**BLUE CROSS HORSE AND PONY CARE COMPETITION**

**TO BE HELD AT**

**CASTLE VIEW STABLES, OLDWICK, MARCH ROAD, WICK KW1 5TP**

**THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2023**

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON 4 APRIL (No late entries accepted!)**

**HOSTED BY CASTLE VIEW STABLES.**

**Entries to be made on Deeside** [Events (clubentries.com)](https://clubentries.com/deesidepc/admin/events.php)

The competition features teams of three Members who demonstrate their knowledge and practical horsemanship skills taken from the Pony Club Efficiency Tests over several rounds. Teams compete at this Area Competition with the aim to qualify for the Championships. The Blue Cross Care Championships will take place at the Pony Club Championships in August.

**Please make sure you are aware of all the rules and guidelines. All information can be found here**

[Blue Cross Horse and Pony Care (pcuk.org)](https://pcuk.org/members/non-ridden-competitions/blue-cross-horse-pony-care/)

There are three levels:

* **Mini** - Teams to consist of three members aged 10 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one member to be 8 years or under. Questions to be based on the Care section of the E, D and easier parts of the D+ Efficiency Tests.
* **Junior** - Teams to consist of three members aged 13 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one member to be 11 years or under. Questions to be based on the Care section of the D, D+, C and easier parts of the C+ Efficiency Tests.
* **Senior** - Teams to consist of three members aged 25 years and under on the 1st January of the competition year, with one member to be 16 years or under. Questions to be based on the Care section of the C+, B and AH Efficiency Tests.

Teams make their way around different ‘stations’, each of which will comprise of a different theory or practical based topic. Up to ten minutes are spent at each ‘station’, during which time Members are asked a series of questions to be marked by the Assessor. Dress should be appropriate to a working yard environment. Pony Club sweatshirts, shirt and tie, jodphurs, boots, gloves and hats are expected. Points will be allocated per section. Three rounds will be chosen, at random, as the ‘tie-breaker’. In the event of a tie, the Team with the highest score in the first chosen round will be declared the winners, and if a tie persists, the score of the further two rounds will be checked, until a clear winner is declared.

This year, for the first time, we will have two identical competitions taking place at the same time in Area 1. The top team from each section, from each competition, will qualify for the Championships, and the remaining Championship places will be allocated according to scores. Branches may choose which venue of the competition they would like to attend.