

# EASTERN REGION OSCARS EVENING



So many people give their time, energy and skills to enable us all to enjoy our sport, from training to writing, judging to coaching. We have organisers of shows and events, back up teams behind every rider, owners and grooms, parents and friends, partners and fans! Our Oscars Evening is to celebrate some of the people who have stood out in 2019.

Listed below are those who were nominated and the winners of our 2019 Awards – well done to you all!

## Eastern Supporter of the Year

This year it went to someone who has been described by other members as “funny”, “hilarious” and “supportive”. She is someone who has ridden on teams successfully and has a really positive effect on those around her. She is always the first to offer to help, be it scoring, writing, stewarding or anything else that needs doing. Some may say her taste in matchy matchy is questionable, but as she is such a great team player, she is forgiven!

**SAM WILLIAMS**

## Senior Team Player of the Year

She has been described in the nominations as “supportive and helpful”. She has ridden on teams for the region for the past few years, and always has a smile and a positive attitude. She will always come to team meetings, even though she has to drive miles, offers sponsorship for team members and is a pleasure to have on a team.

**REBECCA TOWNSEND**

## Youth Supporter of the Year

This lady is just a ray of sunshine! She’s always about to offer a helping hand and the entire family is just delightful! Her girls are always polite, beautifully turned out and always on time! Everything this lady does is done with a smile and a thank you. She is so deserving of this award!

**EMILIE MORTON**

## Youth Progress Trophy Winner

New to BD Youth teams in 2019, Mr Laidback - not much flusters him! He took the plunge to come forward for teams this year and get involved which he did with enthusiasm, politeness and professionalism! He is always organised and smiley, and one of the first to ask if we need help or anything doing! It's been a pleasure to start this rider on his BD youth journey and we look forward to helping him in 2020!

**LUKE ALDIS**

## CU Phosco Trophy

We continue to be very grateful to our wonderful Para Sponsors – CU Phosco, whose sponsorship enables our Para riders to have some amazing opportunities for training and competing at all levels. The trophy this year goes to a rider who has gone from starting out in Para not that long ago, to getting on the Home International Team, and finishing the year by winning at her first CPEDI International!

**OLIVIA CORNICK**

*The below are the awards that were voted for online by you, our members. Some lovely comments and observations were made, and we have included them below:*



## Best Easterner in a Supporting Role

This award is for someone who supports the region, a rider or their area, going over and above in all that they do. The top three were:

**\*WINNER\* EMMA ALEXANDER** – Show centre organiser – Anvil Park Stud

- Works hard and tirelessly to accommodate all riders and horses, of all different abilities, a wonderful friendly, helpful centre.
- She's amazing always helpful professional and always goes the extra miles

- An incredible horsewoman, competitor, secretary, Mum, business owner and first aider. She always has a smile on her face whatever the weather and whatever troubles there might be. She always keeps to a professional and friendly manner
- Emma has had a tough year. She always smiling and supportive!
- She's an amazing young woman running a big event centre and never gets a enough recognition, it's a life style choice, but it's also her family
- She's always fun she lightens the mood and eases the nerves
- Friendly, happy to help all riders in any situation.
- The most caring person I've met and nothing is ever to much trouble
- Worked so so hard to get her new business up and running.

## MATT FAWCETT – Team Supporter, scorer and chef

- The best BBQer in the East.
- For all his hard work supporting the team with his fantastic food and score-keeping genius!
- He is such an asset to the Eastern region. For the last 4 events where I have represented the Eastern region he has been there supporting the team. Whether it has been to feed us or keeping an eye on the scoreboard. He can't do enough for you and I can't imagine a team event without him.

## HAYLEY LIDDIARD – Chef D'équipe for team events, enthusiastic trainer, rider and judge

- For always being there
- Always there for the members, nothing is too much trouble
- She's always there to pick up the pieces when things go wrong.
- We had a fantastic satellite camp at Writtle College with her
- Because she's simply the best rider rep ever. I don't know what I will do without her!

