

Liz Hunter



My love of horses stems from the TV show Champion the Wonder Horse and watching people gallop on West Wittering beach where I spent my childhood holidays. My non horsey parents finally relented to giving me a riding lesson for my 6th birthday which turned into fortnightly riding school lessons and hacks, galloping on THAT beach and eventually slave labour for free rides as a teenager. I continued riding on and off through my 20s and finally bought my first horse in my early 30s. Charlie was a schoolmaster who carried me (mostly) safely round local events, RC team competitions and a ultimately a couple of BE Pre Novice courses. Charlie's no longer with us but I'm now very lucky to have Dougall, an ex racer who only bothers to work half a year and spends the rest fat, happy and hairy and Ellie, a cob cross, my teenage dream horse who does everything with untold energy and enthusiasm – I wish I was 20 years younger to keep up! I've been a member of the SLRC since 2004, have previously served on the committee and have now taken over as secretary. It is great to be a part of a friendly club which provides training that's helped me develop my riding and put me in contact with people who've become firm friends.