



Rossmore Ride 19th July 2015

Sunday 19 of July after a night of dreadful rain saw Endurance Ireland at our new venue of Rossmore. Nestled in the Killeslin Hills surrounded by the three Counties, Carlow, Laois and Kilkenny, this new venue consisted of forestry trails, a few stream crossings and farmland, with the kind permission of the local Landowners.

First to venture out on this new course were the Fantastic Four – Terri Moore on the ever dependable Boffin and Miss Anne Kinsella on her favoured mount GH Scimitar. This duo covered the streams, tracks and trails winding through the Counties with ease – completing a refreshing 18.1Km TR.

The pair were followed closely by Susanne O'Rourke on the ever faithful Apache. This daring twosome headed out over the hills and completed a great 37Km CR. Apache true to form had no bother passing the Vet!!

Following in the hoofprints of their stablemates, were Mike Cuddihy on Sabre and Margaret King on a very relaxed Drummer. This pair did a leisurley 18.1km enjoying the new scenery along the way.

Next to leave the venue was the newly Novice qualified Madison Flaherty on her hardy little pony Bobby. This deadly pair were travelling with Bobbie Ovington and her fiesty 21yr old mare Hanna. Bobbie and Hanna were undertaking the final leg of their Novice qualifier. This fearsome foursome headed out between the Windmills and completed the 40.2Km CR in style. Both ponies passed the Vet Gate, therefore qualifying Bobbie and Hanna as Novice. Well done Bobbie!!

Patrick Byrne on his young mare Amber, who have taken to Endurance with a passion were next out on course. Patrick and Amber were doing the first leg of their Novice qualifier. This pair finished their 37km CR with pride and vetted clear. Well done Patrick.

Next to undertake the course were our Mother and Daughter team of the day, Liz Burbage on her mare General's Daughter and Vicki McMullen on her sturdy cob Duke. This pair headed out on course and completed the 18.1Km trail ride. Vicki and Duke enjoying it so much headed out again leaving mum behind and completed the 32Km TR with ease.

Next to undertake the course was seasoned Endurance Rider Jane Stanley on her lovely young horse Henley. Jane took a steady pace on the course and finished the 18.1Km TR in a good time.

Last to venture out on course were Loretto McDonald on her fiery gelding Oscar, riding with them was Pippa Ryan on her young Cranagh Hero Mare Sika.

This little foursome did a relaxed 14.9 Km TR in the sunshine!!

This new venue proved itself well with riders remarking on the various terrain and ease of riding it. All looking forward to the next adventure from this venue which may become a favourite!!

Many Thanks to Coilte and the Local Landowners for their help and support, thnaks to Yvonne Croke for acting as Endurance Judge and Emer Lennon for being on hand to crew and help out our new Novice riders. Thanks to Siobhan Ovington for organising this venue.