

**Aintree
Equestrian**

INTERNATIONAL EVENT CENTRE



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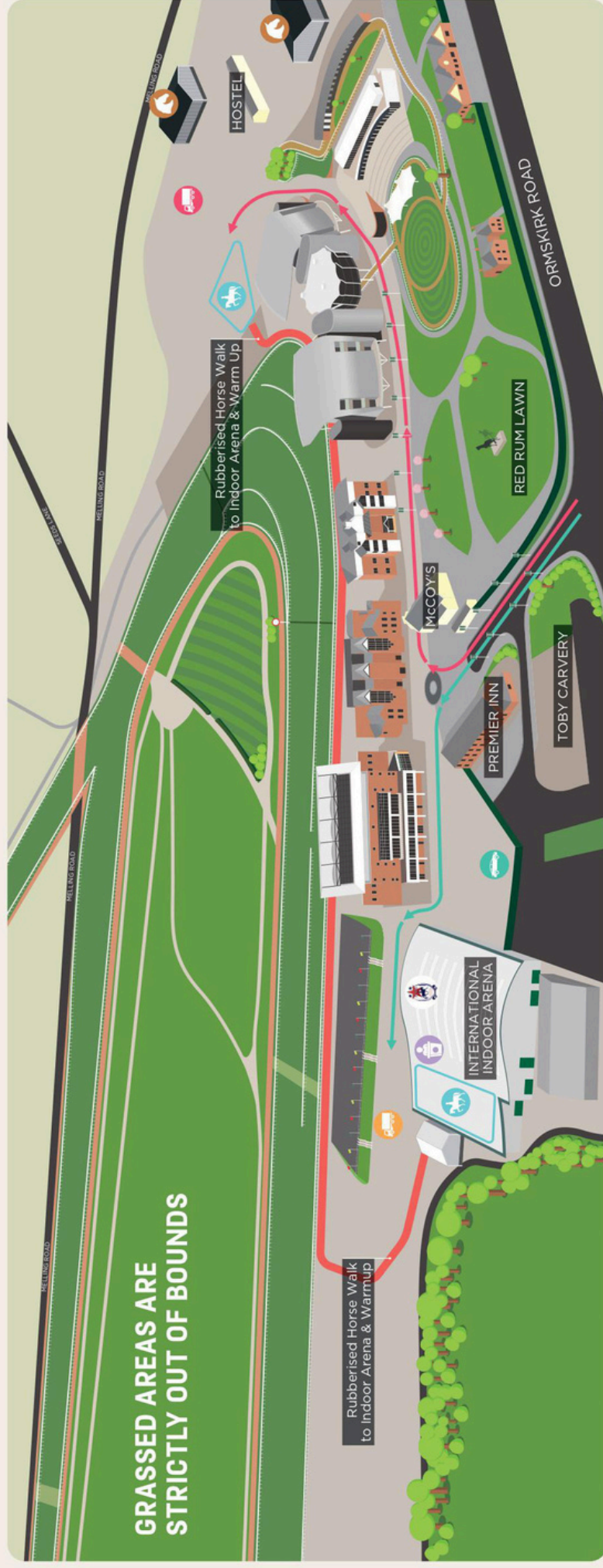
BRITISH DRESSAGE HIGH PROFILE SHOW

15 - 19 OCTOBER 2025

COMPETITOR INFORMATION



SHOW LAYOUT




- Route to Indoor Arena for day visitors
- Car Parking
- Secretary/Show Office
- Route to Stables
- Lorry Parking & Hook Ups if you are stabling
- Warm Up Areas
- Lorry Parking for day visitors
- Stables



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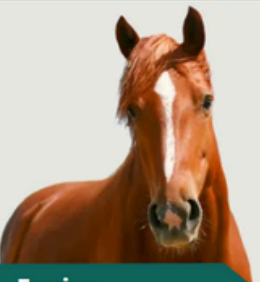
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Small Animals

Hird and Partners are well equipped to care for individual

Small Animals Home



Equine

We offer a comprehensive range of ambulatory, clinic and hospital-based equine services

Equine Home



Farm Animals

Hird and Partners have an established history for the treatment of farm animals

Farm Animals Home

Hird & Partners is a long standing and well-established practice based in the heart of Halifax, West Yorkshire and offers a friendly, caring and professional service for creatures great and small.

