

National Horse Trials Championships – Senior Novice Team

Unfortunately the original team members of Gill Argyle and Cherise Greasley were unable to compete as both horses were injured so Tessa Spencer and new member Helen Dooley took their places.

At the National Horse Trials at Aston le Walls the team also had to negotiate roads and tracks and steeplechase.

Day 1

Sarah Nicholls (Cragg Prince) gave the team a great start with a 31.1 dressage, Helen Dooley (Murphys Tipple) – 36.1, Tessa Spencer (Miss Scarlett) - 36.8 and Becky Littlefield (Sunkist Avalon) – 32.6.

Becky had an unfortunate 4 faults in the jumping and the rest of the team went clear.

Day 2

Sarah again gave the team a great start with clear through all the roads and tracks, steeplechase and cross country. Helen also went clear just picking up 0.6 time penalty and Tessa and Becky were clear inside the time. The team looked great in their cross country tops kindly sponsored by Fresh Creations and Design.

We thought we were in with a chance of being placed and the team were placed a fantastic 3rd out of 29 teams. Sarah 2nd individually, Tessa 3rd individually, Becky 5th individually and Helen 6th individually.

The team also won a silver salver for the Senior Novice Top All Four Scores.

A great weekend for Rearsby Lodge.

Claire Atkins
(Stand in Team Manager for the day)