

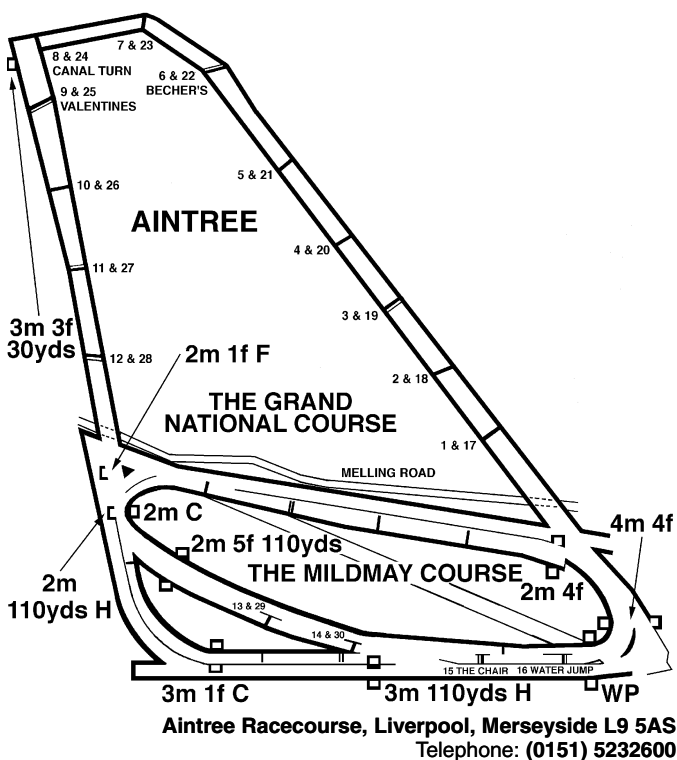
CHARACTERISTICS OF RACECOURSES

The following A-Z guide covers all racecourses in England, Scotland and Wales that stage racing over the jumps. The map of each racecourse is accompanied by a thumbnail sketch of its characteristics, and statistics on the most successful trainers at each course over a five-year period. Also provided is the address and telephone number of each course.

AINTREE

The Grand National course is triangular with its apex (at the Canal Turn) the furthest point from the stands. It covers two and a quarter miles and is perfectly flat throughout. Inside is the easier Mildmay course, providing a circuit of one and a half miles, which has birch fences. Despite re-alignment of the last two bends in 1989, a major feature of the Mildmay course remains its sharpness.

The Grand National is run over two complete circuits taking in sixteen spruce fences first time round and fourteen the second, and, in spite of welcome modifications to the fences in recent years, the race still provides one of the toughest tests ever devised for horse and rider. The run from the final fence to the winning post is 494 yards long and includes an elbow.

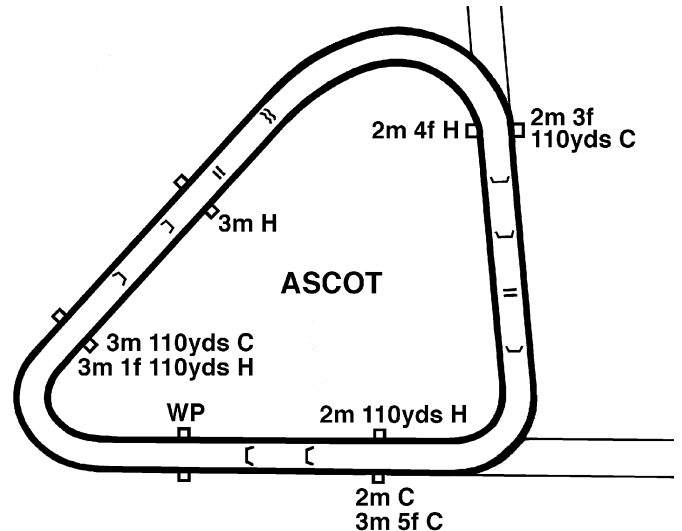


Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Jonjo O'Neill	14	48	29
M. C. Pipe	14	180	8
P. J. Hobbs	10	68	15
Miss Venetia Williams	8	72	11
P. F. Nicholls	8	74	11
T. D. Easterby	6	28	21
J. Howard Johnson	5	34	15
N. A. Twiston-Davies	5	67	7
L. Lungo	4	23	17
N. B. Mason	4	30	13

ASCOT

The triangular, right-handed circuit is approximately a mile and three quarters round. The turns are easy and in spite of the downhill run to the water jump in Swinley Bottom the course is galloping in nature. The sides of the triangle away from the stands have four fences each, and the circuit is completed by two plain fences in the straight of two furlongs. The finish is uphill and the course is a real test of stamina when the ground is heavy. The fences are stiff, and good jumping is essential.



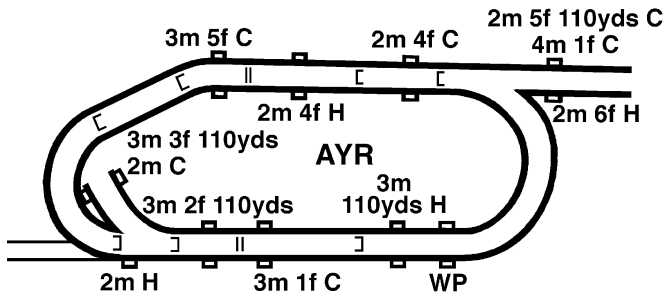
Royal Enclosure, Ascot SL5 7JN
Telephone: (01344) 874567

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	46	157	29
N. J. Henderson	18	112	16
P. F. Nicholls	10	52	19
M. Pitman	9	50	18
P. J. Hobbs	8	81	10
F. Doumen, France	7	15	47
Miss Venetia Williams	6	53	11
N. A. Twiston-Davies	6	62	10
J. Akehurst	5	15	33
Noel T. Chance	5	16	31

AYR

The Ayr course is a left-handed circuit of one and a half miles comprising nine fences, with well-graduated turns. There is a steady downhill run to the home turn and a gentle rise to the finish. There is a run-in of 210 yards. When the going is firm the course is quite sharp.



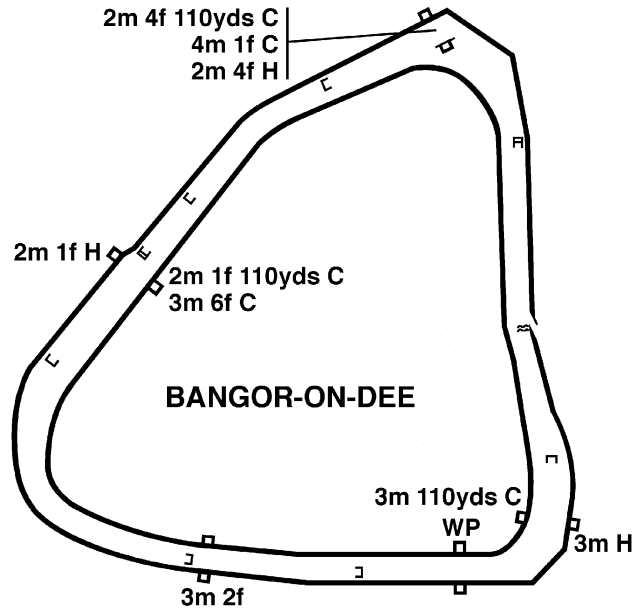
Ayr Racecourse, Whitletts Road, Ayr KA8 0JE
Telephone: (01292) 264179

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
L. Lungo	53	224	24
N. G. Richards	20	90	22
Mrs M. Reveley	18	120	15
A. C. Whillans	16	96	17
Ferdyn Murphy	14	72	19
P. F. Nicholls	13	42	31
P. Monteith	11	105	10
J. S. Goldie	11	129	9
G. M. Moore	10	54	19
Jonjo O'Neill	9	91	10

BANGOR-ON-DEE

Bangor has a left-handed circuit of approximately one and a half miles. Nine fences are jumped in a circuit and the run-in is about a furlong. The track is fairly sharp because of its many bends, and the paddock bend is very tight.



