



3 Day National Driving Trials  
**Hopetoun**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
Hopetoun Estate, South Queensferry, Edinburgh EH30 9SL  
**21 - 24 May 2026**

*By kind permission of  
the Marquess of Linlithgow and the Earl and Countess of Hopetoun*

**National competition classes:**

*Pre-novice Horse  
Novice Horse  
Open Single Horse  
Advanced Horse  
Open Horse Pairs  
Advanced Horse Pairs  
Horse Tandems  
Horse Four-in-Hand  
BYD Children  
BYD Junior  
BYD Under 25's  
Thursday -RDA Classes*

*Pre-novice Pony  
Novice Pony  
Open Single Pony  
Advanced Pony  
Open Pony Pairs  
Advanced Pony Pairs  
Pony Tandems  
Pony Four-in-Hand  
Very Small Equine  
Small Equine  
Para*

*Club classes: See SCDA website ([www.scda.co.uk](http://www.scda.co.uk)) for Hopetoun Club event schedule and entry details.*

*Depending on entries and availability, the organisers reserve the right to combine classes.*

***A 25% discount is being offered to any drivers who have never competed at Hopetoun before or who have not competed here since 2020. Please note there is no Gateway class this year, however we are running an Offer which is available to any competitors who would like to come and try the Pre-Novice class across 3 days for the first time at the Gateway price. This offer is only available to those who have never driven the Pre-Novice class before at Hopetoun***

- Driven Dressage:** Dressage tests for 2026 apply. H4: 100m x 40m. All other classes: 80m x 40m. Two dressage arenas will be available for competition and warm up. Training will not be permitted in these arenas at any time. Arenas may be provided by prior arrangement for exclusive use by trainers on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at a cost of £100 per day.
- Marathon:** 2 Sections with 8 obstacles, including 2 water obstacles (6 for Small Equine and Novice, 4 for VSE/Pre-Novice including 1 water obstacle). Marathon details to be confirmed.
- Obstacle Cone Driving:** Obstacle Fault Competition.
- Qualifiers:** National Driving Championships 2026

- Organiser:** Callum & Mark Dougan  
**Organising Club:** Scottish Carriage Driving Association  
**Event Secretary:** Jane Isaac  
**Entries Secretary:** Louise McCutcheon  
**President of the Jury:** Joyce Simpson  
**Judges:** Mary Lunn, Sara Clinghan and Julie Tomasik  
**Technical Delegate:** Tommy Thomlinson

<b>Course Designer:</b>	Alwyn Morrison
<b>Course Marker:</b>	Hopetoun A-Team
<b>Course Builders:</b>	Hopetoun A-Team
<b>A-Team Lead:</b>	Colin Smith
<b>Scorers:</b>	Mike and Louise McCutcheon
<b>Safety Officer:</b>	Hamish Isaac
<b>Safeguarding Officer:</b>	Claire Cameron/Jane Isaac
<b>Stewards' Convenor:</b>	Mark Dougan
<b>Stable Manager:</b>	Mark and Jenny Woodward
<b>Farrier:</b>	Ross Fitzgerald DipWCF
<b>Veterinary:</b>	Dr. Ann Logan (others TBC)

## Provisional Programme:

Close of withdrawals	0900	Monday	11 May
Stable area open	1000	Wednesday	20 May
RDA Competition	TBC	Thursday	21 May
Obstacles open for inspection	1200	Thursday	21 May
Driven Dressage	0900	Friday	22 May
Marathon	1000	Saturday	23 May
Obstacle Cone Driving	0900	Sunday	24 May

<b>Entry Fees:</b>	<b>** Please note this is the price before discount**</b>	
VSE / Small Equine / Pre-Novice	£175	
Singles	£185	
Pairs & Tandems	£205	
Four-in-Hand	£205	
BYD Children	£175	
BYD Junior & Under 25's	£180	

**ALL ENTRIES**  
**Via My Clubhouse. Discount will automatically apply but please double check this before checkout on MyClubhouse. Please contact BC Office if any problems.**

All entry fees and start fees are paid to Hopetoun Event. Payment can be made by BACS only.

Full refund of entry fees up to closing date, thereafter 50% refund.

There will be £25 surcharge for entries accepted after the closing date.

