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WELCOME

from Simon Cox, TBA NH Committee Chairman

National Hunt breeders are a resilient breed; how often has that expression been rolled out? The time between planning a mating and witnessing the resultant foal reaching the course can see many changes to not only the physical but also its pedigree page. There is also the matter of several unraced stock waiting in the wings, which can create a cash flow vacuum.

The TBA and its National Hunt Committee endeavour to improve the economic situation through various means, which includes taking ownership of and championing the Great British Bonus and the Elite Mares' Scheme (EMS). The Levy Board generously doubled the available fund for the EMS which has allowed us to redesign the scheme and further support and encourage mare owners to visit high-quality British NH-based stallions. We are also able to provide greater reductions to nomination costs for British domiciled mares, and in many cases the nomination is now free. In tough economic times this can only help (full details on page 24).

Breeding is a virtuous circle and a strong broodmare band, which Britain has developed through changes to the mares' programme and incentives, will help to strengthen its stallion ranks, which will then assist in strengthening the product which is trained by British trainers. This will drive and create demand for the British-bred product.



Whilst breeding any winner is an achievement to be celebrated, success at the biggest festivals is the aspiration for many. Looking at Cheltenham last March, there was much to cheer from the successes achieved by Golden Ace, Poniro and The New Lion in Grade 1 contests. These successes are what fuels the belief that the foal born each spring is going to become a champion. It was good to welcome many breeders to this year's awards which took place in May to celebrate many other notable successes and stories. The event was once again supported by Goffs for the 11th year. My thanks to them and all the sponsors of the event which I would encourage you all to attend next year.

The TBA Board composition has seen a greater influx of NH breeders recently and we have had some great new additions

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to the NH committee as well. I'd like to personally recognise all the efforts of the board and committee members, we recognise that we have a host of significant challenges in our NH sector, but I am confident that we have the right people assembled to tackle these challenges on your behalf.

A constant flow of new entrants is required to continue to drive forward British breeding, and this is one of the focuses for the Board in 2026. NH stallion studs will be playing their part in January, opening their doors over the open house weekend on 10/11 January, which will provide access to areas that might previously have thought to have been off-limits. Much like being on the racecourse is a different experience to one watching on the television, getting in front of a stallion and viewing him is different to viewing a photo in a brochure.



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THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION NATIONAL HUNT COMMITTEE

Simon Cox (Chairman)	Peter Hockenhull
Ed Bailey	Tim Kent
Colm Donlon	Will Kinsey
David Futter	Liz Lucas
Tessa Greatrex	Nick Luck
Jane Hedley	Jess Westwood

Invited attendees:

Shirley Anderson-Jolag, Tattersalls
Cheltenham Representative
Stuart Middleton, BHA Representative

AWARD WINNERS

TBA NH Breeders' Awards Evening 2025



Mickley Stud Trophy
for Leading Chaser

GENTLEMANS GAME

Pictured: David Futter and Nick Luck with Richard Kent (centre)



Yorton Trophy
for Leading Chaser Mare

TELEPATHIQUE

Pictured: Elizabeth Gordon Lennox speaks with host Nick Luck



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Overbury Stud Trophy for Leading Novice Hurdler **THE NEW LION**

*Pictured: Jackie Chugg pictured with family and
Simon Sweeting (right)*



Peel Bloodstock Trophy for Leading NHF Horse **GREEN SPLENDOUR**

*Pictured: Nigel Twiston-Davies (representing
Rowland Crellin) with Will Kinsey*



Eric Gillie Ltd Trophy Special Award **COPPERHEAD**

Pictured: Jane Micklethwait (left) with Philippa Gillie

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DAWN CHARGER

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2025 winners incl. LR winner KAADI and black-type
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2025 yearlings sold for 52,000gns, £45,000, etc.

NEW FOR 2026



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KODIAC - LADY LISHANDRA (MUJADIL)

Fee: £4,500 1st Oct S.L.F



By Sire of Sires KODIAC

Winner of three races and £116,503 all over 5f
incl.: LR National Stakes, Gr.2 Flying Childers Stakes, also
3rd Gr.2 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, all at 2

Yearlings sold for 70,000gns, 62,000gns, £66,000, etc.

Exciting first crop sire 2025 with multiple winners incl.
HILITANY, SAYIDAH HARD SPUN, TRICKY TEL, etc.

MASSAAT

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winner EQTIDAAR

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Yearlings made up to 50,000gns in 2025

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Dudgeon Cup Sponsored by Batsford Stud

NH Broodmare of the Year

RAITERA

Pictured: Jackie Chugg speaks with Nick Luck



Horse & Hound Cup

for Leading Active British-based

Stallion (2024-25 individual chase winners)

SCHIAPARELLI

*Pictured: Simon Sweeting (left) with Goffs' Group Chief
Executive Henry Beeby*



Whitbread Silver Salver

Leading Active Stallion

(2024-25 earnings by progeny sired in Britain)

GOLDEN HORN

*Pictured: Jayne McGivern and Simon Sweeting with
TBA Chairman Philip Newton (left)*



Queen Mother's Silver Salver

NH Achievement Award


ALAN VAREY


*Pictured: TBA NH Committee Chairman Simon Cox
with Alan and Tim Varey*





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11 June


 **LONDON SALE**
15 June


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27 June


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Midnight Legend Trophy
for Leading Novice Chaser
GIDLEIGH PARK

Pictured: Polly Gundry representing Richard and Elizabeth Kelvin-Hughes with Nick Luck and Alan Varey



Highflyer Bloodstock Trophy
for Leading Hurdler
CONSTITUTIONAL HILL

Pictured: Sally Noott (centre) with Tessa Greatrex and Anthony Bromley



Shade Oak Stud Trophy
for Leading Hurdler Mare
THAT'LL DO MOSS

Pictured: John Dawson (left; representing the Reveley family) with Sam Hockenhill



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SILVER CELEBRATIONS FOR HIGHFLYER

By Carl Evans



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'Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Highflyer Bloodstock, happy birthday to you!'

Still going strong and compiling a substantial list of major-league racehorse purchases, the Newmarket-based agency is about to celebrate 25 years of buying winners, a landmark that says as much about the bond between its employees as it does of customer relations. Some clients, Nicky Henderson springs to mind, had been loyally using Minton and Bromley's services for some years since before they set off on their

own in 2001, aided in the background by office manager Bernice Emanuel. The trio remain in situ having been joined, 20 years ago, by a third agent, Tessa Greatrex.

Yet the roots of the agency and its Million In Mind racehorse partnership operation, cannot be found in Newmarket or any other racing centre, but in rural Shropshire, a county that is big in sheep, but also has strong thoroughbred connections. As a teenager Minton spent a formative season with Cecil and Joan Bromley, Anthony's grandparents, at their Wood Farm Stud near Telford, and some years later, when the now-established bloodstock agent was visiting the stud, the Bromleys' grandson asked: "Can I come and work for you one day?" Minton quietly laughed the request off, but the seed of a notable double act had been planted.

Given that Wood Farm Stud was handed down to Bromley's parents Bill and Di, why did Anthony not simply continue the line? He says: "I couldn't see a UK stallion stud providing two families with incomes. I wasn't a rider – breeding and form were my thing – and I wanted to be a racing manager and bloodstock agent. Minty knew my grandparents and had said I could join him for six months when I left school. I went for six months and never left."

Family played a role in Minton's career, too, for he says: "My grandfather, Bob Bebb, was a dairy farmer who bred Pendil (top chaser of the

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1970s) and was my initial inspiration. At 16, I wrote 27 letters to every conceivable person in bloodstock and had five replies. Three were totally negative, but John Richardson, who ran Sandown Sales and had a pedigree business near Newmarket offered me a job. I joined John, went to his home at the age of 17 and started doing four-generation pedigrees by hand. There were no computers – can you imagine the books that were needed? Sandown Sales gave me an interest in the auctioneering side."

With Newmarket on his doorstep, Minton was soon expanding his contacts while gaining a cornucopia of education at studs, racing stables and at the Curragh Bloodstock Agency, where in October 1970 he became pedigree boy.

First buy was no error

Adding horse purchasing to pedigree research required more assistance and a couple of early strokes of luck. For trainer Gavin Pritchard-Gordon – who later became chief executive of the TBA – Minton sourced King Pele who went on to win the Gloucestershire Hurdle, now Supreme Novices', at Cheltenham. Yet his first purchase was even better.

Minton says: "Tom Corrie, another of my early inspirations, owned Space King who stood at Wood Farm Stud. I was going around evening stables with Tom one evening and, as we looked at this huge gelding, he said 'How old do you think this horse is?'. I said 'four or five' and he said, 'no, two – he's going to be a good horse'."