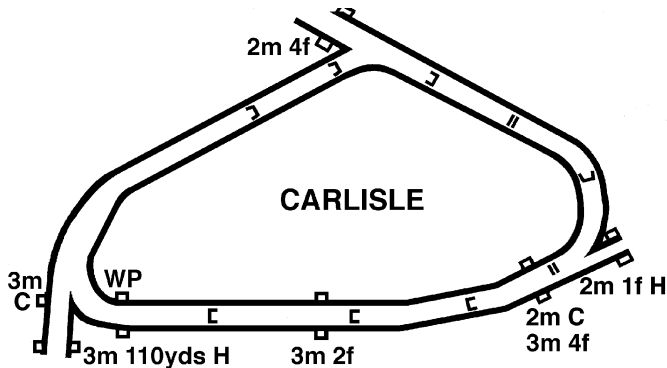
Bangor-on-Dee Racecourse, Overton Road,
Bangor-On-Dee LL13 0DA
Telephone: (01978) 780323

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Jonjo O'Neill	25	95	26
M. C. Pipe	21	98	21
N. A. Twiston-Davies	18	90	20
Miss Venetia Williams	14	63	22
P. R. Webber	11	49	22
Miss H. C. Knight	8	19	42
Mrs H. Dalton	8	30	27
N. J. Henderson	7	32	22
Ian Williams	7	41	17
P. J. Hobbs	7	42	17

CARLISLE

The course is right-handed, pear-shaped and undulating, a mile and five furlongs in extent. The track is a particularly stiff one and the uphill home stretch is very severe. There are nine fences to a circuit with a run-in of 300 yards. A long-striding galloper suited by a real test of stamina is an ideal type for Carlisle.



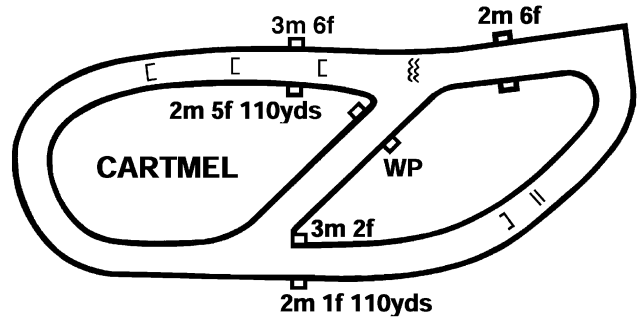
Carlisle Racecourse, Durdar Road, Carlisle CA2 4TS
Telephone: (01228) 522973

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
L. Lungo	32	148	22
Jonjo O'Neill	23	126	18
Mrs M. Reveley	16	76	21
Ferdy Murphy	16	91	18
Mrs S. J. Smith	16	104	15
N. G. Richards	10	75	13
A. Parker	9	42	21
J. M. Jefferson	9	69	13
J. Howard Johnson	8	59	14
P. Monteith	7	39	18

CARTMEL

This tight, undulating, left-handed circuit is a little over a mile round. There are six fences to a circuit and the winning post is a little over a furlong from the turn into the finishing straight, which bisects the course and which the horses enter after two circuits for races of seventeen furlongs or three circuits for three and a quarter miles. The fences are stiff for a minor track; the run of half a mile from the last fence is the longest in the country.



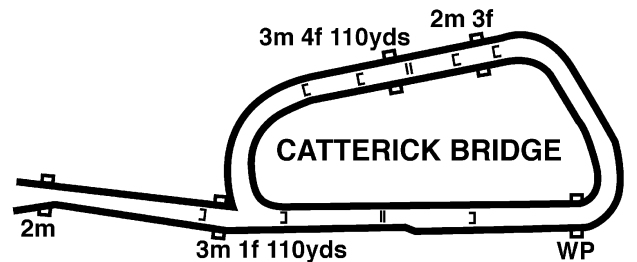
Cartmel Racecourse, Cartmel, nr Grange-over-Sands
Telephone: (015395) 36340

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Chapman	8	52	15
Mrs S. J. Smith	7	40	18
M. C. Pipe	6	16	38
Mrs M. Reveley	5	15	33
N. G. Richards	5	18	28
M. Todhunter	5	47	11
P. Monteith	4	15	27
B. Ellison	3	11	27
R. J. Price	3	14	21
Miss Lucinda V. Russell	3	18	17

CATTERICK BRIDGE

The Catterick course is a left-handed, oval-shaped circuit of around a mile and a quarter, with eight fences and a run-in of about 280 yards. Races over two miles and three miles one and a half furlongs start on an extension to the straight and over two miles the first fence is jumped before joining the round course. Catterick's undulations and sharp turns make it unsuitable for the long-striding galloper and ideal for the nippy, front-running type.



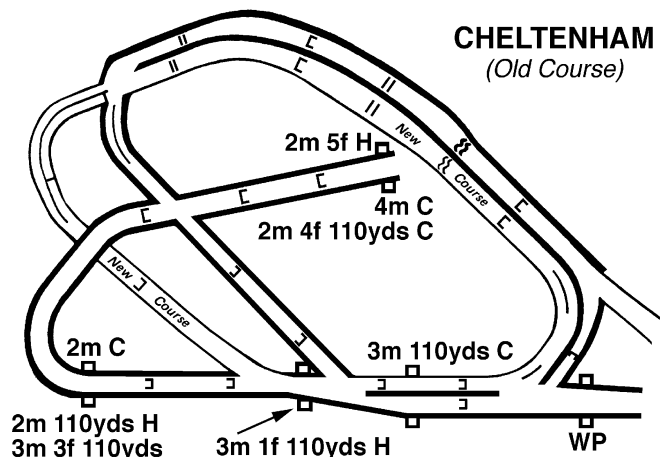
The Racecourse, Catterick Bridge, Richmond, North Yorkshire
Telephone: (01748) 811478

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

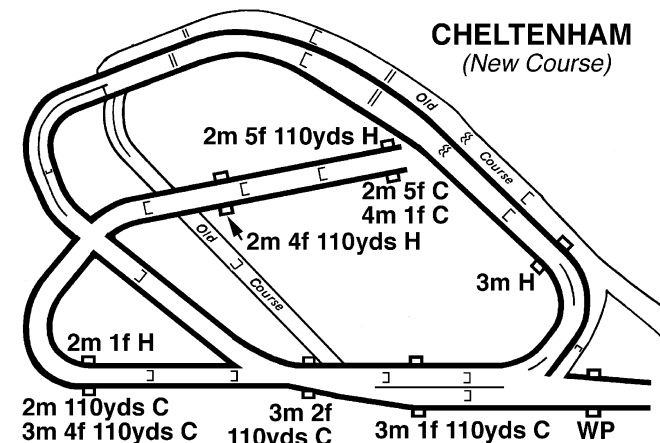
Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Mrs M. Reveley	32	174	18
M. W. Easterby	17	113	15
T. D. Easterby	15	72	21
M. D. Hammond	13	104	13
J. Howard Johnson	12	94	13
Ferdy Murphy	10	84	12
L. Lungo	9	45	20
R. A. Fahey	8	32	25
N. B. Mason	8	72	11
Mrs S. J. Smith	7	110	6

CHELTENHAM

There are two left-handed courses at Cheltenham, the Old Course and the New Course. The Old Course is oval in shape and about one and a half miles in extent. There are nine fences to a circuit, only one of which is jumped in the final straight.



The New Course leaves the old track at the furthest point from the stands and runs parallel to it before rejoining at the entrance to the finishing straight. This circuit is a little longer than the Old Course and has ten fences, two of which are jumped in the final straight.



The most telling feature of the Old and the New Courses is their testing nature. The fences are stiff and the last half mile is uphill, with a run-in of just over a furlong. The four-mile and two-and-a-half-mile starts are on an extension, with five fences, which bisects both courses almost at right angles. The two-mile start is also on this extension, and two fences are jumped before reaching the main circuit.

Two races a year are run on the cross-country course which is laid out in the centre of the conventional tracks.

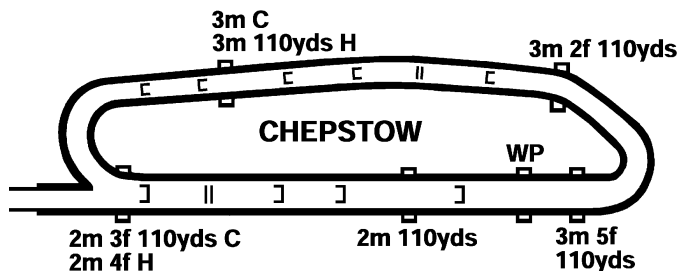
Cheltenham Racecourse, Prestbury Park, Cheltenham, Glos GL50 4SH
Telephone: (01242) 513014

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	67	480	14
P. F. Nicholls	29	199	15
N. J. Henderson	28	180	16
P. J. Hobbs	26	186	14
Miss Venetia Williams	21	120	18
Jonjo O'Neill	18	104	17
Miss H. C. Knight	14	123	11
N. A. Twiston-Davies	10	207	5
H. D. Daly	9	48	19
A. J. Martin, Ireland	8	33	24

CHEPSTOW

Chepstow is a left-handed, undulating, oval course, nearly two miles round with eleven fences to a circuit, a five-furlong home straight, and a run-in of 250 yards. Conditions can be very testing when the going is softer than good. With five fences (four hurdles) in the straight, the first part of which is downhill, front runners do well here.



