



Rosegarland Ride 11th September 2016

Endurance Ireland were delighted to return to Rosegarland Estate in Wellingtonbridge for our annual ride. This is a fantastic venue with bridlepaths available all year round and additional riding in fields available in the Autumn. First to arrive at the venue was Anne Kinsella with her favourite mount Gales Hill Scimitar. Anne headed out on course early and quickly completed 24km.

Arriving soon after Anne were two of our CR riders on the day Evelyn and Teresa Moore who had brought Boston Rose and Gales Hill Sabre. Madison Flaherty was next to arrive with her pony Bobby. The three horses were quickly assessed for their pre ride vetting by Vet Natasha and given their times to head out on course by organiser and time keeper Sam Linton. Due to extremely poor weather in the run up to the event the course was somewhat reduced this year in length, however the course rode so well with such lovely scenery nobody was disappointed.

Next to head out on course were Susan O'Donald and Sophia Mehan on Bean and Dusty, the girls both local to the area were very familiar with the venue and enjoyed bringing their mounts around the familiar paths and into the fields as an added bonus.

We had three junior riders out on their very pretty ponies on the day, Deirbhile and Una O'Dwyer and Orlagh Kenny on their ponies the aptly named Rua, Sally and Star. All three completed the course and enjoyed the ride and their rosettes at the finish.

A familiar face to Endurance Ireland, Eileen Burrell was next to arrive on site, as this is Eileen's local area she chose to bring two of her mounts to the event, first bringing out Billie who is no stranger to Endurance. Eileen flew around the course on Billie and was back to bring out Lucy for her trip around the bridle paths. Both horses went well enjoying the going.

Stephen Trant and Jane Doyle were our final two riders out on course, Stephen and Jane brought their mounts Pierre and Julie who have clocked a good number of miles this season. All four seemed to enjoy the course and were delighted with the sunshine that came this year as a pleasant change from the torrential rain at last year's event.

Our CR riders were all undertaking an intermediate level CR and were delighted that the day stayed bright and sunny for the ride. While the day was windy we were lucky that the majority of the course was sheltered from the weather as was the venue. All three easily passed the midway vetting and were back out to complete the ride. They finished up at a speed of 13.6kph. The three horses were quickly vetted by able vet Aisling and all were delighted when all three easily passed the vet.

The day was a great success despite early concerns about the weather. Endurance Ireland would like to thank all who contributed to this success, Sarah Keogh for the venue and marking the course, Sam Linton for organising, Aisling Fenton as our Vet and Michael for acting as Steward at the road crossing. Volunteers are what make these days so enjoyable so thank you all for taking part.