Noble Yeats © Steve Cargill

Minton had already met the legendary Worcestershire trainer Fred Rimell, who recognised the youngster's ambitions and said 'let me know if you find a nice horse'. Just over a year later, after Corrie's horse had won and been placed on the Flat, the erstwhile agent mentioned him to Rimell who duly bought the prospective hurdler for £12,000. The horse was Comedy Of Errors, who went on to win two Champion Hurdles in a vintage era.

Minton has coached, advised and assisted a who's who of bloodstock people over the years yet the one with lasting impact for his own business is Bromley. Recognising the importance of work experience, Minton found his protégé placements at Shadwell and Cheveley Park in Britain and at Lane's End in America.

Bromley says: "I learned from a great man in Minty – he's a people person, with a wonderful appetite for life and always looking on the positive side. He always believes England will win the cricket, while I'm thinking of the ways they can lose. We're quite different. I hope when I'm 75 I have the same enthusiasm.

"I went to other studs for experience, but was under Minty's wing and always came back to his fold. Working with him and Nicky at store sales for the past 35 years has been a great grounding.

"In the early days, Minty would say 'Go to Ascot Sales and meet a client who wants a point-to-pointer for his daughter', so we'd meet, have a cup of tea and spend two grand. You learn a lot that way, because it's harder to buy the right horse at that money than it is when spending 100 grand. The 100 grand horse hits you in the face.

"Minty's so personable and will talk quite naturally to everyone. The person holding the horse will always get a hello. Being polite is



Zavateri © Steve Cargill

a good quality, as is transparency and being very open. If you aren't telling fibs the job is much easier."

Early days for Highflyer

Upon returning from America, Bromley joined David Minton Bloodstock, although that business was subsequently bought out by the British Bloodstock Agency. Minton took a seat on the board, but before long cracks appeared as agents and shareholders – primarily Sir Stan Clarke and Sir Robert Ogden – disagreed on how the company should be run. Minton and Bromley decided to go it alone and hatched a plan to create Highflyer Bloodstock, while Joss Collins did likewise by forming Blandford Bloodstock with a youthful Tom Goff.

Given that Bromley and his wife Anna had a toddler son, Joe, and would later provide him with baby brother Ben, it was a bold move to leave the umbrella of an established and recognised agency, but Bromley says: "We had been working for a solvent business which had our backs for bad debts, so it was nerve wracking (to set up on their own), but it was the best thing we ever did.



Azertyuiop with the Hales family and Ruby Walsh © Steve Cargill

"Minty's contract as a BBA director had to be sorted out, and David Powell, my agent in France, was worried the BBA had a good name and this could jeopardise the position. I wasn't concerned about that, reasoning that clients who knew us would soon get used to a new name."

In Highflyer's favour there were good horses coming off the production line, none better than Azertyuiop, who in the year of the agency's inception proved a smart novice hurdler and later a brilliant two-mile chaser for John Hales and Paul Nicholls.

As agent Bobby O'Ryan once said: "If there is a bloodstock sale on the dark side of the moon, I'll be there," and that willingness to seek a good horse in any location probably applies to most agents. Highflyer has supported British sales since its inception, and has always sold its annual draft of Million In Mind horses at Doncaster. Yet, in launching the new business, Bromley knew

he had to capitalise on a market in which he had an edge.

He says: "France helped to launch us, and to be fair the BBA had been a big help. In 1995 I had the idea of following Martin Pipe to France, and the BBA had funded me to go on a number of trips. There was a lot of looking at and taking photographs of horses, but I wasn't getting any business and must have looked like a tyre kicker. Then I persuaded Capt (Tim) Forster, who by that time wasn't a well man, to join me in visiting France where he bought a horse and it got others thinking it wasn't so tricky after all.

"Things suddenly started happening. Paul Nicholls took an interest as Highflyer was launching, but a lot of credit must go to David Powell, our eyes and ears in France and who had a very good reputation over there. The horses I bought there in the early years of Highflyer – horses like Kauto Star, Master Minded and Big Buck's – are still my calling card today."

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Gaining on the level

Highflyer, and Bromley in particular, enjoyed a very good year in 2025 with horses purchased for the Flat. Highlights being the Windsor Castle Stakes victory of Havana Hurricane – who was bought for 9,000gns at Tattersalls' Somerville Sale – and the National Stakes win for Zavateri, a 35,000gns Book 2 buy.

Kingsgate Native, Bradsell and Trueshan were earlier, inexpensively-bought horses who showed the agency was not a one-dimensional outfit, and Bromley says: "There's a broader base of ownership in the Flat and if we can do more Flat horses, great."

"I've been lucky to buy big winners at all the big jumps meetings in France, Britain and Ireland, but there was a nice feel in getting a potential champion two-year-old (Zavateri). It was an unusual experience, but I am buying more Flat horses these days so I suppose the chances increase."

Memory lane of top horses

Really special purchases, the horses which have given Highflyer agents the most satisfaction, are stamped on their hearts.

Minton launches with, "Sprinter Sacre has to be number one. His second Champion Chase win would be the most momentous day in my

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racing life." He continues: "Three Hemmings-owned National winners (Hedgehunter, Ballabriggs and Many Clouds) have to be up there, and Mysilv, who won the Triumph Hurdle in 1994 was close to my heart. I had invited cousins and uncles and aunts and my future father-in-law to join in ownership of her through Million In Mind and her success put the syndicate on the map. There have been others, too, Long Run and Bobs Worth, both Cheltenham Gold Cup winners..."

Greatrex says: "Cole Harden, who won the World Hurdle and Punchestown winner Bill Baxter, both trained by my husband, Warren, have to be up there, while Willoughby Court and The Jukebox Man are two Grade One winners I bought for Ben Pauling."

Bromley says: "Kauto Star opened all the doors, but I feel very proud of Noble Yeats. Robert Waley-Cohen wanted a horse for his son, Sam, to ride in the Grand National in his last season. I bought Noble Yeats two months before.

"On the Flat Relief Rally was really special because she was a new venture for Simon and Isaac, who had done well jumping, but wanted to do more on the Flat. She was bought for 58,000gns, won £315,000 and sold for 800,000gns – that gave me a real kick and it ignited their interest in Flat racing.

"But yes, Noble Yeats has to be the most satisfying. I absolutely nailed that."

Behind the scenes

Bernice Emanuel says: "I've been with Minty and Anthony for 29 years and I do everything that needs doing (apart from buying horses). I'm a Girl Friday, who handles the secretarial work, the accounts, I get them from A to B in terms of travel and I look after the members of Million In Mind. After 29 years I do it with my eyes closed.



Willoughby Court © Steve Cargill

"During Covid, when there was no cricket or racing on the telly, I started typing up Minty's autobiography which he sent me on pages each week. Then cricket and racing came back on the telly and it stopped dead, a pity because he has some great stories.

"Both he and Anthony are lovely to work for. It's not really like a job. For some reason they keep paying me and I'm not really sure why, because I love coming to work every day and I feel like part of a family.

"There are a lot of people in this game who can be dismissive of others, but Minty, Anthony and Tessa are warm and friendly. They don't just buy a horse and walk away; they care and want the horse to do well for the client. Anyone can buy a horse for a million and get a good one, but the

knack is buying one at smaller money that goes on to do well, and they have all achieved that. Picking out value is part of their skill."



Mysilv © Steve Cargill

THE ELITE MARES' SCHEME:

FUELLING FESTIVAL SUCCESS

When You Wear It Well galloped up the hill to Cheltenham Festival success in March 2024, she exemplified what the HBLB/TBA Elite Mares' Scheme can achieve. Back in 2016, breeders Reg and Jane Makin sent the Listed-winning Flemensfirth mare Annie's Answer to Midnight Legend and through the responsibility of Jamie Snowden and his team, achieved success at British NH racings biggest festival in the Dawn Run Mares' Novices' Hurdle.

Through the utilisation of the Elite Mares' Scheme, the Makin family were able to access a drastically reduced fee to Midnight Legend. They had previously gained reduced stallion nominations to Schiaparelli and Kayf Tara through the scheme, which resulted in the Listed chase-placed mare Schiaparannie and the Graded-placed hurdler Answer To Kayf. Their experience demonstrates the scheme's potential.

For 2026, the scheme enters a new phase. The Levy Board has doubled its funding, a move that will allow more breeders of elite mares to access reduced nomination fees to eligible British-based National Hunt stallions. This represents not merely an incremental adjustment but a statement of intent.

The rationale behind such investment is straightforward, if not simple to achieve. The foundation of any breeding operation or industry rests on the strength of its

broodmare band. Despite consistently producing high-quality horses, the likes of Constitution Hill, Honeysuckle and Sizing John, Britain's broodmare population remains at a significant numerical disadvantage to its direct competitors in Ireland and France.