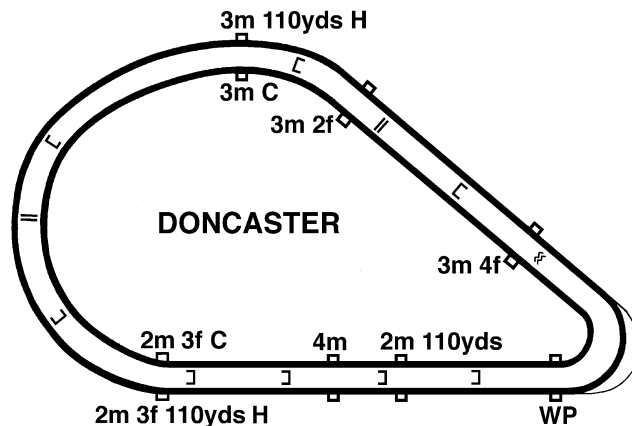
Chepstow Racecourse, 17 Welsh Street, Chepstow NP6 5YH
Telephone: (01291) 622260

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
P. F. Nicholls	58	183	32
M. C. Pipe	43	221	19
P. J. Hobbs	35	146	24
Miss Venetia Williams	13	63	21
N. A. Twiston-Davies	13	118	11
R. H. Alner	11	72	15
Jonjo O'Neill	9	55	16
H. D. Daly	8	54	15
N. J. Henderson	7	58	12
M. Pitman	5	28	18

DONCASTER

The Doncaster course is a left-handed pear-shaped circuit of approximately two miles, and has eleven fences—including four in the home straight—with a run-in of 240 yards. Only one fence is jumped twice in races over two miles. The course is flat apart from one slight hill about one and a quarter miles from the finish. The track is well drained and often produces conditions which naturally favour horses with more speed than stamina.



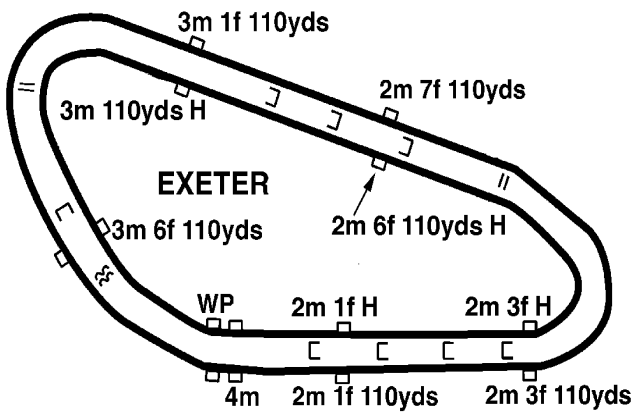
Doncaster Racecourse, Grand Stand, Leger Way, Doncaster, DN2 6BB
Telephone: (01302) 320066

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Mrs M. Reveley	17	141	12
N. J. Henderson	15	36	42
Jonjo O'Neill	12	47	26
M. C. Pipe	11	31	35
T. D. Easterby	10	49	20
M. W. Easterby	8	51	16
N. B. Mason	7	30	23
Miss H. C. Knight	6	37	16
S. Gollings	6	43	14
T. P. Tate	5	15	33

EXETER

This is a hilly course, galloping in nature and very testing on heavy going. Its right-handed two-mile circuit is laid out in a long oval, with eleven fences and a run-in of around 170 yards. The chase course is on the outside of the hurdles track. Only one fence is jumped twice in races of around two miles one furlong. The half-mile home straight is on the rise all the way to the finish.



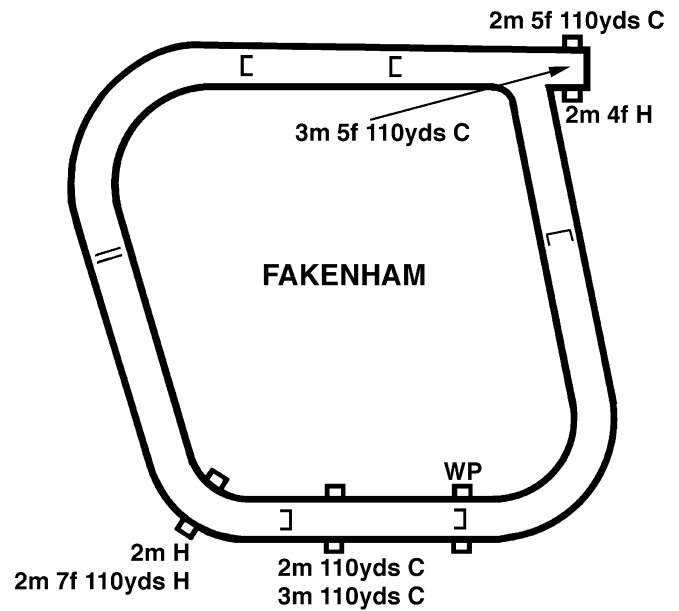
Exeter Steeplechases, Haldon Racecourse, nr Exeter
Telephone: (01392) 832599

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
P. J. Hobbs	60	254	24
M. C. Pipe	50	290	17
P. F. Nicholls	27	136	20
N. A. Twiston-Davies	19	115	17
R. H. Alner	15	105	14
R. G. Frost	15	148	10
Miss H. C. Knight	14	89	16
K. Bishop	11	69	16
R. J. Hodges	9	52	17
Miss Venetia Williams	8	29	28

FAKENHAM

Fakenham is an undulating, sharp track, ideal for the handy, front-running type and unsuitable for the long-striding animal. The left-handed, square-shaped track has a circuit of a mile, six fences to each circuit and a run-in of 250 yards.



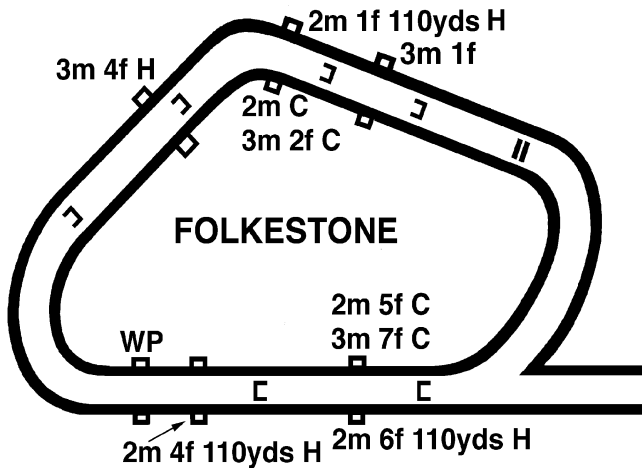
Fakenham Racecourse, Fakenham, Norfolk NR21 7NY
Telephone: (01328) 862388

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
N. J. Henderson	11	30	37
Ferdy Murphy	11	57	19
Miss Venetia Williams	9	27	33
N. B. Mason	9	33	27
Mrs P. Sly	9	41	22
Ian Williams	6	23	26
O. Brennan	6	25	24
P. F. Nicholls	5	12	42
H. Alexander	4	16	25
Mrs L. Wadham	4	16	25

FOLKESTONE

The course is right-handed and approximately eleven furlongs round. The turns are easy, but the undulations can put a long-striding horse off balance. There are seven fences to a circuit, the fences relatively easy, and a run-in of about a furlong.



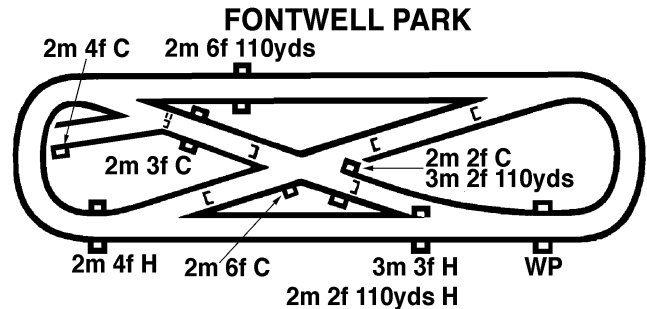
Folkestone Racecourse, Lingfield Park, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6PQ
Telephone: (01303) 266407

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	16	32	50
D. M. Grissell	15	92	16
N. J. Henderson	13	34	38
Miss Venetia Williams	13	38	34
R. Rowe	11	96	11
P. F. Nicholls	10	27	37
O. Sherwood	8	34	24
M. Pitman	8	41	20
Miss A. M. Newton-Smith	8	44	18
R. H. Alner	7	50	14

FONTWELL PARK

There are two different types of track at Fontwell, the hurdle course being left-handed, an oval about a mile in circumference with four flights, and the chase course a figure of eight with six fences which are all in the two straight intersections linked with the hurdle course. Fontwell is not a course for the big, long-striding horse, and it can cause problems for inexperienced chasers. The unusual demands made by its layout have produced a number of track specialists over the years.



