

# BDS Approved Coaches & BDS Assessments

The BDS is extremely proud to have a wide selection of qualified instructors and coaches to meet your training needs.

Whatever your goals are, from your first lesson through to competition training, you can rest assured that you'll be in safe hands. All our Approved Coaches have professional qualifications, attend regular *Safeguarding & Protecting Children* courses and are First Aid trained, as well as being fully insured.

Approved Coaches also demonstrate their commitment to improving standards for both horse and driver by attending regular *Continued Professional Development* (CPD) days to ensure they keep pace with new training thinking and techniques.

Levels indicate experience and coaching ability.

Level 1 Coach – Singles (Beginners to Novice)

Level 2 Coach – Singles (Novice-Advance Driver)

Level 3 Coach – Singles/Pairs/Multiples (Advance Driver)

Level 4 Coach – Fellow (not active)

AREA	COACH	LEVEL	CONTACT DETAILS
ABERDEENSHIRE	Alison Birkett	Level 2	07773702118 Abirkett200@gmail.com
BERKSHIRE	Colin Pawson	Level 3	01189 842 619 pawsoncolin@gmail.com
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	Rupert Barnard	Level 2	07833 173 636 rupeb@hotmail.co.uk
CAMBRIDGESHIRE	Claire Bourne	Level 3	01353 725672 clairebourne@btconnect.com
CORNWALL	Tracy Ball	Level 1	01726 812362 kernowostler@gmail.com
ESSEX	Araminta Winn	Level 3	07771 900 100 aramintawinn@btinternet.com
HAMPSHIRE	Roger Page	Level 3	01962 777863 roger@grayswoodcarriagedriving.co.uk
HEREFORDSHIRE	Sarah Wildy	Level 3	01544 318606 Wildy.sarh698@gmail.com
KENT	Anna Grayston	Level 3	01732 862264 Apg.moody@gmail.com
KENT	Sara Howe	Level 3	07961 314941 Showe459551@btinternet.com
LANCASHIRE	Pat Calderbank	Level 2	01772 423630 Pat-c-3@hotmail.co.uk
NORFOLK	Justin Cowles (Chairman of TC)	Level 3	01603 261768 Justin.cowles@britishdrivingsociety.co.uk
SCOTLAND	Gillian McKnight	Level 1	07533 753 414 carrbridgecarriagedriving@gmail.com
WALES	Rowena Moyse	Level 3	07801 836286 rowena@rowena-moyse.com
NORFOLK	John Parker	Level 4	Fellow Coach
SUFFOLK	Sallie Walrond	Level 4	Fellow Coach
DERBYSHIRE	Caroline Dale Leech MBE	Level 4	Fellow Coach

There are three levels of assessments starting with the Elementary and ending with the Advanced level.

The **Elementary Certificate** consists of three units. Units one and two are taken at the same time but unit three may be taken on the same day or at a different time.

Having achieved the Elementary Certificate many carriage drivers move on to take the **Road Driving Assessment**. This is one unit and is assessed on the public highway.

*(Achievement of **Road Driving Assessment** satisfies a large part of the Commercial Carriage Driving Code of Practice for Horse Drawn Vehicles issued by the Department of Transport.)*

The **Road Driving Assessment** is a pre-requisite for the **Intermediate Certificate**. The **Intermediate Certificate** consists of both compulsory and optional units which cover a range of different driving activities. To achieve this certificate you must be successful in all compulsory units together with one optional unit of your choice.

Optional units will be assessed on evidence of experience and ability i.e. attendance and achievements at a variety of events, competitions, shows or activities relevant to their chosen option, video evidence or a carriage driving portfolio. Evidence provided will be studied and matched against the requirements of the syllabus by qualified members of the Training Committee. (This is known as Accreditation of Prior Achievement.)

The **Advanced Certificate** is aimed at the advanced driver with units including multiples (teams and tandems).

Contact either a nearby coach or the BDS Office to find out how to take an assessment.