To increase both the scale and quality of Britain's broodmare band, an increase in the supply of high-quality racehorses to British owners and trainers through the progeny of superior mares is required. Research demonstrates a strong correlation between a mare's racing performance and the quality of her offspring. Higher-quality mares increase the likelihood of economic returns for breeders, and the ability to attract quality stallions to stand in Britain depends on both the quality and quantity of the available broodmare pool.

These interconnected factors have shaped the design of the Elite Mares' Scheme from its inception.

The scheme's impact, achieved with relatively modest investment, has been tangible. The population of elite broodmares has undergone a remarkable transformation, climbing from 151 in 2014 to approaching 300 today. When including mares that qualified through having produced high-quality racehorses, 350 mares were eligible for the 2025 scheme. This represents a fundamental shift in the breeding landscape.



You Wear it Well © Steve Cargill

“WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE LEVY BOARD FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FUNDING, AND ITS CONSISTENT SUPPORT. THE ELITE MARES' SCHEME ALREADY PUNCHES ABOVE ITS WEIGHT GIVEN THE MULTIPLIER EFFECT OF ITS IMPACT ACROSS BRITISH BREEDING AND RACING. WITH THIS INCREASED FUNDING WE ARE PLANNING TO TAKE THE SCHEME TO AN EVEN GREATER LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS”

Colm Donlon, TBA Trustee

Small but significant amendments were brought in for 2025 allowing time to assess the scheme's impact and identify opportunities for greater effectiveness. The research phase has now translated into concrete enhancements for 2026.

At its core, the scheme encourages British breeders to utilise the best National Hunt stallions Britain has to offer. Mares qualify through one of two routes: either race performance (having won a black-type contest

or obtained a handicap rating of 130 or higher) or through offspring (having produced a 130-rated mare or 140-rated gelding).

The 2026 amendments streamline the structure, reducing the number of categories from three to two while increasing the available grants. This means larger reductions in nomination costs for breeders, with the most substantial increases benefiting those mares previously in the now-removed Category 3.

The revised categories are as follows:

Category 1A – 150+ rated mare: **£5,000 grant**

Category 1B – producer of 160+ rated gelding or 150+ rated mare: **£5,000 grant**

Category 2A – 130-149 rated mare: **£4,000 grant**

Category 2B – producer of 140-159 rated gelding or 130-149 rated mare: **£4,000 grant**

Perhaps most significantly, the previous restriction preventing a mare from visiting a stallion whose fee exceeded double her grant has been abolished. In its place is a more flexible 'triple grant' rule, subject to a £12,000 cap. This change opens doors to stallions previously beyond reach for many scheme participants.

“BY COMBINING CATEGORIES 2 AND 3, AND INTRODUCING THE 'TRIPLE GRANT' RULE, THE 2026 SCHEME OPENS UP A MEANINGFULLY INCREASED BAND OF AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE STALLIONS FOR THE ENTIRE ELITE MARES POOL. WE BELIEVE THIS HAS BENEFITS TO CHOICE AND DIVERSITY, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY GREATLY INCREASES AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO THE LEADING NATIONAL HUNT STALLIONS FOR ALL ELITE MARES' SCHEME BREEDERS”

Colm Donlon, TBA Trustee

The Elite Mares' Scheme represents more than financial assistance – it's a strategic intervention. The scheme has produced elite mares from elite mares and has had success on the biggest stage of NH racing, the Cheltenham Festival. Breeders are encouraged to make use of a scheme which has been designed to assist in breeding for the highest tiers of the sport.



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ELITE NH MARES' INCENTIVE SCHEME

Criteria 2026

The HBLB/TBA Elite National Hunt Mares' Incentive Scheme was created to highlight to breeders the quality of National Hunt stallion standing in Great Britain. Open to TBA members who own mares rated 130+ of who have produced a runner of a defined performance level (see below) are eligible for subsidised nominations to British-based stallions which are eligible and nominated by their managers under the terms of the scheme. All mares must be domiciled in Britain.

Scheme details

Category 1a Mares that achieved a peak Official Rating of 150+	Category 2a Mares that achieved a peak Official Rating of between 130 and 149
Category 1b Mares who have produced a NH horse officially rated 150+ (mare) or 160+ (gelding) in Great Britain, Ireland or France	Category 2b Mares who have produced a NH horse officially rated 130-149 (mare) or 140-159 (gelding) in Great Britain, Ireland or France

Winners of black-type races over obstacles in Great Britain, Ireland and France will be treated as having the following minimum ratings, if these are above those awarded:

- Grade 1 WFA winners or winners of three Grade 2 races: **150** mares, **160** geldings;
- Winners of a Grade 2 WFA race: **140** mares, **150** geldings;
- Winners of a Grade 3 or a Listed WFA race: **135** mares, **145** geldings;
- Winners of a Graded/Listed Handicap: **130** mares, **140** geldings.

NB: Winner of an additional race as specified above will be treated as having achieved a rating of 5lb above that defined by the single win, i.e. 2x Grade 3 or Listed wins are treated as equivalent to a Grade 2 win. When the above measures are applied, horses relying on winning races that are confined to three-year-olds or four-year-olds will be treated as having achieved ratings 5lbs below those stated above.

The peak Official Ratings used are identifiable from the BHA and HRI websites or recorded on the Racing Post database. Mares who have run in France, other than

those who qualify through winning black-type races, shall be assessed for the scheme based on their French rating doubled, as is the way the BHA handicapper assesses.

A mare that qualifies for the scheme by satisfying multiple criteria (either as a race mare and producer, or as producer of more than one qualifying horse) will be regarded as having achieved an Official Rating **increased by 10lb for every additional qualification.**

No mare aged older than 22 (born in or before 2003) is eligible for the scheme.

A list of mares who according to Weatherbys records are eligible for the scheme by their own official rating can be found on the TBA website (thetba.co.uk). If your mare is not included on these lists and you believe that she should be, please contact the TBA office.

For any mares who qualify through their progeny, the onus is on the mare owner, when completing the registration form, to provide evidence that the mare is eligible for the scheme. Applications can only be accepted through the online application for on the TBA website.

Action:

- 1 If your mare meets the scheme criteria, select a stallion for the forthcoming breeding season that is included in the scheme (see page 28 for a list of eligible stallions).
- 2 Complete the application form on the TBA website before Saturday, 31 January 2026.
- 3 All those applying for the scheme will be contacted after the closing date to confirm if their application has been accepted and a nomination agreement will be sent directly from the stud the stallion is standing.
- 4 Only on receipt of a positive 1st October pregnancy certificate will the grant value be paid directly to the stallion owner. The mare owner will be responsible for any outstanding amount of the nomination fee, plus VAT, and the VAT on 75% of the grant value.





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Grants

Owners of mares nominated for the scheme will receive a grant entitling them to a discount on the nomination fees of any of the stallions which are included in the scheme. The grant value is determined on the category of the mare.

Category 1a/1b: £5,000

Category 2a/2b: £4,000

These grants, which are paid direct to the stallion owner on receipt by the TBA office of a positive 1st October pregnancy certificate, apply to the 2026 breeding season only and cannot be carried forward to any future season.

If the value of the grant is the same as or greater than the advertised fee for the stallion, the mare owner is responsible for

paying VAT on 75% of the fee (this being the payment made by the HBLB to the stallion owner on redemption of the grant). If the value of the grant exceeds the advertised fee, then no refund of this excess is payable to the mare owner.

If the value of the grant is less than the advertised fee, then the grant may only be used if the advertised fee of the stallion is no greater than twice the grant value. In this case any excess fee is payable by the mare owner, who is responsible for paying VAT on 75% of the grant value (this being the payment made by the HBLB to the stallion owner on redemption of the grant), plus that on the excess fee negotiated with the stallion owner.

Full terms and conditions are available on the relevant page on the TBA website.

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STALLIONS IN THE SCHEME

The following stallions have satisfied the criteria to be eligible for the Elite Mares' Scheme, are standing in Great Britain and have been nominated by their managers.

