



IRISH DRAUGHT HORSE SOCIETY (GB)

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Irish Draught Horse Society (GB) mare inspection report and results 2022

This year saw another very positive year for our mare inspections, with 75 mares forward out of around 100 expressions of interest. The very hot weather this summer took its toll and we lost a significant number of mares from the programme because they became footsore on the hard ground. Of the 75 mares that were inspected for grading at 15 different venues covering Scotland, England and Wales, 49 (65.3%) achieved Class 1, with two mares achieving a Bronze Merit in conformation and movement.



Bronze Merit mare Lili The Pink (2010), owned by Shona Moss. Lili The Pink is by Huntingfield Rebel out of Kylecrow Lady by Ginger Holly.
Photo: courtesy of Shona Moss.



Bronze Merit mare Freya's Lady (2019), owned by Robert Hedges. Freya's Lady is by Carrigfada Troy out of Avas Delight by Clonakilty Hero.
Photo: Heather Chaplin.

25 mares passed the vet but did not meet all of the inspection standards for Class 1, so they are classified as Class 2. There were no applications for assessment for a Bronze Merit in show jumping this year. We are offering this facility for mares during the 2023 stallion inspections on 5 April and in October.

Nine mares were awarded a Hornby Premium. Two mares this year have achieved their third Hornby Premium and have attained 'Select' status. This is equivalent to a Bronze Merit in Conformation and Movement. Select mares can have their Irish Draught foals registered free of charge. Sadly, one of the new Select mares, 13-year-old Ballynamona Lady owned by Kelly Gatland and on loan to Tony Phillips and Sarah Bright-Phillips, died a few weeks after achieving her third Hornby Premium. She had also, in a previous year, achieved a Bronze Merit Award in Show Jumping. Her demise is a great loss to the breed and our condolences go to all of those who owned, produced or cared for this lovely mare over the years.

There is understandable confusion about the criteria we use to determine whether a horse is Class 1 or Class 2. Show ring success is often a factor in this confusion, but inspection is not the same as judging. An animal's show record reflects what else was in the ring on the day. Conversely, an animal which has not appealed to a judge in the show ring may well meet all the standards required for Class 1 on inspection. Judging is a subjective process, but the inspection is much less so, because horses are assessed against the Breed Standard and not against each other. Inspectors' personal preferences must never come into the decision-making.

We are of course biased, but we as the Inspection Management Team believe firmly that it is worth having Irish Draught mares and stallions inspected, not least because the breeder knows that as a minimum, they are breeding from stock which has passed the vet. Foals by and out of inspected parents can go on to be inspected in their own right. Class 2 mares and their progeny can also be shown in hand.

The better quality Class 2 mares which meet some of the required minimum marks for conformation, type and movement can still be useful members of the breeding herd. Bred to stallions which have complementary strengths, they can potentially produce foals which can help to improve the breed. In my personal opinion, if a mare or a stallion (whether Class 1 or Class 2) with one or more significant faults tends to throw this trait with different partners, then owners should consider the wisdom of continuing to breed from them.

All owners receive a typed report on their horse, including the linear profile, vet report and comments made by the inspection panel. There is no such thing as a perfect horse. For this reason, it is important to study your horse's linear profile, and if there is something you don't understand, please do ask. If you buy a horse that was inspected in Great Britain, you can request its inspection report from the Inspection Management Team at inspections@idhsgb.org.uk.

Looking forward to 2023, we have plans for stallion inspections in the spring and autumn, and mare inspections at both of those venues, plus other venues around the country.

The serious economic situation facing many countries in the world at the moment has had an impact on the cost of living, and particularly on the cost of fossil fuels. During the course of 2022, our veterinary costs escalated. Some vets managed to provide a service for a similar cost to 2021, especially at the early venues in June and July, but the mare inspections held later in the year turned out to be very expensive for us. The average vet's fee per mare in 2022 was £115, with a range from £86 to £155, compared with £90 in previous years. We had to honour our commitment to charge only £90 to the owners, because our fees are always set at the end of the previous year. At that point, we had no way to predict that there was going to be a war in Eastern Europe and an international economic challenge.