When John Hird took over the practice in 1977 from John Abbott, the premises at Blackwall had been a veterinary surgery for nearly 200 years. The practice grew and became Hird & Partners in 1993 and we are proud to have a dedicated equine clinic in Shelf, Cheshire and Sheffield and small animal branch surgeries in Ripponden and Walsden.

In 2015 the small animal practice moved from Blackwall to a new, purpose build site on King Street that offers a modern range of diagnostic and surgical facilities that compliment our friendly and experience team.

Holding Tier 2 accreditation of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Practice Standards Scheme, you can rest assured of our commitment to provide the highest standard of veterinary care possible to your pets, and you, our clients.

The practice has 20+ veterinary surgeons with a broad variety of skills and areas of interests to ensure a high standard of patient care, compassion and service, day or night. Alongside our vets, we have a dedicated and extensive team of support staff, including veterinary nurses, receptionists and administration staff.

Proudly independant, we carry out all our own emergency cover out of hours, meaning our clients have access to our own veterinary surgeons and do not have to attend an unfamiliar surgery and deal with unfamiliar staff.





TRAVELLING TO AINTREE

Postcode - L9 5AS

Aintree Racecourse is located on the A59, just one mile from the M57 and M58, which link the M62 and M6. Follow the A59 to Liverpool and the AA brown racecourse signs as you approach the racecourse.

If you are coming from the M57/M58, please follow Ormskirk Road (A59), past Asda, McDonalds and the Industrial Estate. Please take the left turn at the traffic lights for the racecourse, just after KFC and by The Toby Carvery.

To enter the racecourse, go underneath the barriers and turn RIGHT for the stables at the mini roundabout or LEFT if you are a day competitor not stabling.

ARRIVAL

DAILY COMPETITORS (NOT STABLING)

Daily horseboxes will be parked adjacent to the Equestrian Centre and an overflow lorry park will be alongside the racecourse track. All parking is on tarmac or hard standing.

Gates will open at 6.30am each day, and no earlier.

STABLING COMPETITORS

When you have arrived at the racecourse, drive straight past the grandstands with the Parade Ring on your right. You will then drive up a slight incline, next to the outdoor arena, and you then turn right for the stables.

The stable manager's office is located next to the gates into the main stable yard. There will be stables signage in place and parking stewards to guide you.

Please ensure you have your horses passport and vaccinations so we can check on arrival.



STABLES

The parking stewards will direct you on where to park when you arrive. Please follow their guidance when parking. There will be busy periods, so we do ask that you are patient with them and follow their instructions on where to park.

- Arrival times are 2pm – 7.30pm Tuesday, and 7.00am – 7.30pm all other days.
- The latest time you can arrive on site is 7.30pm.
- IF YOU ARE NOT GOING TO BE HERE BEFORE 7.30PM PLEASE EMAIL US

ALL HORSES ENTERING RACECOURSE STABLES, MUST HAVE BEEN VACCINATED IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED A VACCINATION IN THE 6 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVING.

The last vaccination must have been between the **14th April 2025 and 8th October 2025**