ARRIGO	FRONTIERSMAN	PASSING GLANCE
BANGKOK	GENTLEWAVE	PLANTEUR
CANNOCK CHASE	ITO	POSTPONED
CAPRI	JACK HOBBS	SCHIAPARELLI
CRACKSMAN	KEW GARDENS	SUBJECTIVIST
DARTMOUTH	KINGSTON HILL	WELLS FARHH GO
DRAGON DANCER	LOGICIAN	YORGUNNABELUCKY
ELDAR ELDAROV	MOGUL	



ARRIGO

Bay, 2008, 16.3 h.h. To Stud 2018

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SHIROCCO (GER)	MONSUN (GER)	KONIGSSTUHL (GER) MOSELLA (GER)
	SO SEDULOUS (USA)	THE MINSTREL (CAN) SEDULOUS
AIYANA (GER)	LAST TYCOON	TRY MY BEST (USA) MILL PRINCESS
	ALYA (GER)	LOMBARD (GER) ANATEVKA (GER)

RACE AND STUD RECORD:

Won 2 races, value £177,468, at 3, over 1 mile 3 furlongs, Oppenheim Union-Rennen, Cologne, **Gr.2**, also placed second in Gran Premio del Jockey Club, Milan, **Gr.1**, Bavarian Classic, Munich, **Gr.3** and third in His Highness The Emir's Trophy, Al Rayyan, **L.**, Qatar Derby, Al Rayyan, **L.** and H H The Heir Apparent Trophy, Al Rayyan, **L.** Retired to stud in 2016, and sire of 9 winners, of 24 races, and £160,315, including DILPAK (GER), NOBLE HENRY (GER), BLUE QUEEN (GER), ABAYYAH (GER), SARRIGA (GER), NEW BIG HOPE (GER), ATACAMA DU MAZET (FR), IMKER (GER), SILENCIO (FR).

BANGKOK

Bay, 2016, 16.1 h.h. To Stud 2022

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AUSTRALIA (GB)	GALILEO (IRE)	SADLER'S WELLS (USA) URBAN SEA (USA)
	OUIJA BOARD (GB)	CAPE CROSS (IRE) SELECTION BOARD
TANAGHUM (GB)	DARSHAAN	SHIRLEY HEIGHTS DELSY (FR)
	MEHTHAUF (USA)	NUREYEV (USA) ELLE SEULE (USA)

RACE RECORD:

Won 6 races, value £691,457, from 1 mile 2 furlongs to 1 mile 2½ furlongs, York Stakes, York, **Gr.2**, Classic Trial, Sandown, **Gr.3**, Winter Derby Trial, Lingfield, **L.** (twice), also placed second in King Edward VII Stakes, Ascot, **Gr.2**, Strensall Stakes, York, **Gr.3**, Quebec Stakes, Lingfield, **L.**, Qatar Derby, Al Rayyan, **L.** and third in Winter Derby, Lingfield, **Gr.3**. Retired to stud in 2022, and sire of 4 winners, of 4 races, and £61,205; including **BADGER'S COVE (GB)**, **BEYOND THE BAR (IRE)**, **RIISING EMPIRE (GB)**, **EASTERN VEIL (GB)**.

CANNOCK CHASE

Bay, 2011, 16.1 h.h. To Stud 2017

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LEMON DROP KID (USA)	KINGMAMBO (USA)	MR PROSPECTOR (USA) MIESQUE (USA)
	CHARMING LASSIE (USA)	SEATTLE SLEW (USA) LASSIE DEAR (USA)
LYNNWOOD CHASE (USA)	HORSE CHESTNUT (SAF)	FORT WOOD (USA) LONDON WALL (SAF)
	LADY ILSLEY (USA)	TREMPOLINO (USA) SUE WARNER (USA)

RACE AND STUD RECORD

Won 5 races, value £468,273, at 3 to 5, from 1 mile 2 furlongs to 1 mile 4 furlongs, Pattison Canadian International Stakes, Woodbine, **Gr.1**, Huxley Stakes, Chester, **Gr.3**, Tercentenary Stakes, Ascot, **Gr.3**, also placed second in Winter Hill Stakes, Windsor, **Gr.3**, Huxley Stakes, Chester, **Gr.3** and third in Gordon Richards Stakes, Sandown, **Gr.3**. Retired to stud in 2017, and sire of 10 winners, of 33 races, and £296,926, including **Cannock Park (GB)**, **AL WORRDA (FR)**, **RUN THIS WAY (GB)**, **TO CHASE A DREAM (GB)**, **CHASE A FORTUNE (GB)**, **NINA'S FIELD (GB)**, **FOSTER'S FORTUNE (GB)**, **LET'S GO JOE (GB)**, **THE YELLOW MINI (GB)**, **IDEAL DREAM (GB)**.

CAPRI

Grey, 2014, 16.2 h.h. To Stud 2020

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GALILEO (IRE)	SADLER'S WELLS (USA)	NORTHERN DANCER FAIRY BRIDGE (USA)
	URBAN SEA (USA)	MISWAKI (USA) ALLEGRETTA
DIALAFARA (FR)	ANABAA (USA)	DANZIG (USA) BALBONELLA (FR)
	DIAMILINA (FR)	LINAMIX (FR) DIAMONAKA (FR)

RACE RECORD:

Champion 3yr old stayer in Europe in 2017. Top rated older horse in Ireland in 2018 (11-13f.). Won 6 races, value £1,532,173, at 2 to 4, from 7½ furlongs to 1 mile 6½ furlongs, Irish Derby, Curragh, **Gr.1**, St Leger Stakes, Doncaster, **Gr.1**, Beresford Stakes, Curragh, **Gr.2**, Alleged Stakes, Naas, **Gr.3**, Coolmore Canford Cliffs Stakes, Tipperary, **L.**, also placed third in Critérium de Saint-Cloud, Saint-Cloud, **Gr.1**, Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial, Leopardstown, **Gr.3**, Loughbrown Stakes, Curragh, **Gr.3**. Retired to stud in 2020, and sire of 3 winners, of 3 races, and £38,229; including *GREY JUDE (IRE)*, *EL CAPRI (IRE)*, *PENNY PERFECT (IRE)*.

CRACKSMAN

Bay, 2014, 16.2 h.h. To stud 2019

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FRANKEL (GB)	GALILEO (IRE)	SADLER'S WELLS (USA) URBAN SEA (USA)
	KIND (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA) RAINBOW LAKE (GB)
RHADEGUNDA (GB)	PIVOTAL (GB)	POLAR FALCON (USA) FEARLESS REVIVAL
	ST RADEGUND (GB)	GREEN DESERT (USA) ON THE HOUSE (FR)

RACE RECORD:

Champion 3yr old colt in Europe. Champion older horse in Europe. Won 8 races, value £2,793,064, at 2 to 4, from 1 mile to 1 mile 4 furlongs, QIPCO Champion Stakes, Ascot, **Gr.1** (twice), Coronation Cup, Epsom, **Gr.1**, Prix Ganay, ParisLongchamp, **Gr.1**, placed second in Irish Derby, Curragh, **Gr.1**, Prince of Wales's Stakes, Ascot, **Gr.1** and third in Derby Stakes, Epsom, **Gr.1**. Retired to stud in 2019, and sire of 134 winners, of 286 races, and £8,262,133; including *ACE IMPACT (IRE)*, *ALOA (GB)*, *NDAAWI (GB)*, *DANIELLE (GB)*, *SHAHA (IRE)*, *OBERER (GB)*, *DIAMOND CROWN (GER)*, *SEA OF THIEVES (GB)*, *SAFETY CATCH (GB)*, *SHEMBALA (IRE)*, *WERACRUZ (GER)*, *CRACKSMANIA (GB)*

DARTMOUTH

Bay, 2012, 16.1 h.h. To Stud 2018

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DUBAWI (IRE)	DUBAI MILLENNIUM (GB)	SEEKING THE GOLD (USA) COLORADO DANCER
	ZOMARADAH (GB)	DEPLOY JAWAHER (IRE)
GALATEE (FR)	GALILEO (IRE)	SADLER'S WELLS (USA) URBAN SEA (USA)
	ALTANA (USA)	MOUNTAIN CAT (USA) ALBERTINE (FR)

RACE RECORD:

Won 8 races, value £683,300, at 2 to 5, from 1 mile to 1 mile 6 furlongs, Hardwicke Stakes, Ascot, **Gr.2**, Yorkshire Cup, York, **Gr.2**, Ormonde Stakes, Chester, **Gr.3**, John Porter Stakes, Chelmsford City, **Gr.3**, also placed second in Pattison Canadian International Stakes, Woodbine, **Gr.1** and third in King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Ascot, **Gr.1**. Retired to stud in 2018, and sire of 20 winners, of 30 races, and £496,206; including **NAVAL COLLEGE (GB)**, **DEVON SKIES (GB)**, **CATCH CATCHFIRE (GB)**, **THAT ONE (GB)**, **PERTEMPS DIAMOND (GB)**, **STONE'S THROW (GB)**, **SOGNA IN GRANDE (GB)**, **THE GREY MAN (GB)**, **DARTMOUTH ROSE (GB)**, **DEVON DUDE (GB)**, **PEARL ISLAND (GB)**, **THE WINSLOW BOY (GB)**.