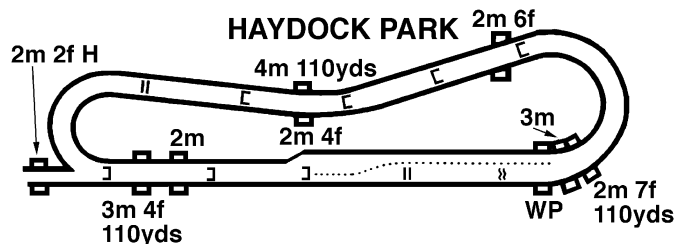
Fontwell Park Racecourse, nr Arundel, Sussex BN38 0SX
Telephone: (01243) 543335
Fax: (01243) 543904

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
P. F. Nicholls	43	129	33
M. C. Pipe	42	175	24
G. L. Moore	25	132	19
R. Rowe	23	181	13
P. J. Hobbs	22	96	23
Miss Venetia Williams	19	64	30
C. J. Mann	13	70	19
M. Pitman	10	50	20
N. J. Henderson	10	60	17
O. Sherwood	10	60	17

HAYDOCK PARK

The left-handed oval-shaped circuit of a mile and five furlongs has ten fences which are spaced evenly along the back and home straights. The fences are stiff. The last open ditch and water jump are omitted on the final circuit leaving a run-in of 440 yards. The course is flat and for chasers is of a galloping nature; the hurdles course, inside the chase course, is sharper in character and has tight bends.



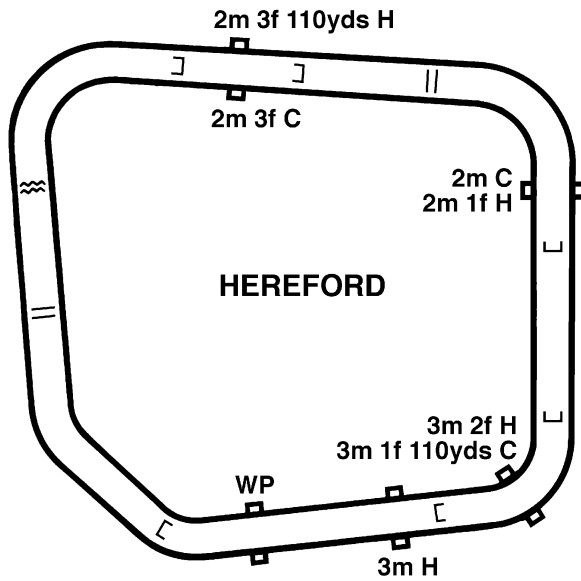
Haydock Park Racecourse, Newton-le-Willows, Merseyside WA12 0HQ
Telephone: (01942) 402618

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	23	132	17
Miss Venetia Williams	21	72	29
Jonjo O'Neill	20	90	22
Mrs S. J. Smith	19	81	23
Mrs M. Reveley	15	96	16
Ferdy Murphy	8	60	13
N. A. Twiston-Davies	8	95	8
N. G. Richards	7	32	22
L. Lungo	7	74	9
A. King	6	33	18

HEREFORD

Hereford's right-handed circuit of about a mile and a half is almost square and has nine fences, of which the first after the winning post has to be taken on a turn. The home turn, which is on falling ground, is pretty sharp but the other bends are easy. The fences are fairly stiff.



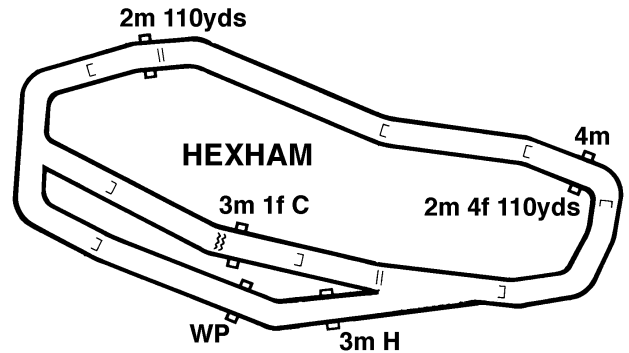
Hereford Racecourse, Roman Road, Holmer, Hereford
Telephone: (01432) 273560

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	33	107	31
P. J. Hobbs	21	107	20
Miss H. C. Knight	18	63	29
N. A. Twiston-Davies	15	144	10
Ian Williams	14	84	17
N. J. Henderson	13	43	30
Miss Venetia Williams	12	70	17
H. D. Daly	12	75	16
A. King	10	46	22
R. H. Ainer	9	60	15

HEXHAM

Hexham has an undulating left-handed circuit of a mile and a half with ten fences. Although the fences are easy the course is very testing: the long back straight runs steeply downhill for most of the way but there is a steep climb from the end of the back straight to the home straight, which levels out in front of the stands. The finish is on a spur, the spur having one fence and a run-in of about a furlong.



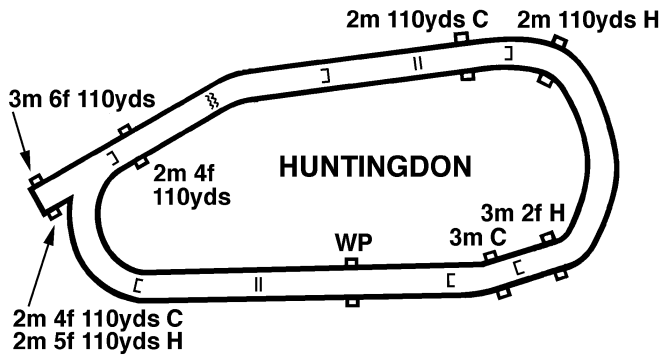
Hexham Racecourse, High Yarridge, Hexham, Northumberland
NE46 2JP
Telephone: (01434) 606881

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
L. Lungo	18	90	20
Ferdy Murphy	16	90	18
Mrs S. J. Smith	14	97	14
N. G. Richards	11	35	31
M. Todhunter	10	62	16
G. M. Moore	9	89	10
Jonjo O'Neill	8	39	21
J. M. Jefferson	8	50	16
M. D. Hammond	8	51	16
R. Ford	7	37	19

HUNTINGDON

The course is right-handed, oval with easy bends, and is a flat, fast track about one and a half miles in length with nine fences to a circuit, some of them rather tricky.



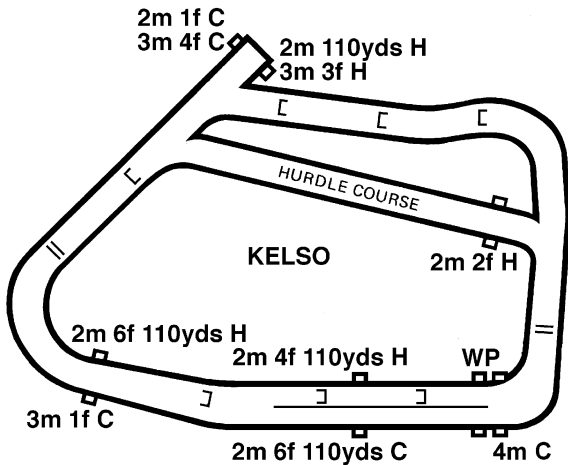
Racecourse Office, 4b Market Hill, Huntingdon
Telephone: (01480) 453373

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Ian Williams	24	111	22
Miss H. C. Knight	22	102	22
Mrs M. Reveley	22	111	20
N. J. Henderson	20	82	24
K. C. Bailey	20	143	14
M. Pitman	14	46	30
C. J. Mann	12	52	23
P. R. Webber	11	60	18
Miss Venetia Williams	10	38	26
Jonjo O'Neill	10	40	25

KELSO

The left-handed Kelso course has two tracks, the oval hurdle course of approximately a mile and a quarter and the chase course of approximately eleven furlongs. There are nine fences to be jumped in a complete circuit of the chase course, the last two aren't jumped on the final circuit and the first open ditch isn't taken at the start of chases over four miles. The run-in, which is on an elbow, is a tiring one of 440 yards. The hurdle track is very sharp, with a particularly sharp bend after the stands.