## Other Nominations included:

**Amy Mills** - very supportive and motivational, gets everyone involved

**Ben Martin** for his dedication to establishing a new venue at Beechwood EC

**Dan Sherriff** for his support in training and advice. He's been invaluable to us this year.

**Eleanor Collins and Tammy Ruffles** for superb instruction and **Pip** for her support over home international for Olivia long

**Elly Darling** For going the extra mile and making everyone feel like a pro dressage rider

**Elly Darling**- she hasn't given up on me yet! Very encouraging and always there for you

**Gillian Newsum** Gillian is Chairman of our RDA Group (Cambridgeshire College), but she goes above and beyond her RDA duties to help her riders to take part in dressage events. Within British Dressage, she has supported Eleanor Currington within the regular Para competitions and Jodie Williamson, who took part in the 2019 BD/RDA Intellectual Disability Championships at Solihull. Without Gillian, the RDA riders at Cambs College simply wouldn't be able to do what they do. Gillian drives the horses around the country so that participants can compete in dressage, showjumping and showing. She puts a huge amount of time into training the riders, and was recognised for her efforts in 2018 by RDA National awarding her 'High Performance Coach of the Year'. Another rider she has coached previously, Olivia

Cornick, also rode at Cambs College and has now competed very successfully at CPEDI 2\* level. Gillian is indefatigable - she makes the horses look fabulous, transports them all over, takes responsibility for their care, helps riders with logistics, coaches riders, trains horses, raises funds, organises other volunteers, and somehow remains cheerful even when very stressed! She does all this and charges around show venues despite being in physical pain herself (she's getting a new hip soon!). If we didn't have her then the whole group would suffer. She does all those jobs that nobody even sees or thinks about, but still finds time to support those who, through their own disability and family circumstances, could never compete in dressage otherwise. Some of the members of our group are fortunate to have horsey parents and enough money to pursue their dreams; others are not as lucky and have to fight for every opportunity. Gillian takes on that fight with us and uses her energy, enthusiasm and experience to make the playing field that bit more level.

**Jackie Aarons** - Jackie volunteers at the majority of competitions & events held at Easton & Otley College and offers huge support and a very welcoming manner. Her competitive background enables her to connect with riders and Officials and she is very approachable.

**Jill Day** Going the extra mile to support me in my training even after I moved country

**Jill Day**, she is inspirational.

**Karen Griffin** Intercounty coordinator and believed in me... which then saw us do well in area festivals...

**Kim Ratcliffe** for her undying enthusiasm to improve standards in dressage and for her knowledge and support as a trainer

**Liza Mcquiston** Coach \_ amazing support, encouraging and patience

Tireless commitment to Norfolk team and more widely to anyone else she trains regularly or even once in a while. Positive and present in every coaching Session I've ever seen her take. Endless hours spent improving me and my horse. Correct and fab from start to finish. Nothing is too much trouble or beyond her wisdom. Moreover, she NEVER has a bad word to say about anyone (even if they deserve it) real class and professionalism.

**Lotte Olsen**. Hosting judge training events and exams at her home and always supplying food and drinks and making everyone really welcome. Lotte is also at all the team events and regional qualifiers or Area Festivals giving support or stewarding. She gives up so much time for BD Eastern along running a busy family home and riding her own horse. Thank you Lotte!

**Pip Coles** for managing everyone, being lovely and supportive even when it's not easy, supporting all her riders and playing mum/groom! She does a fantastic job and puts everything into it (:

**Pippa Childerhouse** - taught me I can be a dressage diva

**Sarah Long** because she always wakes us up in the morning with her loud OLIVIA calls in the morning and always funny and fun to be with.

**Sian Sheridan** because she was so helpful and encouraging at every event when she knew I was travelling alone. I had never met her before but she helped prepare, warm up and after with encouraging words.



## Most Inspiring Easterner

The Award for the person who has inspired you, either by their training, riding or sheer perseverance!

**\*WINNER\* SERAH GOLDSWORTHY** – Rider and team member

- For overcoming adversity to achieve so much
- For being fun and encouraging to everyone
- For being the most caring and supportive team member
- Serah is inclusive, fun and absolutely went out of her way to make sure everyone was ok, while competing herself at the Home International

- Sereh is always tremendous fun to have in a team and welcomes and supports everyone. She always has the biggest smile and enjoys every minute, partying as hard as anyone!
- Serah doesn't have a 'conventional' dressage horse but boy does she put herself out there to have fun. Love her bubbly personality, her warmth & kindness. She's just simply lovely. X

## ALEX HARDWICK- rider and Coach

- Alex inspires us with her training and her talented and empathetic riding, bringing several horses to the highest level.
- Alex Hardwick for her outstanding contribution to representing our area as a rider and trainer .. I and many others are in awe at all she has achieved at such a young age and especially at the nationals this year and 20wks pregnant
- Alex Hardwick. She is such a fabulous test rider and her horses always look like such happy athletes. It was a pleasure to award her my first ever 10 this year.

