Susie Berry, 28 IRL

Irish rider Susie Berry, 28, is based near Kettering in Northamptonshire where she runs her own yard. In 2014 she relocated from home in Co Down to work for and train with Piggy March before setting up on her own in 2020, just 20 minutes away from her mentor.

Susie grew up surrounded by horses – National Hunt mares and foals – and rode from an early age. From 2012 – 2017 she represented Ireland in six European Championships at Pony, Junior and Young Rider level, winning team gold and team bronze at junior level. In 2019 and 2020 she competed at the World Young Horse Championships in Le Lion d'Angers, earning her first senior cap competing as a member of the Irish team at the CHIO Aachen in 2019.

Susie made her Olympic debut at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games with Wellfields Lincoln, affectionately known as 'Slinky". He is an 11-year-old gelding and their best result together was winning Little Downham CCI4*-S.

Susie also rides Irene Leva here at Defender Burghley 2024; this will be the 11 year-old mare's debut five-star.

Wellfields Lincoln (Luidam-Primatech) is an 11-year-old gelding owned by Anne Marling and Sue Wilkinson. Susie took on the ride in 2019 and this season placed third in the CCl4*L in Kronenberg, before heading to Paris.

Irene Leva (Everglade VDL-Oleva (Amethist)) is also an 11-year-old, but a mare, owned by Kerry and Rhian Smith and Kim Franklin – Susie took over the ride from Rhian in 2023. The pair stepped up to CCI4*L at Bramham this summer.