's riding centre.

Ed said: *“My greatest achievement will always be finding the resilience to rebuild my life and career after my accident. Coaching became more than a job as it restored my confidence, gave me purpose, and proved that high level professional success is still possible despite significant physical challenges.”*

EMMA STEPHENSON

Second Career: Education in Racing



Race Riding Career: In her ten year career as a jockey she rode as an Amateur, Apprentice and Conditional. Despite fracturing her neck twice, she enjoyed 61 winners including two at Aintree.

Career Development: Whilst an Amateur, Emma trained as a Secondary PE teacher and when she finished riding in 2019, she joined the Scottish Racing Academy (SRA) as a full time Level 5 Tutor and Assessor having used JETS for guidance and support through her transition into her life after racing. Her career at the SRA has progressed and after two years she was promoted to Education and Training Manager and then in 2024 to Operations Manager. Throughout this time, she has carried out further coaching qualifications and is now a Coach Educator too. Her role has allowed her to contribute to various industry working groups and committees including the BHA Judicial Panel on which she sits on and she's used this experience to enhance her work with learners, supporting the next generation entering the industry.

Emma said: *“Having had to consider a second career earlier than expected due to the injuries sustained during my riding career, it has been incredibly rewarding to find a role where the knowledge, experiences and relationships built through racing can be passed on to the next generation, while continuing to work in an industry that has always meant so much to me.”*

2. BRIAN TREANOR

Second Career: Accounting



Race Riding Career: Brian rode for five years as both an Apprentice and Conditional based in the north of England retiring from the saddle in 2015.

Career Development:

With the support of JETS Brian pursued a couple of different career paths but then suffered a severe stroke and had to undergo extensive rehabilitation. Unfortunately, he wasn't able to carry on with the electrician apprenticeship he'd been doing and had to rethink his whole future. He initially completed a computer course and then a Business and Law course before completing a part-time Accounting and Finance degree at Griffith College in Dublin so he could work alongside. He started as a maternity cover administrator for a food company he'd previously been doing electrical work for and now works in a full time role in the international department, handling invoices and logistics documentation. He is now working towards completing his remaining ACCA qualifications and eventually establish his own accounting practice.

Brian said: *"I went from racing, to an electrical apprenticeship, to suffering a life-changing stroke and having to rebuild my career in a completely different area to the one I'd planned going from a practical to office based role. Completing the degree has therefore been about much more than gaining a qualification, it has given me a brilliant sense of achievement."*