



Portlaw 15/4/12

Endurance Ireland continued on its bid to spread endurance riding to every corner of the country when it hosted a competitive ride in Portlaw, Co. Waterford. The ride was run in the beautiful Portlaw forest, just outside the town which is bordered on the north side by the river Suir and by the Comeragh mountains to the west.

It was a very crisp, bright Sunday morning when our competitive riders arrived at the venue. Evelyn and Terri Moore were first through the vetting and out on course with Galeshill Boffin and Jehol's Song. Emer Lennon was next passed the initial vetting and out on course with her gelding DVS Over the Ridge. Sinead Murray, who was attending her second endurance ride, was put through her paces as endurance judge under the watchful eye of international rider and endurance judge, Yvonne Croke.

The day was warming up as the trail riders went out on course. Andrea O'Carroll brought her mare Flicka out for a spin after going through a pre-ride vet check. Eamon Conway arrived a bit later in the day with his mare Francy and managed to join in with Emer for a loop before heading out again by himself.

Evelyn and Terri were first to finish and both passed the vetting with ease having completed 38km. Emer wasn't far behind them, having also covered 38km, and vetted successfully with no problems. Sinead was surprised by the low heart rates from all horses especially as some had a lower rate following the recovery check/ Ridgway test.

Andrea and Flicka also got around safely and passed the vet check following their trial ride. Eamon was last but not least back in the venue, having had a great trip around the course.

Although we had a quiet turn out all riders and horses had a great day and we had 100% success rate! Many thanks for everyone who showed up to ride, help out and support us.