



Portlaw 22nd May 2016

Sunday the 22nd of May saw Endurance Ireland head to the sunny south east. With the high winds and rain and thunder storms all promised for the day it unfortunately put many riders off coming to this super venue. We were in fact very lucky as ride organiser Emer Lennon managed to mark the entire course in dry weather.

The course was all forest tracks with only one road crossing at the venue, the track had some good pulls on it but also allowed for riders to move on around it. The course took riders up around the back of Portlaw giving them beautiful views of the river Suir.

Gales Hill Stables had a good turn out with Terri Moore riding DVS Wanda with Mike Cuddihy riding alongside her on Gales Hill Drummer. Evelyn Moore on her mare Boston Rose rode out with Anne Kinsella on Gales Hill Scimitar and were join by Eamon Conway and his big Irish Draught Francie for one of the 17km loops. Eamon travelled from Tulla in Co. Clare and so far this year is the furthest travelled rider and horse to an event.

Eileen Burell and her flashy gelding Billy arrived early and moved nicely around the course before heading off for another appointment on the day, we think that's what one would call dedication to the cause.

Thank you to all the riders who came and rode despite the weather. Thanks to Emer Lennon for marking and organising and to Coillte once again for permission to ride another fantastic forest.