DRAGON DANCER

Bay, 2023, 16.1 h.h. To stud 2009

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SADLER'S WELLS (USA)	NORTHERN DANCER	NEARCTIC NATALMA
	FAIRY BRIDGE (USA)	BOLD REASON (USA) SPECIAL (USA)
ALAKANANDA (GB)	HERNANDO (FR)	NINISKI (USA) WHAKILYRIC (USA)
	ALOUETTE (GB)	DARSHAAN ALRUCCABA

RACE RECORD:

Won 1 race, value £391,462, at 4, over 1 mile 3½ furlongs, viz August Stakes, Windsor, **L**, also placed second in Derby Stakes, Epsom, **Gr.1**, Prix Eugène Adam, Maisons-Laffitte, **Gr.2**, Chester Vase, Chester, **Gr.3** and third in Prix Foy, ParisLongchamp, **Gr.2**. Retired to stud in 2009, and sire of 43 winners, of 115 races, and £1,994,374; including **HAITI COULEURS (FR)**, **LORD DRAGON (FR)**, **Dyildancer (FR)**, **Dirty Den (GB)**, **Intosomethinggood (GB)**, **Goodbye Dancer (FR)**, **ZADRAK (FR)**, **FATALISME (FR)**, **DAKODAC (FR)**, **ROUGE A SANG (FR)**, **CANNELLO (FR)**, **ESPOIR DE GAGNER (FR)**, **DRAKA (FR)**

ELDAR ELDAROV

Bay, 2019. 16.1 h.h. To stud 2025

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DUBAWI (IRE)	DUBAI MILLENNIUM (GB)	SEEKING THE GOLD (USA) COLORADO DANCER
	ZOMARADAH (GB)	DEPLOY JAWAHER (IRE)
ALL AT SEA (GB)	SEA THE STARS (IRE)	CAPE CROSS (IRE) URBAN SEA (USA)
	ALBANOVA (GB)	ALZAO (USA) ALOUETTE (GB)

RACE RECORD:

Jt Champion 3yr old stayer in Europe in 2022. Jt top rated older stayer in Ireland in 2023. Won 5 races, value £1,005,808, at 2 to 4, from 1 mile ½ furlong to 1 mile 6½ furlongs, St Leger Stakes, Doncaster, **Gr.1**, Irish St Leger, Curragh, **Gr.1**, Queen's Vase, Ascot, **Gr.2**, also placed second in Yorkshire Cup, York, **Gr.2**. Retired to stud in 2025.

FRONTIERSMAN

Bay, 2013, 16.1 h.h. To Stud 2019

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DUBAWI (IRE)	DUBAI MILLENNIUM (GB)	SEEKING THE GOLD (USA) COLORADO DANCER
	ZOMARADAH (GB)	DEPLOY JAWAHER (IRE)
OUIJA BOARD (GB)	CAPE CROSS (IRE)	GREEN DESERT (USA) PARK APPEAL
	SELECTION BOARD	WELSH PAGEANT OUIJA

RACE RECORD:

Won 4 races, value £266,262, at 3 and 4, from 1 mile 2 furlongs to 1 mile 4 furlongs, Godolphin Stakes, Newmarket, **L.**, also placed second in Coronation Cup, Epsom, **Gr.1**, Princess of Wales' Stakes, Newmarket, **Gr.2**, Dubai City of Gold Stakes, Meydan, **Gr.2** and third in Geoffrey Freer Stakes, Newbury, **Gr.3**. Retired to stud in 2019, and sire of 16 winners, of 36 races, and £363,297; including **Dodger Long (GB)**, **Asian Daze (IRE)**, **QUEEN KATE (GB)**, **MISS DOLLY ROCKER (GB)**, **SPARTAN TIMES (GB)**, **GRENADIER JED (GB)**, **COTSWOLD COTTAGE (GB)**, **FRONTIER PRINCE (GB)**, **CHICKER (GB)**, **FREDDIE STEADY GO (GB)**, **SHUTFRONTDOOR (GB)**, **UNCLE REMUS (GB)**, **MADAME LA PAPILLON (GB)**, **PINK PONY CLUB (GB)**.

GENTLEWAVE

Bay, 2003, 16.1 h.h. To Stud 2007

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MONSUN (GER)	KONIGSSTUHL (GER)	DSCHINGIS KHAN KONIGSKRONUNG (GER)
	MOSELLA (GER)	SURUMU (GER) MONASIA (GER)
SAUMAREINE (FR)	SAUMAREZ	RAINBOW QUEST (USA) FIESTA FUN
	CHARMING QUEEN (FR)	HABITAT CHARMING FRIEND (FR)

RACE RECORD:

Champion 3yr old in Italy in 2006. Won 4 races, value £509,102, at 3, from 1 mile 2 furlongs to 1 mile 4 furlongs, Derby Italiano, Rome, **Gr.1**, Prix Noailles, ParisLongchamp, **Gr.2**, Prix Maurice Caillault, Saint-Cloud, **L.**, also placed second in Irish Derby, Curragh, **Gr.1**. Retired to stud in 2007, and sire of 175 winners, of 560 races, and £8,677,756, including **POKER PARTY (FR)**, **GENTLEMANS GAME (GB)**, **QUICK WAVE (FR)**, **FANFARON SPECIAL (FR)**, **PAGERA (FR)**, **FRENCH BARON (FR)**, **GENTLE SLOPES (GB)**, **BARRICHELLO (GB)**, **EASYSLAND (FR)**, **HELL'S QUEEN (FR)**, **PAKORA (FR)**, **VANGAUG (FR)**, **MY OLD HUSBAND (FR)**, **WEVANELLA (FR)**, **VICTORINNA (FR)**

ITO

Bay, 2011, 16.3 h.h. To Stud 2017

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ADLERFLUG (GER)	IN THE WINGS	SADLER'S WELLS (USA) HIGH HAWK
	AIYANA (GER)	LAST TYCOON ALYA (GER)
IOTA (GER)	TIGER HILL (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA) THE FILLY (GER)
	IORA (GER)	KONIGSSTUHL (GER) INCITATION (GER)

RACE RECORD:

Champion older horse in Germany in 2015. Won 7 races, value £220,776, at 3 to 5, from 1 mile 2 furlongs to 1 mile 4 furlongs, Grosser Preis von Bayern, Munich, **Gr.1**, G. P. der Badischen Unternehmer Rennen, Baden-Baden, **Gr.2**, Gerling Preis, Cologne, **Gr.2**, Gesundheitswirtschaft Preis von Dahlwitz, Berlin-Hoppegarten, **L.**, also placed second in Grosser Preis von Berlin, Berlin-Hoppegarten, **Gr.1**. Retired to stud in 2017, and sire of 17 winners, of 40 races, and £415,313; including **Theodora (GER)**, **Sir Filip (GER)**, **REKABET (GER)**, **LALOU (GER)**, **SILUTO (GER)**, **JET ITO (FR)**, **NITA (GER)**, **PATRONAGE (GER)**, **FREIBIER (GER)**, **ITO DITTO (FR)**, **NORTHERN ECLIPSE (IRE)**, **AITO (GER)**, **SCARAMOUCHE (GER)**, **ROYAL ITO (GER)**.

JACK HOBBS

Brown, 2012, 16.2½ h.h. To Stud 2018

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HALLING (USA)	DIESIS	SHARPEN UP DOUBLY SURE
	DANCE MACHINE	GREEN DANCER (USA) NEVER A LADY
SWAIN'S GOLD (USA)	SWAIN (IRE)	NASHWAN (USA) LOVE SMITTEN (CAN)
	GOLDEN POND (IRE)	DON'T FORGET ME GOLDEN BLOOM

RACE RECORD:

Top rated 3yr old in Ireland in 2015 (11-13f.). Top rated older horse in England in 2017 (11-13f.). Won 5 races, value £4,156,278, at 2 to 5, from 1 mile ½ furlong to 1 mile 4 furlongs, Irish Derby, Curragh, **Gr.1**, Dubai Sheema Classic, Meydan, **Gr.1**, September Stakes, Kempton, **Gr.3**, also placed second in Derby Stakes, Epsom, **Gr.1**. Retired to stud in 2018, and sire of 39 winners, of 65 races, and £674,249; including *Intense Approach* (GB), *Jax Junior* (GB), *I'm A Lumberjack* (GB), OLD GREGORIAN (GB), JACKIE HOBBS (GB), AUDACIOUS ANNIE (GB), MISS APPLEJACK (GB), CALL ME JACK (GB), HENRYSBROTHERJACK (GB), MRS TABITHA (GB), NINNA COLLINA (GB), THE GADGET MAN (GB).