PASSPORTS WILL BE CHECKED UPON ARRIVAL

- A **£30** stable cash deposit will be required when you arrive. This is to be paid at the Stable Managers office.
- All stables **MUST** be fully emptied before you leave. Stables will then be checked and the £30 deposit will be refunded back to you when you leave.
- We do have some tack/storage lockers near the permanent stables which are available to use, these are £5 cash each to hire, and they are on a first come, first served basis. A £5 cash key deposit will also be required which will be refundable on return.
- All stables will have two bales of bedding when you arrive. The bedding is either paper or shavings.
- Please ensure you bring your own feed. There is no feed store at Aintree.
- Hay is available to pre book through Horse Monkey before the show starts. Please ensure you pre book to ensure we have enough.
- No mucking out equipment or wheelbarrows will be available, please ensure you bring your own.
- Please provide your own water and feed buckets.
- Strictly **NO SMOKING** in the stable complex or in any building on site.
- The solarium will be open for this show.
- The route to the Equestrian Centre from the stables is along the rubberised walkway in front of the grandstands along the side of the racecourse. Passing places will be put in place along this walkway. All horses **MUST** use this route at all times and not use the back of the Grandstands or the tarmacked area.
- The Equestrian Centre is about a 10 minute walk from the stables, so ensure you allow plenty of time for your journey before your class.
- The stables have a 24 hour manager on site and they will be located in the Stable Manager's Office by the entrance to the stables.



- The stables will be closed at 11.00pm at night and the Stable Manager will do regular walk rounds during the night. We request that competitors avoid going into the yard after this time to allow the horses to settle and rest. The stables will be back open at 6am but we request that the noise is kept low due to local residents who are overlooking the stable yards.
- Strictly no dogs in the stable yards at any time. This is a BHA rule and must be adhered to at all times
- There is free tea and coffee for grooms in the tea room in the brick stable yard. Please bring a cup to help reduce plastic waste.

HOOK UPS

- Please advise the Stable Manager when you arrive that you have booked a hook up and you will be directed to the hook up steward.
- Those who have booked hook ups, will need to bring their own adapters. Aintree do not provide any adapters or leads.
- Please ensure that your hook up equipment is in full working order. The electricity supply at Aintree is checked regularly and is in full working order. If your hook up equipment does not work or trips the supply, we may not be able to give you this service.
- If you are a non-hook up, you will be directed to park away from the hook up lorries
- There are bins located around the stable yard and also in the lorry park. Please ensure that you help keep Aintree tidy. We are renowned for having a tidy racecourse and like to keep it that way!

FLU VACCINATIONS

All horses must be fully up to date with flu vaccinations

All vaccination records should have been checked by the competitor at the time of entry. Please ensure that you bring your horses passports with you, these will be checked upon arrival at the stables and spot checks will be taking place in the arena.

As per the terms and conditions of Aintree International Equestrian Centre and British Dressage all horses COMPETING, must have been vaccinated in the last 12 months.

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SHOWERS

Showers are located in the Hostel, by the stables

- The shower facilities are only available to those who do not have showers in their lorry.
- There will be showers available each day in the hostel, located next to the permanent stable yard.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- The showers will be cleaned regularly during the day, but if you feel they need a clean, please let the stable manager know.

TOILETS

- There are toilets located in both stable yards, the hostel and in the Equestrian Centre.
- All toilets will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the show
- If you are not happy with the cleanliness of the toilets, please inform the cleaner or member of staff as soon as possible.
- Please respect our toilet facilities and leave them how you expect to find them. Please flush the toilet!

DOGS

- Due to BHA rules, dogs must not enter the stabling area.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.
- We ask that all dogs are cleaned up after they foul. This is an increasing problem at Aintree and people will be asked to leave if they are seen not to adhere to this rule and dogs will no longer be allowed to come on site.
- We request that dogs are kept out of the café and eating areas.
- Please keep your dogs away from Tradestands, we have had many complaints about them fouling near the stands.
- Dogs or people are not permitted on the racecourse track at any time.

KEEP BELONGINGS LOCKED AWAY

- There have been some recent thefts at other venues, so please ensure you leave all belongings locked away at all times.
- It is your responsibility to look after your belongings and keep vehicles locked at all times.
- Please report any suspicious behaviour to a member of staff.