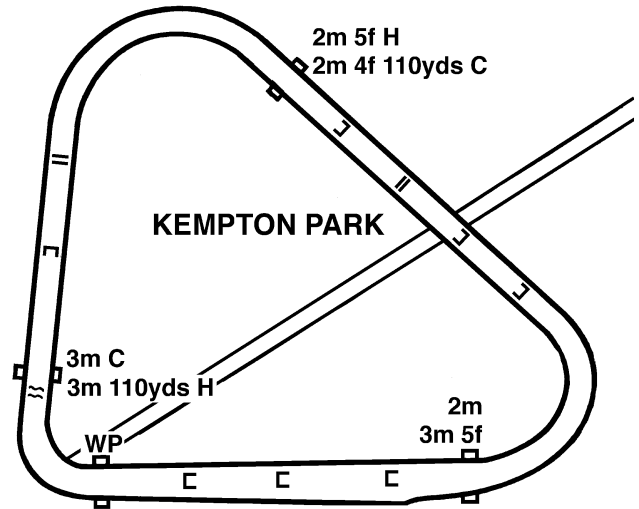
Kelso Racecourse, Kelso, Roxburghshire
Telephone: (01573) 224767

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
L. Lungo	35	143	24
Mrs M. Reveley	26	127	20
Jonjo O'Neill	13	50	26
P. Monteith	13	117	11
Ferdy Murphy	10	68	15
J. M. Jefferson	9	46	20
N. G. Richards	9	46	20
A. C. Whillans	9	72	13
M. D. Hammond	8	69	12
M. Todhunter	7	36	19

KEMPTON PARK

Kempton is a very fair test for a jumper; it is a flat, triangular circuit of one mile five furlongs, right-handed with a run-in from the last fence of about 175 yards. There are ten fences to a circuit, three of them in the home straight, and although they are quite stiff they present few problems to a sound jumper.



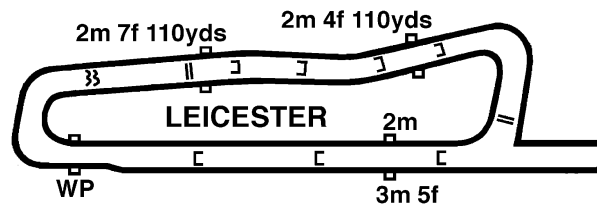
United Racecourses Ltd, Kempton Park, Sunbury-on-Thames,
Middlesex TW16 5AQ
Telephone: (01932) 782292

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
N. J. Henderson	43	175	25
P. F. Nicholls	20	90	22
M. C. Pipe	16	134	12
P. J. Hobbs	14	90	16
Miss H. C. Knight	14	95	15
Miss Venetia Williams	11	57	19
A. King	10	54	19
P. R. Webber	9	47	19
Jonjo O'Neill	9	55	16
N. A. Twiston-Davies	9	85	11

LEICESTER

The right-handed course is rectangular in shape, a mile and three quarters in extent and has ten fences. Leicester is a stiff test and the last three furlongs are uphill. The run-in of 250 yards has a slight elbow on the chase course 150 yards from the winning post.



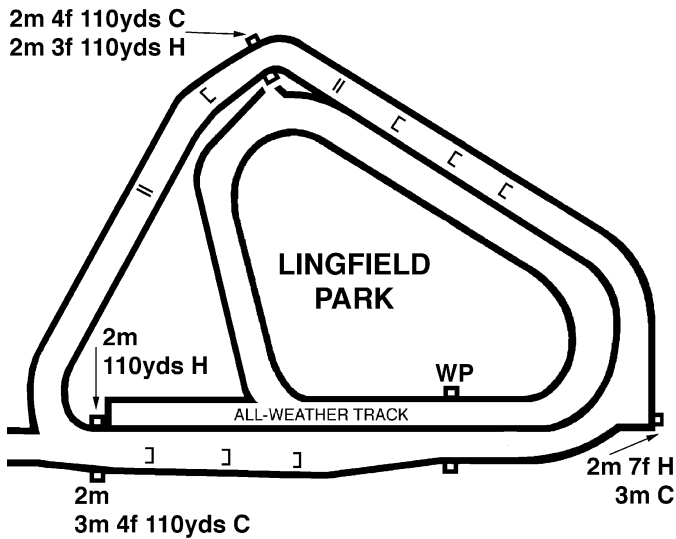
Leicester Racecourse, Leicester LE2 3QH
Telephone: (01162) 716515

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	17	66	26
N. J. Henderson	11	35	31
Miss Venetia Williams	8	38	21
P. R. Webber	8	42	19
K. A. Morgan	6	14	43
J. Mackie	6	22	27
C. J. Mann	5	14	36
A. W. Carroll	5	21	24
R. Dickin	5	40	13
W. G. M. Turner	4	9	44

LINGFIELD PARK

Lingfield is about a mile and a half in length, triangular and taken left-handed, sharp, has several gradients and a tight downhill turn into the straight. Nine fences have to be jumped in a complete circuit, while the run-in is comparatively short.



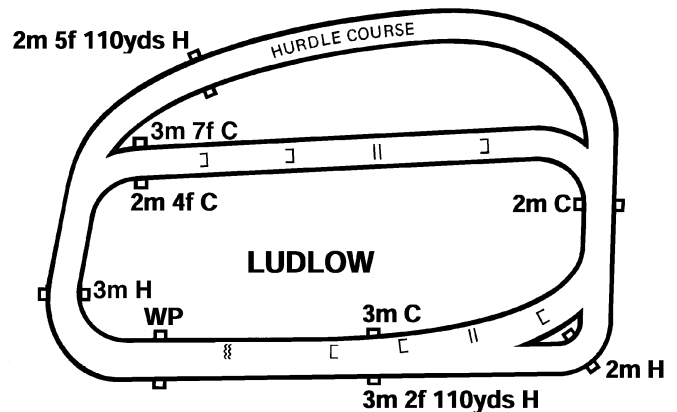
Lingfield Park Racecourse Ltd, Lingfield, Surrey RH7 6PQ
Telephone: (01342) 834800

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	8	17	47
R. H. Alner	3	7	43
N. A. Twiston-Davies	3	8	38
Miss Venetia Williams	3	12	25
P. Butler	2	3	67
A. W. Carroll	2	3	67
O. Sherwood	2	4	50
F. Doumen, France	2	5	40
D. L. Williams	2	6	33
D. C. O'Brien	2	7	29

LUDLOW

Ludlow is a sharp, right-handed, oval track, with a nine-fence chase circuit about a mile and a half and a run-in of 250 yards. The fences are not stiff. The hurdle course, which runs on the outside of the chase course, has easier turns. Whereas the chase course is flat, the hurdle course has slight undulations but they rarely provide difficulties for a long-striding horse.



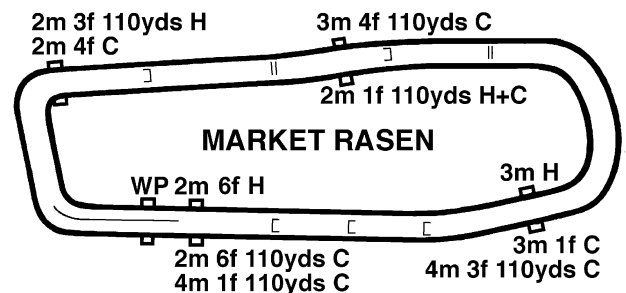
Ludlow Race Club Ltd, Ludlow Racecourse, Bromfield, Ludlow, Shropshire
Telephone: (01584) 836221

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	28	108	26
P. J. Hobbs	26	104	25
Ian Williams	18	100	18
N. J. Henderson	17	53	32
K. C. Bailey	17	85	20
Miss H. C. Knight	16	76	21
H. D. Daly	12	105	11
S. A. Brookshaw	12	121	10
Jonjo O'Neill	11	33	33
P. F. Nicholls	9	48	19

MARKET RASEN

There is a right-handed, oval circuit of a mile and a quarter, seven relatively easy fences and a run-in of 250 yards at Market Rasen. The track is sharp, covered with minor undulations, and favours the handy, nippy type of horse.



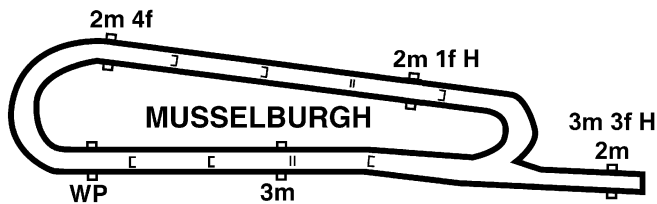
Market Rasen Racecourse, Legsby Road, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire LN8 3EA
Telephone: (01673) 843434

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	33	107	31
Mrs M. Reveley	30	182	16
Mrs S. J. Smith	22	152	14
Ian Williams	19	101	19
M. C. Chapman	17	253	7
M. W. Easterby	16	95	17
M. D. Hammond	14	53	26
D. L. Williams	11	55	20
C. J. Mann	11	60	18
Jonjo O'Neill	11	86	13

MUSSELBURGH

A right-handed oval track a little over a mile and a quarter in extent, almost flat with sharp bends, favouring the handy type of animal and also front runners. There are eight fences (four in each straight) or six flights of hurdles (three in each straight) to a circuit. The two-mile start is on a spur on the last bend.



