



**Kate Shapland**  
**GBR**

It will be a first five-star start for British rider Kate Shapland (22) who is based at the Yorkshire Riding Centre but hails from Somerset. She left home after leaving school, in search of training and facilities. Since then she has been a groom, second rider, HGV driver and breaker, while working in yards such as Millie Dumas, Christopher Burton and Sydney Dufresne.

She has travelled across Europe, taking 'Libby' with her so that she could continue to compete and learn while she worked. She ended up as a groom to a client of Christopher Bartle's last season, and decided to stay on, working as a freelance rider – she says, 'it's the best place for support and development at this stage in my career. Burghley is a huge step for me but I don't have the means, horses and resources to wait and to miss this opportunity.'

**Uris Cavalier**, (AKA Little Libby) owned by Kate and Judith Shapland, is a 14-year-old mare by Uranium du Houssoit out of Smoothstep Cavalier. She stands at just 15.2hh, and has been brought through the grades by Kate. She was bought for £5,000 from a breakers yard when Kate was 14 and Libby was six. It will be her first five-star competition and Kate describes her as 'my horse of a lifetime'.

**Results**

- 2022 – Alnwick CCI4\*S 31<sup>st</sup> Uris Cavalier
- 2022 – Bramham CCIu25 4\*L 7<sup>th</sup> Uris Cavalier
- 2022 – Chatsworth CCI4\*S 49<sup>th</sup> Uris Cavalier
- 2021 – Little Downham CCI4\*S EL Uris Cavalier
- 2021 – Blair Castle CCI4\*L 7<sup>th</sup> Uris Cavalier
- 2021 – Alnwick CCI4\*S 52<sup>nd</sup> Uris Cavalier
- 2021 – Barbury Castle CCI4\*S 35<sup>th</sup> Uris Cavalier