



RIDER BIOGRAPHY

Name: Louise Skelton

Country: Great Britain

Age: 34



Notable Recent Results

- 2009 – Burghley CCI**** 16th (Bit of a Barney)
- 2009 – Gatcombe CIC***W 16th (Bit of a Barney)
- 2009 – Hartpury CIC*** 8th (Partly Pickled)
- 2008 – Hartpury CIC*** 5th (Partly Pickled)
- 2007 – Burghley CCI**** 28th (Bit of a Barney)
- 2007 – Gatcombe CIC*** 10th (Bit of a Barney)
- 2006 – Burghley CCI**** 23rd (Bit of a Barney)
- 2005 – Blair Castle CCI*** 1st (Partly Pickled)

Badminton Record

- 2009 – Elim'd final horse inspection (Bit of a Barney), Ret'd (Partly Pickled)
- 2008 44th with 'Bit Of A Barney'
- 2007 23rd with 'Party Pickled'

Personal

Herefordshire based Louise began eventing with the Radnor and West Hereford Pony Club also taking part in other equestrian competitions including mounted games, show jumping and dressage. Aged 16 she first competed in affiliated competition and was a member of the Welsh JRN team.

Louise gained a BSc in biology from Cardiff University followed by a PGDip in Applied Equine Science at the Royal Agricultural College and worked part-time in marketing before turning to a career in horses. She is now a professional event rider and instructor (BHSII) and an accredited BE coach.

In 2003 Louise won the Welsh Championships and in 2006 competed at her first four-star completing with a double clear at Burghley on the homebred Bit of a Barney. She competed and completed her first Badminton in 2007 with Partly Pickled – the full brother to Bit of a Barney. Last year both brothers started at Badminton and she has the pair entered again this year. If she completes she could be the first person to complete on full brothers in the same year.

Last year Louise won the BE six-year-old championship with Whitson with who she has been selected for the BE Equine Pathway

A former county cross-country runner and champion Louise now runs for fun and has completed the London Marathon – 'once was enough'.

Partly Pickled bay gelding 16.3 hh 1996	(Sire) Blaze O'Gold (Dam) Gerfuffle	
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Breed Type:	TB
Owner(s):	Alison Haynes, & Rider
Breeder:	Jackie Skelton