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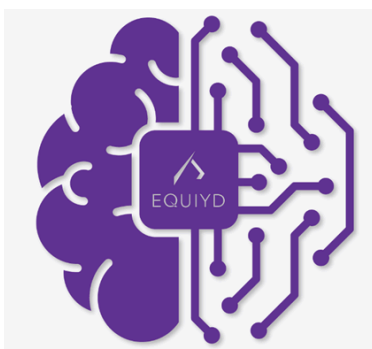


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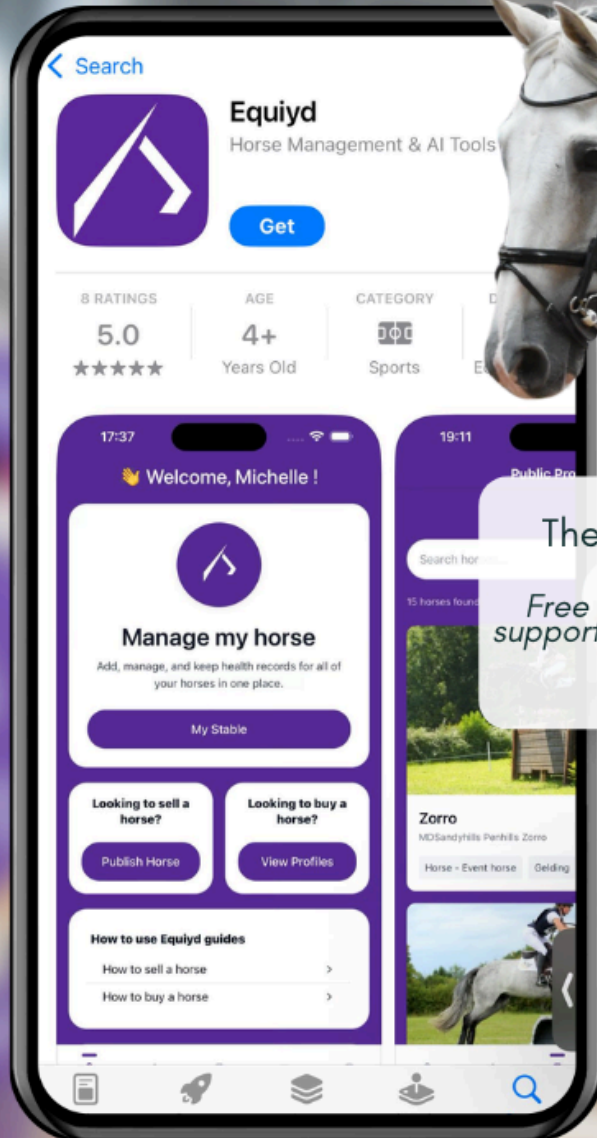
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SPECTATORS

Spectators are permitted to attend the show, but it is strictly **ticket only** for our Gala Evening on Saturday. These can be purchased on HorseMonkey or via the link below as soon as they go live!

CLICK HERE



TRADESTANDS

The following tradestands will be attending the Championships

- Horse and Rider Clobber
- Horse on Demand
- Majestic Photography
- Rokhorse
- Sesro Horses
- The Saddlery Aberconwy
- Tipple N Cheese
- Ged's Bar
- The Choc Spot

LIVE STREAMING

The show will be live streamed through Horse & Country TV, so share with your friends and family!

ENTRIES

Late entries may be accepted subject to withdrawals. Please contact info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk to be added to the waiting list.

TEST SHEETS AND ROSETTES

- These can be collected from a table in the cafe by the show office.

BIKES & SCOOTERS

- Bikes are permitted, but please ride them responsibly. Aintree is classed as a public highway when the gates are open.
- Electric scooters are not permitted on public highways, so therefore are not permitted to be used around the racecourse.
- There is a 5mph speed limit around the racecourse at all times.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