## ZOE KIRKPATRICK – Rider and team member

- Zoe Kirkpatrick a phenomenal horse woman who sails through the highs and lows with absolute class x
- Zoe Kirkpatrick for not giving up and doing amazingly
- Zoe is a beautiful rider, fun to have on a team and all round lovely person

## Other Nominations included:

**Annabel Coller** So hardworking and has achieved so much

**Alison Smith.** Fab team member for Norfolk. Super positive, helpful and driven but humble and grateful for the support of others. Alison came back to the team after a year away and having sadly lost her young horse. She and Billy did not fail to impress us even more in 2019 putting in outstanding performances for the team and then going on to be crowned pet plan champions too. Alison is self-motivated and simply amazing but also enjoys being involved in Dressage in the East. Alison's enthusiasm and support has kept me motivated to support our riders in Norfolk and make sure everyone else enjoys it like she does.

**Camilla Zanna** for her investigation, trials and production of marvellous supplements which have helped my horse's gastric problems immensely making him a much happier horse in all aspects of his life

**Cornelia O'Mahony** - Cornelia is an extremely hard working and talented rider, along with being a very friendly and positive individual. Her horses always go so well for her and she thoroughly deserves the success and recognition she receives.

**Elly Darling**- she makes time for everyone and is always so enthusiastic and supportive. She devotes her life to ensuring her pupils are successful and enjoy their horses to the best of their ability. Plus she is an amazing rider and trainer.

**Emily Coller** for her hard work and being nice at the same time!

Emily Coller because she has achieved so much and she was on team GB at the Keysoe CDI. She is really nice and fun to be with.

**Emma Hunt** for unfailingly turning in great team performances despite having a very difficult year - her determination shone through at the Senior Home International, after a nasty fall on day 1 she didn't give up and carried on supporting her team by continuing to compete - well done - true grit!

**Emma Pewter** - for nurturing her 21 year old and competing at the MCI Championships in Paris.

**Jane Littlejohn** competes her horse at ad med and always winning see rides so well and is a Mum to her 4 year old daughter she also support and help everyone around her

**Katharine Perry**, the best RDO I know, very organised and so lovely to everyone

**Kim Ratcliffe** because she gives very inspiring feedback at her clinics and on the test sheet.

**Liza Mcquiston** I have watched Liza ride in the higher level classes also as the Norfolk team trainer. In both cases she inspires you to achieve your goals however difficult it can sometimes be.

**Liza Mquiston** has taken on board my existing and permanent injuries working round issues and coming up with practical solutions, rather than you have to ride

**Louise Clark**, I find Louise totally inspiring, after losing Pino whom she trained herself to GP she bought a 3yr old & has taken him out & about, showing him the world, fun, joyous activities come rain or shine. She works such long hours in the city yet never lets her ponies down! She's a real trooper!

**Mari Durwood Ackhurst** Getting to the Euros! Taking on a new horse

**Mark Ruddock** for just being supportive and a great ambassador for our region travelling g to spend time here shows dedication.

**Mark Ruddock**- he is always happy and positive

**Nerys Leer** - Gives confidence and encourages you to never give up!

**Ruth Hole**, she went through a tough time a while ago but has fought back. She took a horse that had problems and has done an amazing job. She represented GB at young riders at Hickstead coming 2nd and a couple of weeks later won a novice one day event on the same horse. Such a good example to other young people.

**Ruth Hurst** because she rode a Masterclass in the way to ride and present your test. She was encouraging and professional.

**Sam Perry**, shows the good and the bad and how it's normal for it not always to go right

**Sarah Carmichael**, whatever crap comes her way she brushes it off with her unique strength. Wish I had a quarter of it!

