

**Sophia Hill, 27**  
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This is a first Defender Burghley for Australia's Sophia Hill (27) and her ex-racehorse Humble Glory.

Sophia is normally based at Bluebell Park near Mansfield in Victoria, Australia, a yard that specialises in breeding performance horses and standing stallions at stud. Sophie moved to be based in the UK at Nicola Wilson's Yorkshire yard for the 2024 eventing season with her two top horses, Humble Glory and Seattle Park. She returns to Australia straight after Burghley.

Sophia started riding when she was seven years old. Her family were living in Italy for three months and there was a riding school nearby, which was where Sophia caught the riding bug. When her family returned to Australia, she begged her parents for a horse and she got her first pony when she was nine. Sophia started competing in her teens and she progressed through the ranks while building a horse training business. She now events and showjumps full-time.

Sophia has enjoyed great success both in the UK and Australia, including nine international victories up to and including four-star level. She finished third on her five-star debut at Adelaide with Humble Glory in 2023 and was 11th at Bicton's CCI4\*-S in May 2024 and 18th in Bramham's CCI4\*-S in June, both with Humble Glory.

Sophia is married to Andy and they welcomed their first child, Oliver, late in 2023.

**Humble Glory** (Bernardini-Sharp (Shovhog)), owned by Sophia, her husband Andy and Ted and Michelle Landy, is a thoroughbred 13-year-old gelding, who was bred by Emerald Thoroughbreds in Australia. Known as "Hughie" at home, this ex-racehorse arrived with Sophia in a stock crate in 2017 having completed his racing career and also taken part in some stock work, too. The plan was for Sophia to sell him for his owners, but she decided to buy him herself after she realised how trainable he was.

"Within weeks he was jumping, and I was blown away by his combination of scope, honesty and bravery," says Sophia.

He went on to win the young rider championship at the Australian Three-Day Event just 18 months after his final race. He has since completed multiple seasons at four-star level, and is incredibly reliable across country – he has never incurred a jumping penalty in this phase. His career highlight so far came when winning the five-star at Adelaide in 2023. He also enjoys pure showjumping with multiple wins at 1.30m level.