KEW GARDENS

Bay, 2015, 16.3 h.h. To Stud 2021

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GALILEO (IRE)	SADLER'S WELLS (USA)	NORTHERN DANCER FAIRY BRIDGE (USA)
	URBAN SEA (USA)	MISWAKI (USA) ALLEGRETTA
CHELSEA ROSE (IRE)	DESERT KING (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA) SABAAH (USA)
	CINNAMON ROSE (USA)	TREMPOLINO (USA) SWEET SIMONE (FR)

RACE RECORD:

Champion 3yr old stayer in Europe in 2018. Champion older horse in Ireland in 2019. Won 6 races, value £1,399,665, at 2 to 4, from 1 mile to 1 mile 7½ furlongs, St Leger Stakes, Doncaster, **Gr.1**, Grand Prix de Paris, ParisLongchamp, **Gr.1**, QIPCO Long Distance Cup, Ascot, **Gr.2**, Queen's Vase, Ascot, **Gr.2**, Zetland Stakes, Newmarket, **L**, also placed second in Irish St Leger, Curragh, **Gr.1**, Coronation Cup, Epsom, **Gr.1**, Ormonde Stakes, Chester, **Gr.3**, Golden Fleece Stakes, Leopardstown, **Gr.3**, Lingfield Derby Trial, Lingfield, **L** and third in Great Voltigeur Stakes, York, **Gr.2** and Feilden Stakes, Newmarket, **L**. Retired to stud in 2021.

KINGSTON HILL

Grey, 2011, 16.1 h.h. To Stud 2016

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MASTERCRAFTSMAN (IRE)	DANEHILL DANCER (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA) MIRA ADONDE (USA)
	STARLIGHT DREAMS (USA)	BLACK TIE AFFAIR REVES CELESTES (USA)
AUDACIEUSE (GB)	RAINBOW QUEST (USA)	BLUSHING GROOM (FR) I WILL FOLLOW (USA)
	SARAH GEORGINA	PERSIAN BOLD DANCE BY NIGHT

RACE RECORD:

Champion 3yr old stayer in Europe in 2014. Won 4 races, value £1,104,278, at 2 and 3, from 7 furlongs to 1 mile 6½ furlongs, St Leger Stakes, Doncaster, **Gr.1**, Racing Post Trophy, Doncaster, **Gr.1**, Autumn Stakes, Newmarket, **Gr.3**, also placed second in Derby Stakes, Epsom, **Gr.1**. Retired to stud in 2016, and sire of 76 winners, of 201 races, and £1,773,808; including **NO LOOKING BACK (IRE)**, **KINGSTON QUEEN (IRE)**, **Divaboriva (IRE)**, **Shinji (IRE)**, **KINGS HILL (IRE)**, **GREYSFUL STORM (IRE)**, **BELADOR (SPA)**, **GALADOR (IRE)**, **IRISH HILL (GER)**, **MY GIFT TO YOU (IRE)**, **LA MAL AMADA (SPA)**, **KINGSTON LILLY (IRE)**, **CERAUNAVOLTA (IRE)**, **LUNA KALEJS (SWE)**, **CARINO (IRE)**.

LOGICIAN

Grey, 2016, 16.3 h.h. To Stud 2022

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	KIND (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA) RAINBOW LAKE (GB)
SCUFFLE (GB)	DAYLAMI (IRE)	DOYOUN DALTAWA (IRE)
	TANTINA (USA)	DISTANT VIEW (USA) DIDINA (GB)

RACE RECORD:

Champion 3yr old stayer in Europe in 2019. Won 6 races, value £547,751, at 3 and 4, 2020, from 1 mile 2 furlongs to 1 mile 6½ furlongs, St Leger Stakes, Doncaster, **Gr.1**, Great Voltigeur Stakes, York, **Gr.2**, also placed second in Fred Archer Stakes, Newmarket, **L**, and third in Aston Park Stakes, Newbury, **Gr.3**. Retired to stud in 2022.

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GALILEO (IRE)	SADLER'S WELLS (USA)	NORTHERN DANCER FAIRY BRIDGE (USA)
	URBAN SEA (USA)	MISWAKI (USA) ALLEGRETTA
SHASTYE (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA)	DANZIG (USA) RAZYANA (USA)
	SAGANECA (USA)	SAGACE (FR) HAGLETTE (USA)

RACE RECORD:

Won 5 races, value £1,665,382, at 2 and 3, from 1 mile to 1 mile 4 furlongs, Grand Prix de Paris, ParisLongchamp, **Gr.1**, The Hong Kong Vase, Sha Tin, **Gr.1**, Golden Fleece Stakes, Leopardstown, **Gr.2**, Gordon Stakes, Goodwood, **Gr.3**, also placed third in Prix Ganay, ParisLongchamp, **Gr.1** and Great Voltigeur Stakes, York, **Gr.2**. Retired to stud in 2022.

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POLAR FALCON (USA)	NUREYEV (USA)	NORTHERN DANCER SPECIAL (USA)
	MARIE D'ARGONNE (FR)	JEFFERSON MOHAIR (FR)
SPURNED (USA)	ROBELLINO (USA)	ROBERTO (USA) ISOPELLINE (USA)
	REFILL	MILL REEF (USA) REGAL TWIN (USA)

RACE RECORD:

Won 7 races, value £224,595, at 2 to 5, from 7 furlongs to 1 mile 1 furlong, Darley Oettingen-Rennen, Baden-Baden, **Gr.2**, Diomed Stakes, Epsom, **Gr.3**, Sovereign Stakes, Salisbury, **L.**, placed second in Celebration Mile, Goodwood, **Gr.2**. Retired to stud in 2005, and sire of 123 winners, of 406 races, and £6,371,977, including **STRONG LEADER (GB)**, **MILLERS BANK (GB)**, **DASHEL DRASHER (GB)**, **SIDE GLANCE (GB)**, **FOUNTAINS WINDFALL (GB)**, **DRAGON BONES (GB)**, **GIVING GLANCES (GB)**, **ATTAGLANCE (GB)**, **Peking Rose (GB)**, **Pass The Time (GB)**, **Miss Lamb (GB)**, **Hint of Mint (GB)**, **Diamond Gait (GB)**, **Forgiving Glance (GB)**, **Strong Run (GB)**, **Glimpse of Gala (GB)**

PLANTEUR

Bay, 2007, 16.1 h.h. To Stud 2014

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DANEHILL DANCER (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA)	DANZIG (USA) RAZYANA (USA)
	MIRA ADONDE (USA)	SHARPEN UP LETTRE D'AMOUR (USA)
PLANTE RARE (IRE)	GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (USA)	STORM CAT (USA) MARIAH'S STORM (USA)
	PALMERAIE (USA)	LEAR FAN (USA) PETROLEUSE

RACE RECORD:

Won 7 races, value £2,261,581, at 2 to 6, from 1 mile to 1 mile 2½ furlongs, Prix Ganay, Longchamp, **Gr.1**, Prix Noailles, Longchamp, **Gr.2**, Prix d'Harcourt, Longchamp, **Gr.2**, Winter Hill Stakes, Windsor, **Gr.3**, Winter Derby Trial, Lingfield, **L.**, also placed second in Prix du Jockey Club, Chantilly, **Gr.1**, Grand Prix de Paris, Longchamp, **Gr.1**, Prix d'Isphahan, Longchamp, **Gr.1** (twice). Retired to stud in 2014, and sire of 123 winners, of 456 races, and £9,496,252, including **GRAN DIOSE (FR)**, **TRUESHAN (FR)**, **ROAD TO ARC (FR)**, **EDIDINDO (FR)**, **PLANTSTEPSDREAM (SWE)**, **AGNES (FR)**, **HENRY BRULARD (FR)**, **PLEGASTELL (FR)**, **DOMAGNANO (IRE)**, **Lady Minx (GB)**, **Manguzi (FR)**, **Over Reacted (FR)**

POSTPONED

Bay, 2011, 16.1½ h.h. To Stud 2018

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DUBAWI (IRE)	DUBAI MILLENNIUM (GB)	SEEKING THE GOLD (USA) COLORADO DANCER
	ZOMARADAH (GB)	DEPLOY JAWAHER (IRE)
EVER RIGG (GB)	DUBAI DESTINATION (USA)	KINGMAMBO (USA) MYSTERIAL (USA)
	BIANCA NERA (GB)	SALSE (USA) BIRCH CREEK

RACE RECORD:

Champion older horse in Europe in 2016. Top rated older horse in England in 2015 (11-13f.). Won 9 races, value £4,994,206, at 2 to 5, from 7 furlongs to 1 mile 4 furlongs, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Ascot, **Gr.1**, Juddmonte International Stakes, York, **Gr.1**, Coronation Cup, Epsom, **Gr.1**, Sheema Classic, Meydan, **Gr.1**. Retired to stud in 2018, and sire of 82 winners, of 208 races, and £3,698,312, including **WAARDAH (IRE)**, **AMILOC (GB)**, **FAMILIAR DREAMS (GB)**, **AMBIENTE AMIGO (GB)**, **Night Sparkle (IRE)**, **Wait To Excel (GB)**, **Almohandesah (GB)**, **Majestic Jameela (GB)**, **Movie Night (GB)**, **Our Boy Wes (GB)**, **Zestful (GB)**