**Sophie Delia** because she has trained her 'wonky' horse up the levels against all odds, and in addition to that she is there for absolutely everyone and goes out of her way to watch and help out at all the shows.

**Tammy Ruffles** for her dedication to her clients



## Eastern Personality of the Year

The Award for the person who epitomises Eastern and is well known to many.

Someone who fills the dressage world with their enthusiasm, and who is remembered by all who meet them for their great attitude and personality.

**\*WINNER\* TAMMY RUFFLES – Coach, rider and County**

**Coordinator for Suffolk**

- She is actually incredible and to be honest we all need Tammy in our lives. For me Tammy is BD Eastern and we should all be more like her.
- So modest, teaches, coaches in all weathers, with as much enthusiasm at the start and at the finish of a clinic.
- She is always available for help and she put a lot of work in to help Suffolk team for the county dressage
- Encouraged so many of her pupils to become BD members. Many of us never thought we were good enough but with her support and encouragement we have gone for it and not looked back.

**SARAH LONG – Fun, kind and supportive at all youth events**

- Sazza is always supportive and load of fun too!

- For her early morning wake up call of “Oliviaaaaaaa!”

## MARK RUDDOCK – Team Trainer, Coach, Judge, Advisor and Friend

- Mark Ruddock because he is an awesome trainer and he always make me laugh. The Eastern region would not be the same without him!
- Mark Ruddock no explanation needed xx
- Mark Ruddock, no explanation needed – he is just the best. Teams would not be the same without him

## Other Nominations included:

**Amy Mills**, Norfolk coordinator Boundless energy, supportive, encouraging, includes everyone equally in team events. Kind.

**Anna Bostrand - Daly** For being kind and supportive and just an absolute amazing lady

**Anna Bostrand Daly** Hard working inspiring supportive and encouraging.

**Ben Martin** - just ask anybody and they will all say Ben! You can hear him laughing before you see him, he helps everyone out with a smile on his face and is a credit to BD internationally.

**Ellis Smith** Ellis has worked incredibly hard in dressage this year and achieved a huge amount. Her pony, Merlyn, is one that, with her trainer, she has produced from a colt over the last few years. It hasn't been an easy process (of course!) and although he was originally intended to be a jumping pony he seems to prefer dressage - so Ellis has stuck by him and worked really hard on her dressage too (whilst still jumping another horse very successfully at 1m+). Ellis doesn't have the luxury of perfect facilities for training, or a ready-made pony to ride. She just works very, very hard. She has been rewarded for this by her results this year, which saw her competing at the Area Festival and Sheepgate under 25s even though she's barely into her teens! Ellis has a great attitude towards her riding and her ponies. She is always positive and looking for the good in what they've done. When things go wrong, she never blames the horse or even complains - she just states that it wasn't great, and works hard to change it for next time. Ellis is quite quiet and not one to blow her own trumpet. She is an incredible jockey in every respect and a lot of people have a lot of respect for her work ethic and results.

**Flora Hayes**- always smiling and focused

**Sarah Carmichael**, her charm & wit is infectious. She's had another terrible year yet bounces back with the best comments & self criticism on her dreadful time keeping, forgetfulness & general mayhem!!

**Freya Messling** because she is so much fun to be with and she is great fun at all the discos.

**Jayne Sandiford**. I have never met someone so funny in my life.

**Katharine Perry**, without her the Region wouldn't be what it is.

**Kim Ratcliffe** a wonderful person and in inspiration in her enthusiasm

**Nerys Leer** - Endless knowledge, very funny, lessons are always fun

**Sophie Delia** because she is always so supportive at shows and finds the bright side of all bad situations

**Teresa Edmonds** - the driving force behind BD Norfolk at the Inter county and always being cheerful, hardworking and practical.

**Tessa Musgrove** - Tessa Stewards at Easton & Otley College throughout the year, whatever the weather and however long a competition day, she will be there keeping everyone and everything under control in the warm-up and competition arena.

**Zoe Kirkpatrick** - for always having a smile on her face whatever is thrown her way ( in or out of the dressage arena) and putting in some amazing performances during 2019. Also, for her ability to always have the right words to inspire, soothe, motivate or commiserate with her fellow Easterners



## Members Special Award

This award is for someone that other members feel deserves to be recognised for any reason. People who have kicked on in the face of adversity, helped other people to achieve their dreams, inspired others and generally is just a great person to have in our region.