After holding inspection costs stable for some years, we had no choice but to increase both mare and stallion inspection fees for 2023. This increase would have been greater still were it not for the kindness and generosity of all those volunteers, both on and outside the Council, who help year after year, often at considerable financial cost to themselves. We are very mindful that the increases are difficult for everybody, but the Council will keep the situation under review and will not charge more than we need to in order to cover our costs for inspections.

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The kind generosity of local Irish Draught enthusiasts and others who allowed us to use their premises free of charge this year, notably Bowland Stud in Lancashire, Brook Farm Equestrian Centre in Lincolnshire, Cheston Farm Equestrian Centre in Devon, Classic Top Stud in Kent, Shona Moss and Ashley Davies in South West Wales, helped us to keep our costs down. Some also provided very welcome refreshments for us, and this is much appreciated. We would also like to thank the numerous enthusiastic members, some of whom are relatively new to the breed, who came to help at different venues around the country. We literally could not run these events without all of you.

Results: Class 1 mares

Key:

Blue highlight: Bred in England, Scotland or Wales

Green highlight: Bred in Ireland

Mare, age and venue	Owner	Sire	Dam/Dam's sire
Abbeyward Gold (2010)	Mrs S. Hayes	Gurraun Golden Eye ID C1	Abbeyward Moonlight RID by Annaghdown Star ID C1
Abney Silky Moon (2005)	Miss D. Edwards	Roma Atlantic Moonshine RID	Southview Silky Lass RID by Foxglen Himself ID C1
Ainnin Twilight (2016)	Ms C. Twelves	Harkaway Lionhawk ID C1	Ainnin Moonlight ID C1 by Crosstown Dancer ID C1
Ballineen Moondarra (2008)	Mrs A. Haden (on loan to Mr K. Kingham)	Bealagh Blue ID C1	Heathercombe Silver Treasure RID by Timahoe Heather RID
Bannview Carmean Lady (2008)	Mr S. Ashton	Carrickrock Close Shave ID C1	Ballygill View RID by Carrabawn View ID C1
Bowland Alice's Slipper (2018)	Mr M. & Mrs J. Cornthwaite	Alice's Diamond Slipper ID C1	Bowland Be Lucky RID by Kensions Aragorn RID
Bowland Lucky Clover (2018)	Ms R. Abbott	Caerba Legacy ID C1	Bowland Bracken Breeze ID C1 by Tobias Corbett ID C1
Bowland New Dawn Lady (2018)	Mr M. & Mrs J. Cornthwaite	Caerba Legacy ID C1	Bowland Solitaire RID by Roma Diamond Skip ID C1
Bowland Silver Queen (2017)	Mr J. & Mrs J. Noblett	Silver Jasper ID C1	Bowland Royal Slipper ID C2 by Alice's Diamond Slipper ID C1
Carrickrath Lady (2009)	Miss D. Edwards	Carrickrock Close Shave ID C1	Rath Oisin RID by Sir Rivie ID C1
Castlerise Sparkling Ginger (2017)	Mr B. and Mrs S. Comb	Carrigfadda Diamond ID C1	Miss Flagmount Ginger ID C1 by Welcome Flagmount ID C1
Clogherboy Bonnie (2019)	Ms L. Harris and Mr J. Thomas	The Bachelor ID C1	Bonnie Lady ID C1 by Gleneven Rebel ID C1
Cloonacauneen Queen Elvis (2018)	Mrs S. O'Donnell	Tors Gentleman Farmer ID C1	Cloonacauneen Princess ID C1 by Shenandoah Prince Holly ID C1
Corrington Khaleesi (2018)	Mrs V Rogers	Corrindon Dancer ID C1	Yorkie's Purple Diamond ID C1 by Connaught Grey RID
Corrington Maeve (2020)	Mrs M Brooks	Corrindon Dancer ID C1	Toux Ula ID C1 by Caerba Legacy ID C1
Countess Maeve (2017)	Mrs C. Brown	Carrickrock Close Shave ID C1	Ceide Lady Jane ID C2 by Clew Bay Bouncer ID C1
Creans Huntingfield Rebel (2009)	Mrs B. Joyce	Huntingfield Rebel ID C1	Middle Third Annie RID By Merry Mate ID C1
Donohill Girl (2015)	Mr A. Mock	Laurelview Dancer ID C1	An Cailin Oir RID by Kensions King William ID C1
Esta's Diamond (2012)	Ms K. Hughes	Clew Bay Bouncer ID C1	Key to the Kingdom ID C1 by Star Kingdom ID C1
Freya's Lady <i>Bronze Merit C & M</i>	Mr R. Hedges	Carrigfada Troy ID C1	Avas Delight ID C1 by Clonakilty Hero ID C1