SCHIAPARELLI

Chesnut, 2003, 16.3 h.h. To Stud 2011

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	MOSELLA (GER)	SURUMU (GER) MONASIA (GER)
SACARINA (GB)	OLD VIC	SADLER'S WELLS (USA) COCKADE
	BRAVE LASS	RIDAN BRAVOUR II

RACE RECORD:
Top rated 3yr old stayer in Germany in 2006. Won 12 races, value £826,704, at 3 to 6, from 1 mile 3 furlongs to 2 miles, BMW Deutsches Derby, Hamburg, **Gr.1**, Preis von Europa, Cologne, **Gr.1**, Deutschlandpreis, Dusseldorf, **Gr.1**, G. P. del Jockey Club e Coppa d'Oro, Milan, **Gr.1** (twice), Goodwood Cup, **Gr.2**, Prix Kergorlay, Deauville, **Gr.2**, Idee Hansa-Preis, Hamburg, **Gr.2**, Deutsches St Leger, Dortmund, **Gr.3**. Retired to stud in 2011, and sire of 68 winners, of 202 races, and £2,438,626, including **INDEFATIGABLE (IRE)**, **RONALD PUMP (GB)**, **WYENOT (GB)**, **MARSH WREN (GB)**, **FONZERELLI (IRE)**, **Hullnback (GB)**, **Whatmore (GB)**, **Angels Antics (GB)**, **Schiaparannie (GB)**

SUBJECTIVIST

Bay, 2017. 16.1 h.h. To stud 2025

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TEOFILO (IRE)	GALILEO (IRE)	SADLER'S WELLS (USA) URBAN SEA (USA)
	SPEIRBHEAN (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA) SAVIOUR (USA)
RECKONING (IRE)	DANEHILL DANCER (IRE)	DANEHILL (USA) MIRA ADONDE (USA)
	GREAT HOPE (IRE)	HALLING (USA) ASPIRATION (IRE)

RACE RECORD:
Champion older stayer in Europe in 2021. Won 6 races, value £884,221, at 2 to 4, from 7 furlongs to 2 miles 4 furlongs, Ascot Gold Cup, Ascot, **Gr.1**, Prix Royal-Oak, ParisLongchamp, **Gr.1**, Dubai Gold Cup, Meydan, **Gr.2**, March Stakes, Goodwood, **Gr.3**, Glasgow Stakes, Hamilton, **L.**, also placed second in Stonehenge Stakes, Salisbury, **L.** and third in Ascot Gold Cup, Ascot, **Gr.1**, Dubai Gold Cup, Meydan, **Gr.2** and Gordon Stakes, Goodwood, **Gr.3**. Retired to stud in 2024.

WELLS FARHH GO

Bay, 2017. 16.1 h.h. To stud 2023

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MOWAZANA (IRE)	GALILEO (IRE)	SADLER'S WELLS (USA) URBAN SEA (USA)
	TAQREEM (IRE)	NASHWAN (USA) ROSIA BAY

RACE RECORD:

Won 4 races, value £194,766, at 2 to 4, from 7 furlongs to 1 mile 5 furlongs, Bahrain Trophy, Newmarket, **Gr.3**, Acomb Stakes, York, **Gr.3**, Fred Archer Stakes, Newmarket, **L**, also placed third in Stand Cup, Chester, **L** and fourth in Great Voltigeur Stakes, York, **Gr.2**, also fourth in Yorkshire Cup, York, **Gr.2**. Retired to stud in 2023.

YORGUNNABELUCKY

Bay, 2006, 16.1 h.h. To stud 2013

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	HELEN STREET	TROY WATERWAY (FR)

RACE RECORD:

Won 5 races, value £59,868, at 3 to 5, from 1 mile 2 furlongs to 1 mile 6 furlongs. Retired to stud in 2013, and sire of 35 winners, of 108 races, and £1,311,400, including **LUCKY ZEBO (GB)**, **ASLUKGOES (GB)**, **ONEMOREFORTHROAD (GB)**, **TIMEFORATUNE (GB)**, **FORTUNES MELODY (GB)**, **Liberty Hunter (GB)**, **SPREAD BOSS TED (GB)**, **LUCKY'S DREAM (GB)**, **LADY RESET (GB)**, **LETS GO LUCKY (GB)**, **LARGY TRAIN (GB)**, **JOSH THE BOSS (GB)**, **MACTAVISH (GB)**, **OCEANS RED (GB)**, **JUST LOOSE CHANGE (GB)**, **LUCKINTHECITY (GB)**, **DREAM BOY (GB)**, **RESET BUTTON (GB)**, **BAILY THUNDER (GB)**, **ASLUKWOODHAVIT (GB)**, **BOLLIN MATILDA (GB)**, **ONEOVDEM (GB)**, **YORBELUCKY (GB)**

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GOLDEN PERIOD FOR HORN UNDER BOTH CODES

By Martin Stevens

Mission accomplished! Three and a half years ago Jayne McGivern bought brilliant Derby and Arc victor Golden Horn and moved him from Dalham Hall Stud to Overbury Stud, in order to maintain British breeders' access to a true dual-purpose stallion at an affordable covering fee.

In the intervening period the son of Cape Cross had been doing pretty well, but this year he did exactly what he was purchased to do, by excelling with his progeny in both disciplines.

In the National Hunt realm he was represented by Champion Hurdle heroine Golden Ace and Triumph Hurdle winner Poniros, as well as Grade 2 scorers East India Dock, Mark Of Gold and Nemean Lion, while on the Flat he was on the mark with leading stayer Trawlerman, who took the Gold Cup and British Champions Long Distance Cup, and top-class fillies and mares Divina Grace, Karmology and Santorini Star.

"It's been a good year, hasn't it?" says McGivern with a wry smile. "His Cheltenham Festival was unbelievable. He had five runners, all in Grade 1s, and they included Golden Ace and Poniros, as well as East India Dock, who was third to Poniros.



Trawlerman © Steve Cargill

"I thought that would be difficult to beat, but then the Flat season came around and he didn't just get his first Group 1 winner with Trawlerman at Royal Ascot, but he also had all sorts of black-type winners here, there and everywhere.

"East India Dock won the Chester Cup and was Listed-placed on the Flat, too. He's a great ambassador for his sire as he shows the versatility of his progeny. Owners and trainers get a double whammy with them: they do well on the Flat and can have an extra career over jumps too, if that's their thing."

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Golden Horn's oldest crop were eight-year-olds in 2025 and he has taken his time to show his worth, especially as a rich source of Flat talent, but McGivern never lost faith in the sire.

"What he did this season was what everyone was hoping he'd do when he had his first three-year-olds a few years ago, and he didn't quite do it," concedes McGivern. "But I always thought his progeny needed a little more time and I always knew they all have one thing in common: they're all tough and they dig in. They might sometimes get headed but they don't know they're beaten. They take a couple of breaths and come back again. You see that time and time again."



Golden Ace © Steve Cargill

"So although I'm very proud of him, I'm not surprised by what he's done. I knew it was always there, I knew he could do it. He just needed the opportunity to show it. What's nice too is that his winners this season are not all out of the best mares, the sorts he covered in the earliest years of his stallion career."

"His percentages by nearly every measure on the Flat and over jumps – winners to runners, stakes winners to runners and so on – are now as good as and, in a lot of cases, even better than more expensive horses than him."

"On top of all that, all his progeny are very beautiful. He does rather stamp them, doesn't he?"

Speaking in the autumn, McGivern says that after consulting with Overbury Stud's Simon Sweeting it is likely that Golden Horn will remain at a fee of £10,000 for the 2026 breeding season.

"Since we've had the stallion he's always been oversubscribed at the limit I've put on his book, which I'm incredibly grateful to breeders for," she says. "It would have been easy to raise his initial fee of £8,000 at Overbury to £12,000 before now, but we've been mindful of our fellow jumps breeders and the tricky market they face."

"But on the other hand, there are other horses at a much higher fee who don't offer the same value, in my opinion, and the Flat market has started to think he looks attractively priced and he's getting more bookings from those breeders."

"We'll probably stand him at £10,000 next year. I still want him to be attractive to the



Poniro's (blue) © Steve Cargill

National Hunt market – and I think at that fee he is – but we also need to recognise his worth as a Flat sire."

McGivern says that she is actively considering standing another stallion, one who is as multifaceted as Golden Horn. But if and when she buys one, it will be on her own terms.

