



Mountshannon, 14th August 2016

Eamon Conway invited riders back west for the second time this year to the picturesque Mountshannon for another super ride around its tracks and forest. Riders turned up with plenty of enthusiasm. First on the scene was Sheila Winters from Cork who had travelled up on the morning from Kanturk with her horse Nugget (Ballyclough Nugget) and with Sheila was her crew for the day, Nuala who took in the local sights before joining us back at the venue. Eamon and his daughter Roisin then headed out on course with Sheila to complete the full course. This was Sheila's first endurance ride and we look forward to seeing her again at our next rides.

Claire Walsh and her Setanta arrived with Liz Anderson on Billy and Catherine Steenkamp on Buddy, Claire is no stranger to Endurance Ireland and Liz has ridden with us in Bodyke also located in Co. Clare. Catherine from South Africa rode her first very endurance ride with us on Sunday.

Next out on course were members Bobbie Ovington, Patrick Byrne and Colm Doran. Bobbie with her mare Coolhenry Hanna, Partick on Amber and Colm on his new mount Buddy (Vocative Case), which Colm rescued, all completed the course with ease. Colm has put so much work into bring back Buddy to full health and he is a credit to Colm and the work has done.

Katy Martin on Picclo and Siobhan Wolf on Paris were next to hit the trails. While Katy and Picclo were on their first endurance ride this was Siobhan's second ride with us.

Last and by no means least was Rosemarie Ryan and Zara. Rosemarie had a very serious break to her ankle about 2 years ago in which she got badly kicked by another horse while on Zara. We as a club are absolutely delighted to see Rosemarie back up on her Zara and word on the street is this pair are looking to the Nationals in September. Rosemarie rode alongside her buddy Siobhan Ovington and the ladies both took on the full course which was no mean feat for first day back.

Most of the riders made a weekend of the trip to Mountshannon with Siobhan O, Bobbie, Rosemarie, Patrick, Colm, Siobhan W and Katy all staying over camping, along with family, from Saturday till Monday.

Thanks to Eamon for organizing again, Coillte for allowing us to ride on their lands and Emer and Yvonne for travelling to Mountshannon to act as organisers on the day.