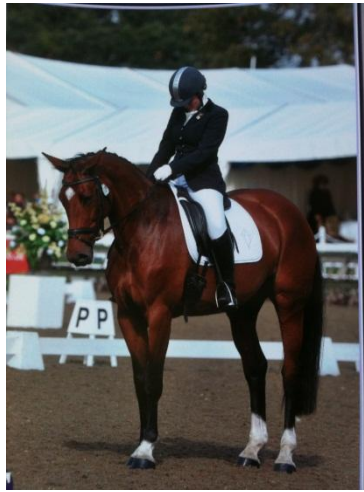


## My Nationals Experience 2011



The experience all started with a phone call! from then on my nerves (and mums!) were building. Coming 6th at Keysoe Regionals with 67% earned me and Disco a wild card for the nationals at elementary restricted. We arrived at Stoneleigh Park the day before, in order to settle in and take part in the arena walk, the atmosphere immediately felt intense! Disco behaved beautifully taking it all in her stride, in comparison to some of the tense explosions happening around the arena as you can imagine! In the morning Nikki Crisp (my trainer) arrived and supported me in the warm-up, I cannot imagine coping with the hectic surroundings without her. Me and Disco managed to complete a great test and was so relieved and pleased about how smoothly it went. The results came up, and we found that we came 10th with 65.52% and had made it through to the prize giving. Overall me, mum and Disco had a fab experience having never been to such a prestigious show surrounded by such talented combinations before... we are normally on the other side of the fence!!

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