WARM UP ARENAS & WALKWAY TO THE ARENA

Aintree has *three* warm up arenas

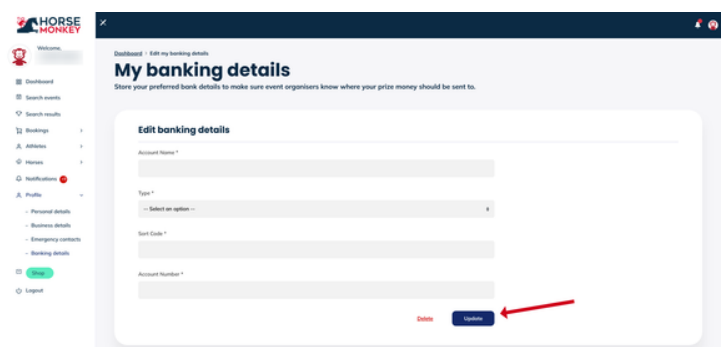
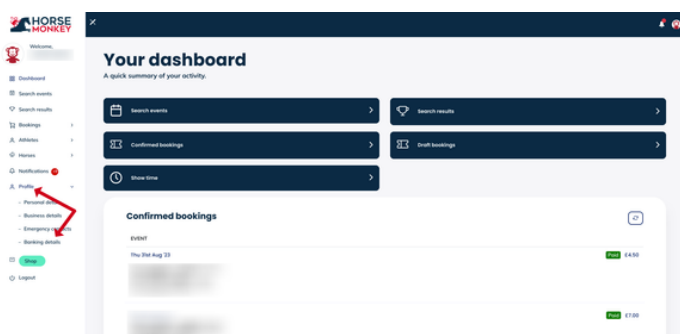
- The outdoor arena by the stables is available to use all day during daylight hours. Maximum 6 horses/riders at once.
- There is a rubberised walkway down to the arena & it is a crucial part of your warm up before you get to the arena. This is strictly walking only.
- Please note that if you do not wish to use the horse walkway, you are permitted to box down to the arena. You must only use the walkway at all times to go to and from the arena to the stables. It is a 10 minute walk to use this walkway.
- The outdoor at the back of the arena will be available to exercise. A maximum of 6 horses/riders at once.
- The indoor warm up is available for the next 8 to compete in the main arena. There will be a steward monitoring the numbers.
- There are a lot of arenas and we would really appreciate help with poo picking too, so please bear this in mind to help keep our surfaces at their very best.

ARENA WALKS

- There will be an opportunity to do an arena walk during the day.
Please check your times on horse monkey for the arena walk timings.
- Please ensure that you are socially distanced at all times during the arena walks

PRIZE MONEY

- Anyone that wins prize money at Aintree International Equestrian Centre needs to update their bank details on their HorseMonkey profile.
- This information will then be used to transfer the prize money to their bank account.
- Please note: It is the competitor's responsibility to provide bank details in order to be paid prize money. **Bank details must be provided via HorseMonkey within 7 days of the event, otherwise prize money will be forfeited.**





ORDERS AND TIMINGS

- Orders and times will be sent to you via Horse Monkey or can be accessed via the link below when they have been published.

CLICK HERE



MUSIC CLASSES

- Music is accepted as a CD, USB or via email. If using CD or USB, please leave your music at the show office and clearly labelled, spares are encouraged.
- If sending via email, please email your music to info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk

GRAZING

- There is a small grazing area in the stable yard.
- You will be permitted to graze your horses in the centre of the racecourse (obviously not on the actual racetrack) between 4pm and 5pm each day once our groundsteam have finished working.
- When grazing, please use a bridle, chifney and lunge line to reduce the risk of having loose horses!
- Please DO NOT graze horses on the racecourse track as this is sprayed frequently.

CATERING AND REFRESHMENTS

- The Tophams cafe will be open throughout the show
- Further seating and tables will be available in the arena.
- Seating and tables will be cleaned regularly.
- The cafe will be open from 7.30am – 2.30pm each day.
- Tipple N Cheese food trailer will be open in the arena from 11am – late.
- The cafe will be closed on Saturday evening for the gala dinner.