(2019)			
Gortfadda Clover (2018)	Ms S. Moss	Offaly Clover IDC1	Gortfadda Mrs Grove ID C1 By Grosvenor Lad ID C1
Grandpa Diamond 2009	Mrs J. Reid	Ard Grandpa ID C1	Diamond Judy RID by All The Diamonds ID C1
Greylands Royal Flush (2016)	Mr A and Mrs J Thomas	Pembroke Royal Blue RID GB	Miss Molly RID by Agherlow ID C1
Hatley Park Eclipse (2017)	Ms L. Fisher	Mountain Diamond ID C1	Moylough Legaun Sky ID C1 by Grange Bouncer ID C1
Indigo Queen of Hearts (2018)	Mrs M. Eaves	Avanti Amorous Archie RID GB	Indigo Macha Princess RID by Lady's Tralee Raj ID C1
Isla (2019)	Mr R. Strawson	Clonleigh Dancer ID C1	Izzyfree On The Hill ID C2 by Harkaway Lionhawk ID C1
Ingun Dancer (2019)	Mr R. Strawson	Clonleigh Dancer ID C1	Inisfree Crannagh Hero ID C1 by Crannagh Hero ID C1
Inisfree Evie Grace (2017)	Ms. E. Williams	Tors Gentleman Farmer ID C1	Ginger Grace RID by Ginger Dick ID C1
Izzyfree On The Hill (2014)	Mr R. Strawson	Harkaway Lionhawk ID C1	Inisfree Top Of The Hill ID C1 by Elm Hill ID C1
Kensons Wilma (2009)	Mrs G. Black (on loan to Ms J Aykroyd)	Fintan Himself ID C1	Kensons Silver Fox RID by Blue Henry ID C1
Kia S (2019)	Mr R Strawson	Clonleigh Dancer ID C1	Key To The West ID C1 by Crannagh Hero ID C1
Kiltillane Grey Mist (2010)	Mr A. Mock	Huntingfield Rebel ID C1	Carra View RID by Carrabawn View
Kiltowra Silver (2015)	Mrs J Boulderstone	Fast silver ID C1	Kiltowra Kingdom RID by Star Kingdom ID C1
Laignlands Glen Isla (2017)	Mr O. Webster	Laignlands Bonnie Laddie ID C2	Lady Grace of Leylandii RID by Blackthorn RID GB
Lili The Pink <i>Bronze Merit C & M</i> (2010)	Ms S. Moss	Huntingfield Rebel ID C1	Kylecrow Lady RID by Ginger Holly ID C1
Margaret (2010) <i>Black Dyke, Cumbria</i>	Mr C. Carter- Campbell & Ms K. Miller	Hillviewfarm Superstar ID C1	Gwanwyn ID C1 by Ebony Hill RID GB
Munfin Silver Mizzle (2018)	Mr J. and Mrs R. Swift	Munfin Lord Casper ID C2	Bowland Sea Girl ID C1 by Tobias Corbett ID C1
Munfin Three Wishes (2012)	Mr J. and Mrs R. Swift	Tobias Corbett ID C1	Munfin Ruby Low RID by Agherlow ID C1
Parkstown Lower Lass (2018)	Ms A. Hibbert	DS Ballagh Bouncer ID C1	Puntabegs Lass ID C1 byTors Gentleman Farmer ID C1
Preban Silver (2014)	Mrs E. Lord	Kiltealy Silver ID C1	Preban Anna RID by Annaghdown Star ID C1
Rossoulty Diamond (2018)	Mrs G. McCreery	Prescott's Diamond ID C1	Rossoulty Breeze ID C2 by Caerba Legacy RID GB
Sarn Mai (2017)	Ms T. Astill- Rennie (on loan to Mrs G Black)	Fast Silver ID C1	Goldsmithcountry Mollie ID C1 by Grange Bouncer ID C1
Tara Magic (2009)	Ms G. Finnis	Hillviewfarm Superstar ID C1	Killea Magic AID by Diamond Clover ID C1
Tremayne Song of the Sea (2015)	Ms N. Rosewarne	Coolcronan Wood ID C1	Beechmore Brainne Mhaol RID by Grosvenor Lad ID C1
Twinshock Shield Maiden (2016)	Ms V. Bear	Millhollow Stroller ID C1	Ginger Grace RID by Ginger Dick ID C1
Whiterose Silver River (2008)	Mr G. Varcoe	Rockrimmon Silver Diamond ID C1	Killea Matilda RID by Carrabawn View ID C1
Whiterose Something Irish (2013)	Mr G.. Varcoe	Grandpas Diamond ID C1	Abbeyward Zaro RID by Huntingfield Rebel ID C1