"I looked very seriously at two this year," she reveals. "I get offered legs and shares all the time, and occasionally take one. I've taken one in Kameko, for example. But doing it like that isn't really my thing. I prefer to buy one on my own, as I did with Golden Horn. When I bought him I could have easily syndicated him to any number of people, and kept a shareholding at no cost to myself, but then I wouldn't have been able to say I didn't want him to cover more than 180 mares in a season."

“ I ALWAYS THOUGHT I'D SELL THE COLTS AND GELDINGS AND KEEP THE FILLIES, BUT SINCE DECIDING THAT I'VE HAD A LOT OF FILLIES ”

"We've been asked to lease Golden Horn to Japan a couple of times, but that's not for me either. I don't think it's in his best interests. That's not a criticism of other people who would do it, but I know him, his personality and what's best for him. I might not have been able to refuse the offers if I had other shareholders to consider."

"Call me a control freak but if I bought another stallion I'd want to be a majority shareholder at least, or, failing that, be a partner with someone like Simon, who thinks along the same lines. But on the whole I'd rather just buy one myself."

"I like to make my own mistakes, that's all. That's why, when I play tennis, I only play singles. If I play doubles and my partner is responsible for losing the game, I can't stand it. I like to screw up on my own, then I've only got myself to blame."

It was also a landmark year for the breeding side of McGivern's Dash Grange Stud, her operation in the Cotswolds that houses a small and select brand of National Hunt and Flat broodmares, which she started in earnest only a few years ago.

"When I look at the accounts, all I see is a big fat loss, so I can't say we're very commercial at the moment," she says. "But, on the other hand,



Nathaniel gelding out of Jelani at Goffs Store Sale © Sarah Farnsworth

my first homebred, Kissmehoneyhoney, a filly by Crystal Ocean out of Buildmeupbuttercup, won on debut this year, and won really well too. I was chuffed, as the project is really only just starting. I have a 100 per cent record as a breeder at the moment, so maybe I should retire now!

"Kissmehoneyhoney is quite a big filly, a doppelganger of her mother, and she's not without talent. William Haggas, who trains her, has been brilliant. He didn't rush her, he said he'd let her grow up and strengthen and she'd tell him when she's ready. Still, though, we were only really hoping that she'd run on into mid division on her first start, so for her to win was amazing.

"She'll have some time off, so she can strengthen and grow a bit more, and she'll come back for some early races at four in 2026. She'll have no trouble staying. She's exactly what I'm

trying to breed: a classy middle-distance horse. She'll be a brilliant match for Golden Horn one day. She might actually prove my breeding strategy works!"

McGivern's first homebreds produced specifically for National Hunt are also coming of age. Dash Grange Stud sold at the Goffs UK Spring Store Sale in May 2025 a Nathaniel half-brother to Grade 2-winning hurdler Jetara out of a Milan full-sister to Jezki to Paul Nicholls for £75,000 and a Jukebox Jury half-brother to smart handicap chaser Bhaloo to Ollie Murphy for £34,000, while among those being retained to race is the Blue Bresil full-sister to Constitution Hill who turns three in 2026.

"I always thought I'd sell the colts and geldings and keep the fillies, but since deciding that I've

had a lot of fillies," says McGivern. "We sold the geldings we did have in Doncaster in May. We thought we'd stay on home turf while still learning the ropes. The two who sold went to very good trainers, so I was delighted.

"I thought the other gelding we entered for the sale, by Jack Hobbs out of Perfect Grace, made a bit of a noise in the lead-up to the auction, so we withdrew him. But he's really grown up and matured since, and has stopped making the noise. I think he must have had a bit of a wobbly oesophagus or something. So we decided to run him ourselves instead. Nigel Twiston-Davies has him, and says he likes him, so the hope is he'll win and then we can sell him in training. He hasn't had a wind op so he should be fine for that.

"We sold a few fillies too, though. We sent two to the Flat yearling sales. We would have kept them, but we have to push some money through the accounts to keep the VAT man happy.

"That said, one of them, a Lope De Vega filly out of Wisdom Mind, didn't sell at 80,000gns so we brought her home. She was offered five lots from the end of Book 2 and I think everyone must have been in the bar or spent all their money. She was nice, maybe a smidgen backwards, but we thought she was worth a little more than that and so we'll put her in training and maybe offer her for sale again if she runs well.

"It might actually have been a stroke of luck because Wisdom Mind's two-year-old daughter Regal Resolve won a Listed race at the back-end of the season. It's great the mare has black type now. She has a Baaeed filly foal who we'll also race."

McGivern has spent plenty of money in setting up her boutique breeding operation. Golden Horn must have cost a pretty penny, while Constitution Hill's dam Queen Of The Stage was bought for £340,000, multiple Grade 2-winning hurdler and chaser Concertista was purchased for €220,000, useful hurdler Buildmeupbuttercup was sourced for €165,000 and the well-bred Jelani cost €85,000. There have also been several expensive Flat acquisitions, including Wisdom Mind for 460,000gns.

So is Dash Grange Stud paying its way?

"The plan was for the stud to wash its face by the end of year five," says McGivern. "We're now at the end of year three and we're not there yet, but we've had a bit of bad luck. We have a nice mare by Blue Bresil out of Petticoat Tails who was the top lot at the Goffs UK Spring Store Sale a few years ago. She went to Nicky Hederson and should be running now, as I like them to race before breeding from them, but she got cast and fractured a sesamoid, so she's now in foal to Golden Horn too.

"But I hope that in two years' time the stud breaks even and perhaps even makes a small profit, so that it starts to repay the capital expenditure we made in setting it up."

Receipts from Golden Horn's coverings at Overbury Stud should help balance the books, especially after his annus mirabilis on the track.

"It really was a smashing year – a turnaround year," says McGivern. "He's redeemed himself, and he's incredibly good value for what he's done. I hope people realise that."

“ IT REALLY WAS A SMASHING YEAR – A TURNAROUND YEAR ”

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TELEPATHIQUE

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By Charlotte Newton

For GBB, the 2024/2025 season was unquestionably defined by one mare, Telepathique.

Bred by Mrs Elizabeth Gordon Lennox, the Telescope mare was offered at the Goffs January Sale in 2019 but was 'Not Sold' at just £4,500. What might have seemed a disappointment turned out to be fortuitous luck. Retained by Mrs Gordon Lennox to race herself, Telepathique would go on to earn £100,000 in GBB bonuses.

Her racing campaign has been nothing short of masterful, taking full advantage of every incentive available – no surprise to anyone familiar with trainer Lucy Wadham's skill with multiple bonus winners. Wadham's past success with Martello Sky, who amassed over £50,000 before the £50,000 fillies' limit for non-GB-based stallions, set the stage for Telepathique's path to success.

Ridden by Bryony Frost, Telepathique claimed her first bonus in a Warwick bumper in February 2023, earning £10,000. A swift move to hurdles followed, yielding a £20,000 bonus in a maiden at Southwell that November.

By the winter of 2024, Telepathique had turned her attention to what would become her specialty, chasing. She won a non-GBB chase at Fakenham on 30th October, then returned to Warwick on 20 November to claim a £10,000 bonus in a novices' handicap.

January 2025 brought the launch of GBBPlus, a game-changer for chasing mares. The new scheme removed sex restrictions meaning mares' only and all-sex chases

would carry equal bonus values and added class 3 and 4 handicap chases. Most crucially for Telepathique, every chase was now worth £30,000 in GBB bonuses.

With £40,000 already secured, and another £60,000 to play for, Telepathique began 2025 with a phenomenal victory at Fakenham in a class 2 handicap chase. Leading from the start, she crossed the line unchallenged by nine and a half lengths, earning one of the first £30,000 bonuses under the new scheme.

Her next outing came in the Listed Lady Protectress Mares' Chase, where she saw off competition from Brides Hill, a Listed and Grade 2 winner, by three and three-quarter lengths, securing her second and final £30,000 bonus.

In just ten starts, Telepathique won six times, placed second twice, and achieved an official rating of 148, qualifying her for the TBA's Elite Mares' Scheme. She has so far amassed over £88,000 in prize money and £100,000 in GBB bonuses – a remarkable return for a mare who once failed to sell for £5,000.



Telepathique (front) © Leaderboard Photography

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FEBRUARY

Elizabeth Gordon Lennox

Pictured: Winner of the Lady Protectress Mares' Chase, Telepathique

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DECEMBER

Robert and Jackie Chugg

Pictured: The New Lion cruises upsides before winning the Challow Hurdle

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MARCH

Meon Valley Stud

Pictured: Lorcan Williams and Golden Ace after winning the Champion Hurdle

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JANUARY

Julian Selby

Pictured: Don't Rightly Know led all to win the Charlie Nugent Memorial Mares' Chase

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Caroline George

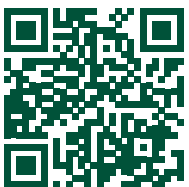
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