

Beach Ride Report

Well our first Beach Ride and BBQ was a great success, with all riders coming in and asking for another one as soon as possible. The first thing I would like to do is thank Eilish Byrne and Michael Moore for the excellent BBQ they provided. It really made a fun day even better. We arrived on the beach at 9.15 with a slight nip in the air however as the day went on we had sunshine and a warm March day, (perfect for both riding and eating).

First out on course were International Rider Terri Moore on FEI 2* qualified Jahol's Song and Evelyn Moore, they were accompanied by Mike and Pat newcomers to Endurance. They headed off up the beach towards Curracloe with all horses appearing to have enjoyed the change of scenery. They were soon followed by locals Laura Dagger and Ciara Costello, who showed us all how it's done with their horses straight into the sea and quite happy to canter through the shallows.

Gillian Corcoran, Niamh McCarthy and Karina Fitzgerald arrived on 2 borrowed horses and one of their own, all riders arrived back tired but happy to be on the sand and hoping to bring their own horses the next time.

Emily Miller decided to give her FEI 1* mare Penny a day at the beach and both Emily and Penny can be seen paddling in the sea in the photo gallery. I think Emily was more enthusiastic about the water than Penny though!

Margaret King and her daughter Kieri also made it down with a reluctant Drummer who eventually got into the joys of playing in the sand. Breda Heary and Rosemary Ryan also brought their two horses down to enjoy the benefits of a long stretch of beach and some good food and company later.

John, Bernard and Shauna Kehoe enjoyed opening up their horses on the beach and were enthusiastic about a return trip. They completed their last leg with Deirdre McCabe and Eddie MacDonald who decided to join us for the fun day out.

Bobbi and Siobhan Ovington took part as well and enjoyed the sunshine and the good food.

Geraldine Hendricken and Paul Leete joined us for their first ride as members with Endurance Ireland and brought along a newcomer Pat Moran, all riders and horses enjoyed their day at the beach and a good roll on the sand after!

Kim McCormack and Melanie Byrne also joined us on the veteran Cloud 9 and Prancer. They enjoyed the day and were some of the many campaigners for another beach day out.

Thanks to all of you who came and made the day a success.