The top three nominations are:

**\*WINNER\* DUNCAN WHITNEY GROOM** – For continuing to support British Dressage by running great shows in the region

- Always happy to help in whatever way for whatever you need
- Running great shows and looks after his team of helpers. Its never a chore to write steward or score as you feel appreciated
- For putting Easton College on the Dressage map and for the professional job he does running these events
- Professionalism and support for all riders competing at his events and looks after the writers very well too
- Always cheerful and organised
- Always professional. Always polite. Always giving that extra bit more to Dressage in our Region. Has very much put Easton College on the map
- As a regular volunteer I feel that Duncan will show you exactly what is needed to be a valuable member of a team with encouragement and support.
- For all his hard work in assisting grass roots plus riders in a friendly atmosphere

## SOPHIE DELIA – rider and team member

- For always smiling and being supportive. Always volunteering to help and never above mucking in with others to ensure they all have a good time!
- She is just such a good team member and keeps the camp laughing
- She is so supportive to the younger riders.

## EMMA HUNT

- For getting in both the Inter Regional and Home International teams this year – having a horrible fall at Wellington, but still competing for the rest of the weekend to ensure her team was not let down.
- Emma for getting to Medium on her 'ordinary' horse and doing all the training herself.
- For doing so well with Freddy and getting some great results and kicking on all the time.

## Other Nominations included:

**Frances Vos** as she is always there to help me, I would be competing on my own without her. She also writes and helps with scoring at Easton College dressage events



**Olivia Long** because she is great fun and so friendly and did so well at home Internationals.

**Imogen Smith** - she has done so well with her new pony in a short space of time

**Jackie Aarons**. Always willing to go the extra mile for competitors. Jackie Write, Scores and Stewards at Easton regularly for BD and unaff Dressage. She is also involved in numerous other activities across the county. She is adored by everyone who meets her and is a welcome friendly face at venues for many of us.

**Jane Howard**. Has been the most supportive judges rep you could hope for. Jane has always found time to talk through queries and test sheets, particularly before exams, and has really helped improve my confidence when judging.

**Katharine and Mark** You make it happen!!

**Lesley Burling**, has had a tough year with losing her husband but continued judging and is working hard to move up the judges list.

**Mary Thornley** for her service to Wix EC

**Nerys Leer** - fantastic instructor who has turned my giraffe of a horse into a dressage diva!

**Olivia Long** for her dedication and positive attitude

**Pippa Childerhouse**. Because without her I would have given up riding and any idea of doing BD with my welsh cob. She has helped me to find the confidence to ride to at a higher level and because of her encouragement and patience we competed at Area Festival at Keysoe in the summer where we were placed. We are now looking to qualify for Regionals next year, something I had never even thought of doing before.

**Sarah Finch**, not always had the best of luck but really try's hard

**Teresa Edmonds** - training a number of BD clinics and camps, being a great trainer and always wanting to help

**Tessa Musgrove**, steward, so helpful and supportive

*New for this year, we introduced awards to recognise which venues you like to go to in the region. Split into two sections – small (venues with one competition arena) and large (venues with more than one competition arena), this category inspired more votes than any other!*



## LARGE VENUE OF THE YEAR

The venues who received the most votes were:

Anvil Park Stud

Brook Farm Training Centre

Codham Park

Easton & Otley College

Keysoe EC

### **\*WINNER\* KEYSOE EC**

- Keysoe has the best surfaces and infrastructure and can run really big shows with great permanent stabling
- Keysoe has made so many improvements and they are all for the benefit of us riders
- Staff are great and so is the café – and they do the best brownies!

- Loads of space to warm up
- Nothing is too much trouble – we love Keysoe!



## SMALL VENUE OF THE YEAR

The venues who received the most votes were:

Martley Hall

Beechwood

Wix EC

Tophorn EC

### **\*WINNER\* MARTLEY HALL**

- A lovely new venue, fabulous facilities and owners who are keen to do even more to make this one of the best places to compete in the East.
- Lovely venue, well run and with a great café
- Nice surfaces and lovely café and warm dry area to watch from

