

Sophie Fouracre 32

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British rider Sophie Fouracre, nee Jenman, (32) is based in Hook, Hampshire where she has 10 stables on her parents-in-law's farm. She specialises in backing and producing young horses, particularly from Ireland; she rode for the late Queen, eventing four of her horses, and has just picked up an unbacked three-year-old by Speedway, owned by HRH The King, from Windsor, saying "It's such an honour to do that".

She is married to Giles and they have a young daughter, Millie. She trains on the flat with Gill Watson and Tor Fenwick.

Lordana VH Leysehof Z, aka Marley, is a 13-year-old Belgian-bred mare, owned by Kay Jenman. She is by Lordanos out of Ratinka by Elanville. Sophie has been practising the mare's showjumping at 1m20/1m30 in preparation for Burghley.

Marley was bought from a showjumper/dealers yard in Surrey as a failed showjumper when she was just turning five. Sophie says she was 'awful' as a youngster; "she was at novice for about three years and gained no points. I think she'd been jumped a lot abroad and was very nervous of crowds and atmosphere. She has a huge jump and huge stride so would overjump and run, but she's mellowed a lot now". Burghley is coming later than planned because Sophie had a knee operation, then covid came and then Millie arrived.

Results

2023 – Hartpury CCI4*S 26th Billy Alberto
2023 – Bramham CCI4*S 6th Lordana VH Leysehof Z
2022 – Blenheim CCI4*L 39th Lordana VH Leysehof Z
2021 – Alnwick CCI4*S 18th Lordana VH Leysehof Z
2021 – Bicton CCI4*L 28th Lordana VH Leysehof Z
2021 – Burnham Market CCI4*S 24th Lordana VH Leysehof Z
2020 – Burnham Market CCI4*L 37th Lordana VH Leysehof Z
2019 – Bramham CCI4*L 22nd Lordana VH Leysehof Z
2019 – Burnham Market CCI4*S 42nd Doneraile 53rd Lordana VH Leysehof Z
2013 – Burghley CCI4* 38th Geronimo