**Start Fee:** A start fee of £31 applies to all National classes (3 day Club classes £12.40). Start fees are payable online and are in addition to the entry fee.

## CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: Monday 11 May 2026

Club classes enter via [www.scda.co.uk](http://www.scda.co.uk)

<b>Event contact:</b>	Callum Dougan Tel: 0755313471 Mark Dougan: 07774338941
<b>Withdrawals:</b>	By 0900 on Monday 11 May by e-mail to <a href="mailto:louise@wellsgray.co.uk">louise@wellsgray.co.uk</a>
<b>Prizes:</b>	Full list of Prizes TBC. This will be updated before the event.
<b>Stabling:</b>	<p>There are 12 Temporary Stables available for hire at £165 from the Wednesday to the Sunday. This is a fixed price. Please contact the Organisers directly ASAP if you wish to book. <b>These will go fast! 6 left as at 08/02/2026.</b> All temporary stables must have rubber matting put down and be left in a clean and tidy condition. A surcharge will be payable for any stables not left in the appropriate condition.</p> <p>For those with their own stabling, please report to the stable manager on arrival and wait to be directed to a parking area. Rubber matting must be used on all stables and corrals. Electric fencing can be used with prior arrangement with the event organiser and there will be a designated parking area.</p> <p>Generators must be turned off between 10pm and 6am.</p>

<b>Social Events:</b>	<p><b>Thursday 21st May (Evening) - Hopetoun E-Bike &amp; E-Scooter Challenge</b> Grab your e-bike or e-scooter and tackle our cones &amp; obstacle course with a partner! £10 per team – the fastest team wins and takes all the entry money!</p> <p><b>Friday 22nd May – Welcome Drinks Reception, Dressage Prizegiving &amp; Marathon Briefing</b> Kick off the event with a Welcome Drinks Reception kindly sponsored by Janet and Owen Pilling. A good chance to catch up with friends and celebrate the first prize winners of the week. A bar will be available for all after the Welcome Reception.</p> <p><b>Saturday 23rd May – “Hopetoun Hoedown” Birthday Bash &amp; Hog Roast / Marathon Prizegiving</b> Polish those cowboy boots and brush off your Stetson – it’s time to party! Celebrate 25 years of Carriage Driving at Hopetoun with a barn dance, onsite bar, live music, amazing food, and some classic Yeeeha moments!</p> <p><b>Sunday 24th May – Prizegiving following Cones Classes</b> End the week by cheering on the winners – exact schedule of prizegivings TBC. This week isn’t just about the competition – it’s about catching up with friends, making memories, and enjoying all the fun side of Hopetoun.</p>
<b>Marathon Information:</b>	Section A of approximately 7k of undulating forest tracks and farmland; Section B approx. 8k. Neutral section between Sections A and B. 8 obstacles within the Deer Park, including 2 water obstacles. National Novice and Small Equine classes will drive 6 obstacles. VSE and Pre-Novice will drive 4 obstacles including 1 water obstacle. Maximum 4km. Distances to be confirmed.
<b>Additional vehicles:</b>	£10 per extra caravan, after the first one per competitor.
<b>ATVs/Scooters:</b>	May be used to access the obstacles at competitors’ risk. Not to be used in the obstacles as per BC rules. No cars beyond the forward (obstacle) parking area.
<b>Dogs:</b>	Dogs on leads at all times. No dogs in obstacles. Please clear up and bin all dog waste.
<b>Health and Safety:</b>	Health & Safety standards will be enforced. All persons on the showground or course will be held responsible for complying with these standards at all times and must not put themselves or any other person at risk in any way whatsoever. Any accident or incident must be reported to the Safety Officer or the Event Secretary immediately. A report will be entered in the Accident Book and the relevant forms completed.
<b>First Aid:</b>	Details of first aid provision will be displayed on the event noticeboard.
<b>Vet/Farrier:</b>	Please contact Stable Manager for phone numbers and referral.
<b>Location:</b>	Deer Park, Hopetoun Estate, Newton, Winchburgh, West Lothian, EH30 9SL. A904, via A90 or M9. In the village of Newton, turn north down the road signposted to Abercorn Church; pass the Parkhead Cottages on a narrow Z bend, ¼ mile further on down the hill turn right into the Deer Park through the security gates over a cattle grid.
<b>What3Words:</b>	blockage.monopoly.amuse