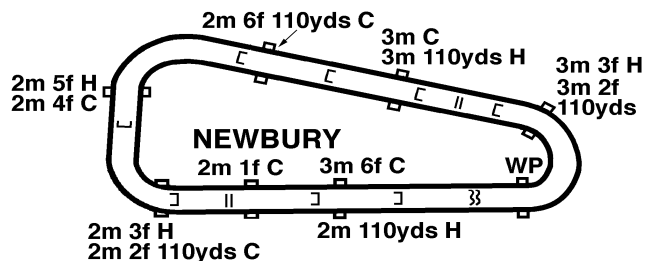
Musselburgh Racecourse, Linkfield Road, Musselburgh, East Lothian EH21 7RG
Telephone: (0131) 6652859

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
L. Lungo	23	77	30
Mrs M. Reveley	22	78	28
Ferdy Murphy	18	87	21
J. Howard Johnson	9	99	9
N. G. Richards	8	40	20
Mrs S. C. Bradburne	8	90	9
Jonjo O'Neill	6	30	20
B. Ellison	6	34	18
J. M. Jefferson	6	54	11
P. Monteith	6	102	6

NEWBURY

The oval Newbury course, with eleven fences to the circuit, is about a mile and three quarters in circumference and is set inside the Flat track, following a left-handed line. It is one of the fairest courses in the country. The home straight is five furlongs with three plain fences, an open ditch (the water jump being omitted on the final circuit) and a run-in of 255 yards. There are seven hurdles to a circuit, three in the back straight and four in the home straight with a long run to the fourth last. The course is galloping in nature, with easy bends, plenty of room and few significant undulations.



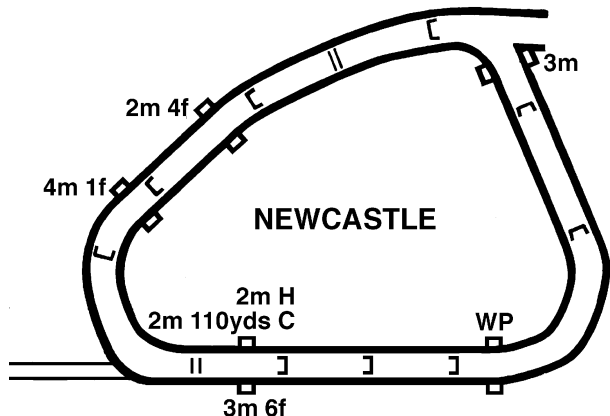
The Racecourse, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 7NZ
Telephone: (01635) 40015 or 550354

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
N. J. Henderson	40	193	21
M. C. Pipe	38	168	23
N. A. Twiston-Davies	15	106	14
P. F. Nicholls	14	83	17
P. J. Hobbs	13	111	12
Miss Venetia Williams	12	62	19
C. J. Mann	9	77	12
M. Pitman	8	51	16
P. R. Webber	8	56	14
Jonjo O'Neill	7	50	14

NEWCASTLE

The Newcastle track is laid out inside the Flat racecourse, its left-handed circuit of one and three quarter miles containing eleven fences. There is a steady rise from the fifth last to the winning post and the course puts a premium on stamina, with the fences being on the stiff side. The ground is often testing here, too.



Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE3 5HP

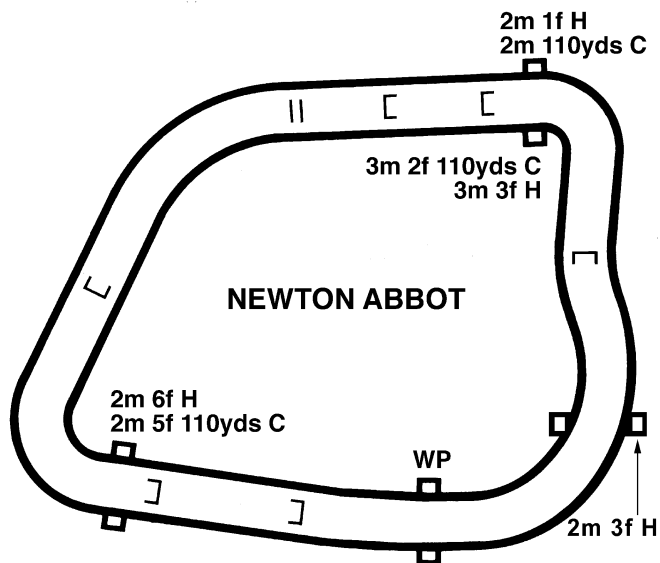
Telephone: (0191) 2362020

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Mrs M. Reveley	43	210	20
M. W. Easterby	27	127	21
L. Lungo	27	145	19
N. B. Mason	16	68	24
T. D. Easterby	12	73	16
J. M. Jefferson	12	79	15
Ferdy Murphy	11	141	8
Jonjo O'Neill	9	64	14
M. D. Hammond	9	75	12
P. Monteith	7	44	16

NEWTON ABBOT

Newton Abbot has a flat, oval, tight, left-handed circuit of about nine furlongs that favours the handy sort of horse. There are seven fences to a circuit, and a very short run-in. The new nineteen furlong start over hurdles is on a spur after the winning post and the first hurdle is jumped only once.



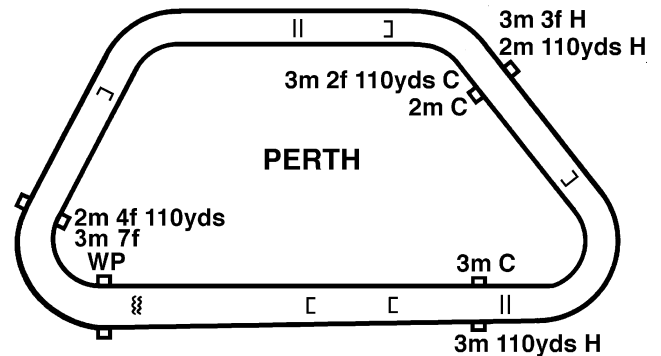
Newton Abbot Races Ltd, Kingsteignton Road, Newton Abbot
Telephone: (01626) 353235

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	106	369	29
P. J. Hobbs	49	216	23
P. F. Nicholls	31	117	26
R. G. Frost	26	241	11
J. W. Mullins	14	87	16
R. J. Baker	13	147	9
C. Tizzard	9	59	15
Ian Williams	8	37	22
R. Lee	8	40	20
R. J. Hodges	8	66	12

PERTH

Perth is a right-handed circuit of one and a quarter miles, with eight fences to the circuit. The course has sweeping turns and a flat running surface. The water jump is in front of the stands and is left out on the run-in, leaving a long run from the last fence to the winning post.



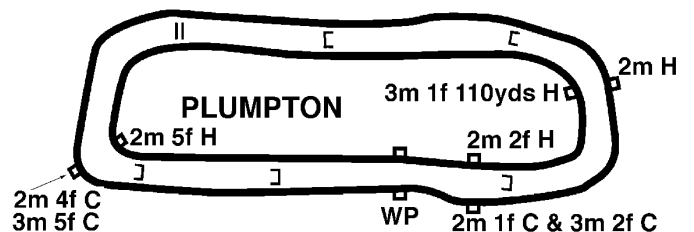
Racecourse Office, Scone Palace Park, Perth PH2 6BB
Telephone: (01738) 551597

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Jonjo O'Neill	22	77	29
L. Lungo	21	83	25
Mrs M. Reveley	14	59	24
N. G. Richards	13	55	24
N. A. Twiston-Davies	12	38	32
M. D. Hammond	11	57	19
J. S. Goldie	10	53	19
Ferdy Murphy	10	55	18
P. Monteith	10	81	12
A. J. Martin, Ireland	9	28	32

PLUMPTON

The oblong-shaped course is only nine furlongs in circumference and has tight, left-handed bends, steep undulations, and an uphill home straight. The climb becomes pretty steep near the finish but the course is not a particularly stiff one unless the ground is very heavy; generally, it favours the handy and quick-jumping types. There are six fences to a circuit and the run-in is 200 yards.