Woodclose Mistral (2018)	Dr C. Evans	Aye Aye Skipper RID GB	Woodclose Rhianna ID C1 by Grove Warrior RID
Ynysrydd Ania Grace (2016)	Ms A. Jones	Cappa Aristocrat ID C1	Inisfree Crannagh Grace ID C1 by Crannagh Hero ID C1

Class 2 mares:

Mare, age and venue	Owner	Sire	Dam/Dam's sire
Abbeyward Jessie (2010)	Ms J Strange	Agherlow ID C1	Abbeyward Lady RID by Huntingfield Rebel ID C1
Ballyartan Diamond Bess (2012)	Miss P Bell	Come T - ID C1	Ballyartan Heather Diamond ID C1 by Carrickrock Close Shave ID C1
Bell Tower Red Duchess (2016)	Mrs S Moore	Harkaway Lionhawk ID C1	Fintans Queen RID by Fintan Himself ID C1
Belladonte's Diamond Mist (2017)	Miss J. Benge	Carrigfada Grey Mist ID C1	Flypast Irish Mist ID C1 by Amber Glen RID GB
Brandonwell Supreme (2012)	Ms L. Aylward	Supreme Ginger ID C1	Queenie's Pride RID by Welcome Flagmount ID C1
Carrogriver Celtic Dancer (2011)	Mr C. Carter- Campbell & Ms K. Miller	Classic Scot Class 1	Dooree Dancer RID by Crosstown Dancer ID C1
Champion Molly McGuire (2008)	Mr J Barrett	Mountain Diamond ID C1	Carrabawn Cara AID by Carrabawn View ID C1
Cloonacauneen Saphaire (2018)	Ms S. Moss	Tors Gentleman Farmer ID C1	Cloonacauneen Lucky ID C2 By Harkaway Lionhawk ID C1
Delfan Elan (2018)	Mr R. Evans	Pembroke Royal Blue RID GB	Delfan Sarah Jane AID by Alice's Diamond Slipper ID C1
Diamond Blue Hill (2009)	Miss D. Edwards	Welcome Diamond ID C1	Dannys Lily AID by Blue Rajah ID C1
Diamond View Lady (2017)	Ms E. Hull	Heigh Ho Dubh ID C1	Hill Gold View RID by Carrabawn View ID C1
Elmhurst Hope Springs (2009)	Miss D. Edwards	Beeston Lord Henry RID GB	Bramhope and Glory RID by Hillviewfarm Milligan ID C1
Hafodhill Henrietta (2018)	Mr B. Jones	Pembroke Royal Blue RID GB	Snowford Monileesa RID By Hillviewfarm Milligan ID C1
Indigo Sweet Harmony (2015)	Mrs D. Hicks	Avanti Amorous Archie RID GB	Indigo Tralee Rosebud RID by Lady's Tralee Raj ID C1
Indigo Sweet Sunblaze (2018)	Miss G. Cochran	Avanti Amorous Archie RID GB	Indigo Tralee Rosebud RID by Lady's Tralee Raj ID C1
Kilmovee Black Pearl (2018)	Ms R. Mundy	Tors Gentleman Farmer ID C1	Creggan Mist ID C1 by Cappa Cochise ID C1
KC Rosa (2013)	Ms S. Johns	Eponastables Uibh Fhaili ID C1	Gaelic Diamond RID by Flagmount Diamond ID C1
Ocean's Treasure (2018)	Mrs S. Cooknell	Aye Aye Skipper RID GB	Castlegar Cindy ID C1 by Merry Mate ID C1
Pembroke May Queen (2017)	Ms S. Moss	Pembroke Royal Blue RID GB	Pembroke Felicity ID C1 by Bridgeford Ferryman RID GB
Primetime (2016)	Mr & Mrs R. Thomson	Skip and Sea ID C1	Woodclose Rosaria RID by Merrymate ID C1
Sable (2018)	Miss F. Menzies	Casnova ID C1	Carrickrock Blue Lightning RID by Blue Rajah ID C1
Silver Snow Lady (2016)	Miss D. Edwards	Highfield Silver Snow ID C2	This is Ruby ID C1 by Sammys Pride ID C1
Solitude Rose (2009)	Miss D. Edwards	It's The Quiet Man ID C1	Tuam Rose RID by Finns Clover Inn ID C1

