

# Love it NEWSLETTER

## Get involved in our Spring Spectacular



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Leaping out of the Shepherds of Cheshire Water Complex. Accredited Mark Clayton

### What a Spring Spectacular!

Hello, and welcome to this post-event issue in celebration of what was a truly spectacular three-days of eventing! We welcomed a record number of two-legged and four-legged visitors through the gates and the sun-gods blessed us with the most incredible weather and ground. Here's just a little snippet of all the action and, remember, in just under 5 months we'll be doing it all again! We hope to see you at our autumn British Eventing Horse Trials running 21-23 September 2018.

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World number 1 Oliver Townend takes home the crown and £1000 cheque in the Istanbul BBQ Chester Advanced Intermediate. Take a look at how the AI, OI and I classes panned out.

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### Smile for the camera

Did you know that we ran an incredible 23 sections over three-days of competition? We'd like to congratulate all our winners in this hall of fame!

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### What a wonderful weekend

Birds of prey, free face painting, lots of thrills and spills, delicious grub and plenty of trade stands! Check out this gallery of the attractions enjoyed by our many visitors.

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### Sponsorship Focus

Catch up with water complex sponsors, Shepherds of Cheshire.

# Townend in fine form

Oliver Townend proved why he is ranked number 1 in the world in the FEI rankings at Kelsall Hill 1 with a stunning display of form. Oliver, who's based locally, was riding Cillnabradden Evo owned by Mrs Sally-Anne Egginton won the Advanced Intermediate section kindly sponsored by Istanbul BBQ Chester, winning The Mr and Mrs Winton Memorial Trophy and the £1000 first prize. Not only did he do that but he also managed to come third in the same class on Ballaghmoor Class who went on to come 5th at Badminton and he came first and second in the Open Intermediate section sponsored by Equine 74, on Ulises and Tregilder and second in the Intermediate to add to the weekends tally of successes. "I'm thrilled with the performances of horses, this event is second to none for me and one of the best events in the country".

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Lap of Honour time for **Oliver Townend** *accredit FRW Photography.*

**Michael Owen** who won last year on Jims Pal had to settle for 10th place this time. The weather took a turn for the better and the event was bathed in glorious sunshine throughout almost the entire weekend prompting questions about how often the organising team went to church. Land owner or joint organiser, Phil Latham said, "we've never had to cancel yet but this was a close run thing and we were delighted to be able to run in such fabulous conditions, it was quite a turn up and we managed to adjust our dressage area to accommodate enough arenas to ensure the footing was good".

**Arthur Duffort** who came second in the Advanced Intermediate praised the event for the good ground and for the great viewing that's on offer for owners, "there aren't many events where owners can see almost the entire cross country unless there's a big screen at an international so it's great to bring owners along to see their horses ride almost the entire course."

The intermediate sections brought a first class field forward with many international and nationally competitive rider combinations. **Nicola Wilson** won intermediate section L sponsored by Delamere Manor Events, riding JL Dublin and another local rider **Hayden Hankey** won the Afford Bond Chartered Accountants, section M riding Oaken Eddie.

Co-organiser Jane Whitaker said "my heart goes out to all the events that have not been so lucky as before our event only 2 out of 15 scheduled events in April have managed to run successfully, we're really pleased with the way the event ran and would like to thank all our volunteers for their hard work and time over the weekend, without them we wouldn't be able to lay on such a great sporting event. We look forward to seeing everyone in September when we'll hold the BE80 Championships for the first time.

**Kelsall Hill's next British Eventing fixture will run from 21-23 September 2018.**  
**More: [www.kelsallhill.co.uk](http://www.kelsallhill.co.uk)**



**Michael Owen** riding Jims Pal *accredit Ann Gibbons.*



**Nicola Wilson** *accredit FRW Photography.*



**Arthur Duffort** riding Gredington Mailthyme, 2nd place in the AI *accredit Mark Clayton Photography.*



**Hayden Hankey** riding Oaken Eddie *accredit FRW Photography.*



Pictured above are the winners of the BE80(T) Cheshire Horse sections A,B,C & D, Jodie Gray, Katie Rutter, Samantha Bebbington and Vicky Adam.



BE90 sections E, F & G (Open). Pictured above are winners Sam Ecroyd and Marie Pope.



BE90 sections H, I & J. Pictured above are Georgia Cathcart, Eddie Crouchley, Vicky Arnold & Lucy Dodd representing Aaron and Partners LLP.



Advanced Intermediate winner Oliver Townend, principle sponsor Lesley Bradshaw from Istanbul BBQ Chester, Claire Winton presenting the Mr and Mrs Winton Memorial Trophy and land owner Robin Latham.



Intermediate section L winner Nicola Wilson riding JL Dublin *accredit Ann Gibbons.*



**YOU are the champions!**

We pay homage to those talented individuals who rode their way into the ribbons at our autumn event.  
**THREE CHEERS FOR ALL OUR WINNERS!**



Intermediate section M winner Hayden Hankey riding Oaken Eddie *accredit FRW Photography.*



Open Intermediate section N winner Oliver Townend riding Ulises *accredit Matt Nuttall Photography.*



BE100 section O winner Sophie Dodds riding Highlight K *accredit Matt Nuttall Photography.*



BE100 sections P, Q, R & S. Pictured above are Amanda Davies from Equine 74, Lucy Watson, Miss Leonna Mayor, Molly Phillips, Polly Stockton and Helen Kennedy from Protect My Income.



Novice sections T, U, V, W. Pictured above are Millie King representing Andy Heffernan, Graham Silman the owner of Kec Kimberley ridden by Emma Silman and Ella Woodhead.



Another firm favourite was meeting the birds of prey from Stockley Birds of Prey and the team from the Cheshire Police!



Thanks to all the Kelsall team on hosting a fantastic weekend of competition and wonderful hospitality



# What a wonderful Weekend!



Sponsors and their guests enjoyed the hospitality on offer in our VIP marquee with catering being provided by the amazing Beech Tree Catering company



It was wonderful to welcome so many visitors to our event. Check out this gallery of the some of the attractions on offer



Did your little ones visit our kids marquee to sample the free face painting provided by Angie Hill from Colours Kids?



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Hi, I'm  
Duncan Shepherd.

The owner of  
Shepherd's of Cheshire.

I know that everybody probably expects me to talk about my company, blah blah blah but I thought it might be a little more interesting to introduce me and my gorgeous pair.

The bay is Mac, a 16-3 Irish Draft cross who acts like a big pony.

The grey is Rosa, a 17hh Percheron and she's got 2 speeds, slow & stop.

I asked if I could compete Rosa but Kelsall Hill said they couldn't afford to replace all the fences she'd crash through so I got stuck sponsoring the water complex jump instead.

On that note, I suppose I should get a quick plug in about the company.

If you need a new kitchen, give me a call. I make the best in Cheshire.

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