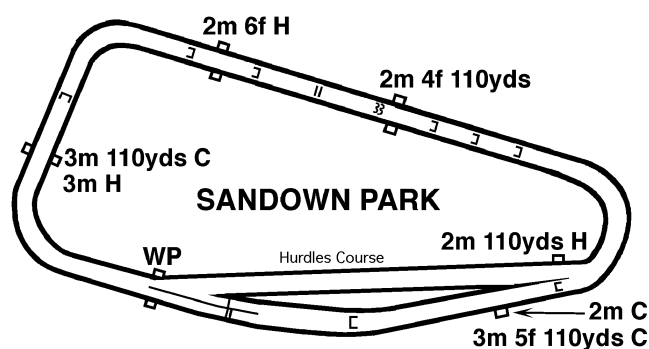
Plumpton Racecourse Ltd, Plumpton, East Sussex BN7 3AL
Telephone: (01273) 891550

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	47	149	32
G. L. Moore	25	133	19
P. F. Nicholls	22	60	37
R. H. Alner	14	72	19
T. P. McGovern	14	86	16
N. J. Henderson	13	34	38
Miss Venetia Williams	12	61	20
Noel T. Chance	10	24	42
Ian Williams	8	21	38
Mrs N. Smith	8	22	36

SANDOWN PARK

Sandown's right-handed oval course of thirteen furlongs is a testing and, for the steeplechasers, a tricky one. Of the eleven fences on a circuit seven are on the back straight, with the water jump in the middle of the line. The three fences after the water come in very quick succession. From the home turn to 100 yards from the finish the climb is severe; there are two fences in the straight and a run-in of 220 yards. The hurdles course uses the Flat racing circuit.



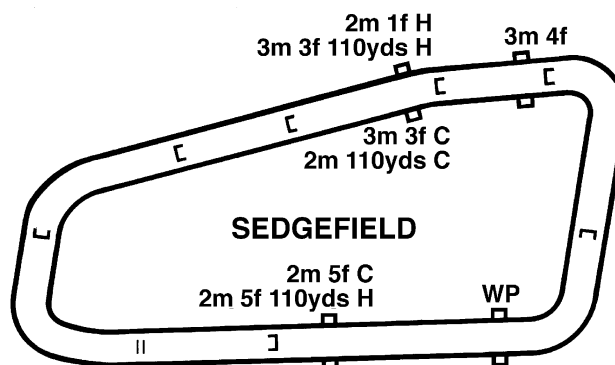
Sandown Park Ltd, Esher, Surrey
Telephone: (01372) 463072

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	29	122	24
P. F. Nicholls	27	99	27
N. J. Henderson	26	114	23
P. J. Hobbs	13	87	15
Miss H. C. Knight	12	79	15
N. A. Twiston-Davies	8	51	16
M. Pitman	7	35	20
Jonjo O'Neill	7	51	14
J. A. B. Old	6	38	16
P. R. Chamings	4	12	33

SEDFIELD

The circuit is approximately a mile and a quarter, oval, and taken left-handed. It is essentially sharp in character and the eight fences are fairly easy, though some uphill sections of the undulating ground, notably the final 150 yards, are punishing and three-mile-plus chases are a thorough test of stamina. The run-in is 200 yards.



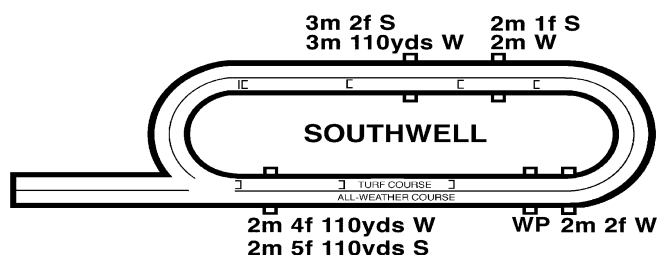
Sedgfield Steeplechase Company, Ramsay House, Chapel Road,
Billingham, Cleveland TS23 1DX
Telephone: (01740) 620366

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Mrs M. Reveley	41	224	18
J. Howard Johnson	30	156	19
G. M. Moore	28	144	19
B. Ellison	27	152	18
Ferdy Murphy	21	156	13
L. Lungo	18	70	26
Mrs E. Slack	11	41	27
Mrs S. J. Smith	11	77	14
N. B. Mason	11	104	11
M. E. Sowersby	11	127	9

SOUTHWELL

The Southwell track is laid out in a fairly tight, level, oval of less than a mile and a quarter. In 2002/3 the circuit was divided into a summer and a winter track, with the slightly longer summer track on the outside of the winter one. The runners go left-handed. There are seven portable fences to a circuit which are stiff ones for a minor track. The brush-type hurdles can also catch out the less fluent jumpers.



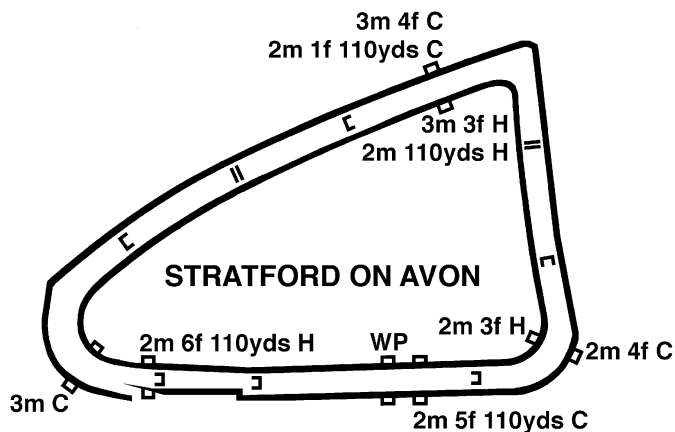
Southwell Racecourse Ltd, Rolleston, Newark,
Nottinghamshire
Telephone: (01636) 814481

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Mrs S. J. Smith	17	84	20
M. C. Pipe	12	64	19
Miss Venetia Williams	10	23	43
Jonjo O'Neill	9	36	25
Ian Williams	7	35	20
H. D. Daly	6	22	27
R. H. Buckler	6	22	27
P. J. Hobbs	5	11	45
D. J. Wintle	5	11	45
N. A. Twiston-Davies	5	17	29

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

This sharp track is flat, triangular in shape and has a left-handed circuit of a mile and a quarter, taking in eight fences of which two are in the short straight before the winning post.



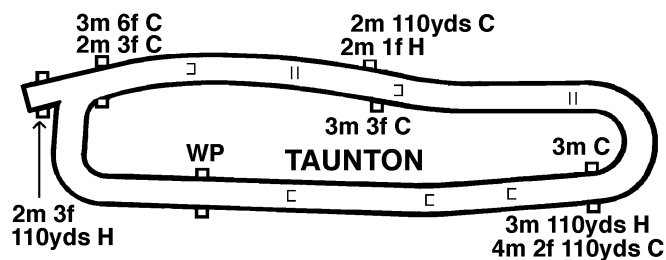
Stratford-on-Avon Racecourse, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire
Telephone: (01789) 267949

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	39	142	27
P. J. Hobbs	37	121	31
Jonjo O'Neill	13	53	25
Miss Venetia Williams	12	39	31
P. F. Nicholls	10	45	22
Miss H. C. Knight	9	47	19
C. J. Mann	9	54	17
D. L. Williams	8	46	17
H. D. Daly	8	53	15
Ian Williams	7	65	11

TAUNTON

The right-handed course is a long oval, about a mile and a quarter round, and has seven fences, four in the back straight and three in the home straight. The bend after the winning post is tight and the chase run-in short.



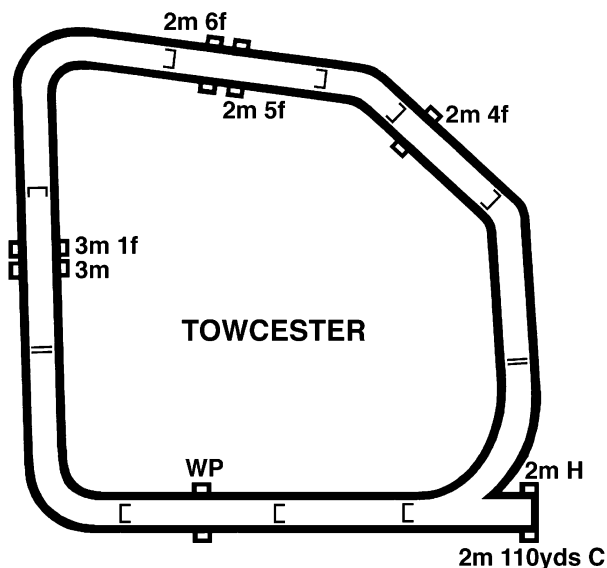
Taunton Racecourse, Orchard Portman, Taunton, Somerset
Telephone: (01823) 337172

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	70	328	21
P. F. Nicholls	40	151	26
P. J. Hobbs	35	188	19
Miss Venetia Williams	14	62	23
R. H. Alner	11	93	12
R. J. Hodges	11	123	9
Miss H. C. Knight	10	43	23
K. Bishop	10	57	18
N. J. Henderson	7	34	21
B. J. Llewellyn	6	44	14

TOWCESTER

Towcester is a right-handed course, a mile and three quarters round, and is just about the stiffest track in the country. The last mile or so is very punishing with a steep climb to the home turn and a continuing rise past the winning post. Stamina is at a premium and conditions can get very testing. There are ten fences on the circuit, two in the finishing straight, but they seldom present problems. The run-in is 200 yards.