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Tomorrow Is Another Day (2018)	Mrs K. Pilling	Gortfree Hero ID C1	Puntabegs Lady ID C1 by Tors Gentleman Farmer ID C1
TS Life Of The Party (2009)	Mr A. and Mrs O. Mock	Clonakilty Hero ID C1	Kiltevena Benny RID by Ben Calverston ID C1

Hornby Premium mares:

The following Class 1 or RID mares with a foal at foot by a Class 1 or RID stallion were awarded Hornby Premiums:

Mare, age and venue	Owner	Sire	Dam/Dam's sire	Years HPs awarded
SELECT MARE Ballynamona Lady ID C1 (2009) Filly foal at foot by Silver Wind Twister ID C1	Ms K. Gatland	Star Kingdom ID C1	Clonmell Lass by Donovan's Pride ID C1	2018, 2021, 2022
Belfield Penny ID C1 (2013) Foal at foot by Classic Scot RID GB	Mr S. Ashton	Windgap Blue ID C1	Princess Cathy ID C4 by Star Kingdom ID C1	2022
Castlerise Sparkling Ginger ID C1 (2017) Colt foal at foot by Silver Wind Twister ID C1	Mr B. and Mrs S. Comb	Carrigfadda Diamond ID C1	Miss Flagmount Ginger ID C1 by Welcome Flagmount ID C1	2022
Gartan Pearl ID C1 (2012) Filly foal at foot by Pembroke Royal Blue RID GB	Miss H. Davies	Mountain Pearl ID C1	Gartan Bonnie ID C4 by Agherlow ID C1	2021, 2022
Mist Opportunity ID C1 (2009) Filly foal at foot by Silver Wind Twister ID C1	Mr and Mrs L. Carr	Killea Hill View ID C1	Raferagh Ivy May ID C4 by Mourne Mountain Star ID C1	2021, 2022
Newshams Mooncoin ID C1 (2009) Filly foal at foot by Hillviewfarm Trevelyan RID GB	Mrs C. Worsley	Roma Caen Hill Flight RID	Fauna RID by Mountain View ID C1	2021, 2022
Pembroke Felicity ID C1 (2009) Colt foal at foot by Pembroke Royal Blue RID GB	Miss H. Davies	Bridgeford Ferryman RID GB	Linford Leanda RID by Enniskeane Prince RID	2022
Whiterose Silver River ID C1 (2008) Filly foal at foot by Corrindon Dancer ID C1	Mr and Mrs G. Varcoe	Rockrimmon Silver Diamond ID C1	Killea Matilda RID by Carrabawn View ID C1	2022
SELECT MARE Yorkies Purple Diamond ID C1 (2006) Filly foal at foot by Castlegar Cool Fin ID C1	Mrs V. Rogers	Connaught Grey RID	Dalton Gem RID by Diamond Jake RID	2012, 2018, 2022

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