GALA EVENING HOSPITALITY

- Saturday evening is strictly ticket only.
- Owners, riders and connections will be permitted in the Owners and Riders area, which is located in between the warm up arena and main arena. All other areas will be ticket only.
- Smart casual dress is encouraged for the Gala Evening
- Spectators will be encouraged to remain seated and quiet whilst tests are taking place.
- Hospitality will be served through the evening and movement will be at a minimum during tests, but competitors do need to understand that dinner will be being served during the evening.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Aintree Show/Secretaries Office – 0151 522 2949 (general enquiries)

Stable Manager's Office – 0151 522 2938 (show days only)

Aintree Security – 07525 735 757 (for access to the racecourse only)

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on
info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk

(Please note that if you have withdrawn from the show and have received this email, this is a circulation email sent to all competitors who have entered the show).

The Aintree team and I will be on site for the show if you have any concerns during the show, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or a member of the Aintree team.

We wish you a safe journey to us, a nice experience whilst you are here and hopefully we can welcome you back again soon.

Carly Sage

Aintree Equestrian Centre Manager & Assistant to the Regional Head of Racing

Aintree Racecourse

The Jockey Club

0151 522 2949

USEFUL CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WATERPROOF CLOTHING | <input type="checkbox"/> PASSPORT & VACCINATION RECORD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JOHDPURS/BREECHES | <input type="checkbox"/> HEADCOLLAR, LEADROPE & LUNGE LINE FOR GRAZING |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SHIRT, STOCKS OR TIE | <input type="checkbox"/> BRIDLE INCLUDING A SUITABLE BIT & REINS (SPARE TOO) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BODY PROTECTOR | <input type="checkbox"/> MARTINGALE OR BREASTPLATE (IF REQUIRED) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIDING HAT | <input type="checkbox"/> NECK STRAP (IF REQUIRED) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, WHIP, SPURS | <input type="checkbox"/> SADDLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RIDING BOOTS | <input type="checkbox"/> GIRTH AND A SPARE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YARD BOOTS | <input type="checkbox"/> SADDLEPAD OR NUMNAH AND A SPARE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JACKET | <input type="checkbox"/> BOOTS - BRUSHING BOOTS & OVERREACH BOOTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAIRNET AND SCRUNCHIE | <input type="checkbox"/> STUDS AND STUD KIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CLOTHES | <input type="checkbox"/> COOLER RUG/LIGHTWEIGHT STABLE RUG |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FLIP FLOPS (FOR SHOWERS) | <input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTWEIGHT WATERPROOF RUG OR SHEET |
| <input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR - INC BRAVE PANTS | <input type="checkbox"/> BANDAGES OR TRAVEL BOOTS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NIGHTWEAR | <input type="checkbox"/> GROOMING KIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOWELS | <input type="checkbox"/> PLAITING KIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TOILETRIES, TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE | <input type="checkbox"/> TACK CLEANING KIT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICATION/HAND SANITISER/MASK | <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST AID KIT & FIRE EXTINGUISHER IF STAYING IN LORRY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAIRBRUSH | <input type="checkbox"/> SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SLEEPING BAG OR DUVET | <input type="checkbox"/> MANE AND TAIL SPRAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PILLOW | <input type="checkbox"/> FLY REPELLENT & FLY MASK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TORCH | <input type="checkbox"/> HOOF OIL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MONEY | <input type="checkbox"/> HAY NETS/HAY/HAYLAGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GIN, LEMON, TONIC, FIZZ & CHOCOLATE | <input type="checkbox"/> FEED BUCKETS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE CHARGER | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER BUCKETS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SENSE OF HUMOUR | <input type="checkbox"/> FEED & SCOOP FOR FEED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOG LEAD & POO BAGS IF BRINGING A DOG | <input type="checkbox"/> SHAVINGS FORK, SHOVEL, BRUSH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER (IF THEY ARE JOINING THE FUN!) | <input type="checkbox"/> WHEELBARROW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CASH FOR DEPOSITS | <input type="checkbox"/> HORSE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR STABLE DOOR |

GOOD LUCK!

We look forward to welcoming you to Aintree