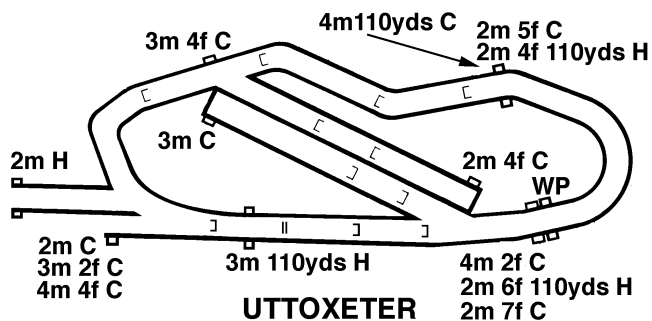
Towcester Racecourse, Towcester, Northants
Telephone: (01327) 353414

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Miss Venetia Williams	17	60	28
H. D. Daly	15	76	20
M. C. Pipe	12	36	33
N. A. Twiston-Davies	12	100	12
K. C. Bailey	11	64	17
R. H. Buckler	9	29	31
N. J. Henderson	8	32	25
Mrs S. J. Smith	8	44	18
P. J. Hobbs	6	26	23
P. R. Webber	6	31	19

UTTOXETER

The course is an oval of approximately a mile and a quarter with a long, sweeping, left-handed bend into the straight and a sharper one after the winning post. The hurdle course in particular suits the handier type of horse. There are minor undulations and the back straight has slight bends. The ground can get extremely testing, so that few horses act on it. There are eight fences, with a run-in of around 170 yards. Races of two miles and three and a quarter miles are started on a spur on the last bend. Chases over two and a half miles and three miles are started on a chute (with two fences) in the middle of the track.



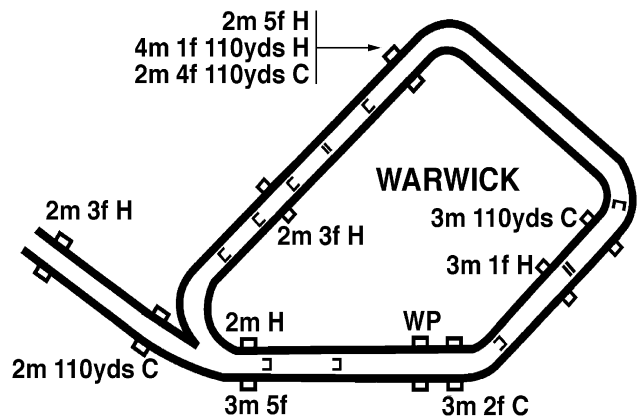
Uttoxeter Racecourse, Wood Lane, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire
ST14 8BD
Telephone: (01889) 562561

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	35	151	23
P. F. Nicholls	21	82	26
P. J. Hobbs	20	88	23
Jonjo O'Neill	20	99	20
Miss Venetia Williams	16	79	20
N. A. Twiston-Davies	15	107	14
Mrs M. Reveley	14	80	18
J. Mackie	12	75	16
K. C. Bailey	12	80	15
T. R. George	11	63	17

WARWICK

Warwick's left-handed course is a mile and five furlongs round with ten fences to a circuit. Five of them come close together in the back straight and sound jumping is at a premium. The three fences after the winning post are on the climb before a long downhill run to the turn into the back straight; the remainder of the circuit is flat. The bends are rather tight and the track is a sharp one, favouring the handy horse. There is a run-in of 250 yards, the finishing straight is short and has only two fences.



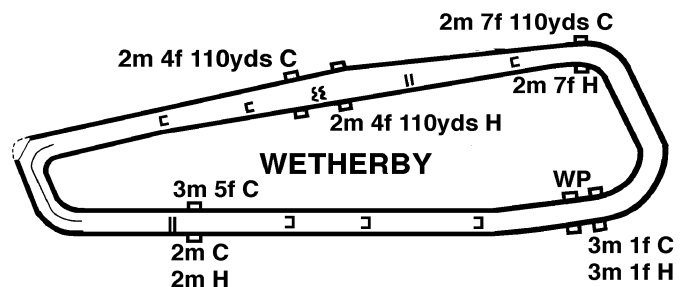
Warwick Racecourse, Hampton Street, Warwick CV34 6HN
Telephone: (01926) 491553

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	35	156	22
P. F. Nicholls	15	54	28
R. Dickin	15	111	14
P. J. Hobbs	13	77	17
Ian Williams	12	89	13
Jonjo O'Neill	11	50	22
H. D. Daly	11	77	14
N. A. Twiston-Davies	9	102	9
Noel T. Chance	7	22	32
M. Pitman	7	39	18

WETHERBY

The course is left-handed, with easy turns and follows a long oval circuit of a mile and a half. There are nine fences, and in races around three miles all the fences are jumped twice. The slightly uphill run-in is comparatively short for the chasers. The Wetherby track provides a very fair test for any horse, but is ideal for the free-running, long-striding individual with plenty of jumping ability.



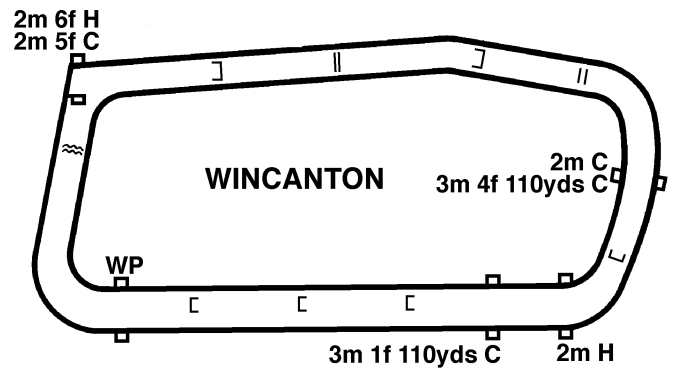
Wetherby Steeplechase Committee Ltd, The Racecourse,
York Road, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS22 5EJ
Telephone: (01937) 582035

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
Mrs M. Reveley	60	293	20
Mrs S. J. Smith	26	155	17
Jonjo O'Neill	23	98	23
M. W. Easterby	23	198	12
T. D. Easterby	21	186	11
G. M. Moore	14	66	21
L. Lungo	14	69	20
M. D. Hammond	12	80	15
P. Beaumont	12	88	14
C. Grant	10	58	17

WINCANTON

Wincanton is a level course with an oval, right-handed circuit of around a mile and a half containing nine fences. It is essentially sharp in nature. The run from the last fence is only about 200 yards.



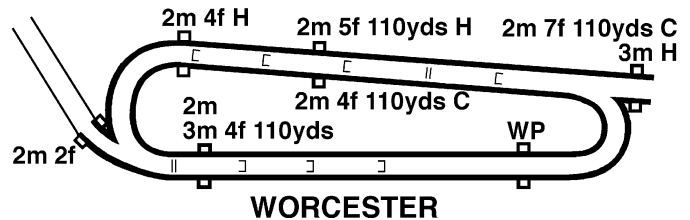
Wincanton Racecourse, Wincanton, Somerset
Telephone: (01963) 32344

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
P. F. Nicholls	79	253	31
P. J. Hobbs	35	168	21
M. C. Pipe	29	171	17
R. H. Alner	22	190	12
Miss H. C. Knight	17	85	20
N. J. Henderson	15	56	27
J. W. Mullins	10	115	9
Miss Venetia Williams	9	57	16
A. J. Wilson	7	38	18
A. King	7	47	15

WORCESTER

The course is laid out in the shape of a long oval of thirteen furlongs, flat throughout with easy, left-handed turns. There are nine well-sited, relatively easy fences, five in the back straight, four in the home straight, and a run-in of 220 yards. Brush-type hurdles are used at Worcester.



Worcester Racecourse, Pitchcroft, Worcester
Telephone: (01905) 25364 (non racedays)
(01905) 21338 (racedays)

Most Successful Trainers 1998/9 to 2002/3

Trainer	Wins	Runs	%
M. C. Pipe	59	216	27
P. J. Hobbs	31	148	21
P. Bowen	22	116	19
N. A. Twiston-Davies	20	113	18
P. F. Nicholls	16	50	32
C. J. Mann	13	46	28
Mrs S. J. Smith	13	104	13
G. M. McCourt	12	52	23
N. J. Henderson	12	55	22
Ian Williams	10	65	15