

Holly Richardson, 31
GBR

Holly Richardson, 31, completed her first Defender Burghley last September, finishing 22nd. She is based on the family farm near Richmond in North Yorkshire.

Although from a non-horsey background, at the age of 12 Holly began riding out for Karen Dixon. After school she studied biomedical science at Durham University followed by a masters in equine sports science at Hartpury and was expecting to find a career within the sport. Having acquired several horses and owners she made the decision to ride full-time. She still enjoys following racing and equine science, while her family is involved in international trail and enduro bike sport.

Holly trains with Chris Bartle and Melissa Chapman.

Bally Louis (Unknown) is a 14-year-old Irish-bred gelding with no registered breeding details. He was originally produced and competed by James Somerville then bought for Sarah Wingfield, who passed the ride to Holly after she sustained a shoulder injury.