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## Hartpury Show

Posted by cantata007 - 2008/06/21 21:13

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Anyone know what the trail bridge is likely to look like at at Hartpury this year?

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## Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by campbh - 2008/06/23 19:53

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I've no idea! I don't remember there even being a bridge in the (one) trail pattern I did at Hartpury last year (my first ever!)

Why not contact Lynne Stanley who is Show Secretary, she might be able to point you in the right direction. If you're looking to build your own for practice, you could look at Nathan Haynes' photography website for a range of examples and I have a vague recollection of previous threads on this site about trail bridge dimensions... Sorry, can't be more specific than that!

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## Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by hunterrookie - 2008/06/24 11:00

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Think you're right Campbh...madam was gutted cos she loves bridges, she's sooo photogenic inspecting the bridge in a proper trail horse manner, ears pricked and nose low to the ground:laugh:

But those fiendish area 6 people spent the winter building and practising scary trail obstacles so expect the unexpected.

anyone got a bit of blue carpet they don't need?

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## Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by campbh - 2008/06/24 11:08

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ooh-er - does that mean we're likely to get a dunking??? :S Hope it's a warm day...

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## Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by campbh - 2008/06/24 11:11

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cantata007, they used a hump-backed bridge at a recent WES Area 6 event; you can see pics on their website here <http://www.wes-area6england.com/apps/photos/album.jsp?albumID=1181007> ...

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## Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by curly - 2008/06/24 15:16

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Don't panic folks. I believe the bridge that may be used at Harpury is just a flat one (re-inforced pallet type). The water box is not being used. There is no western trail equipment stored at Hartpury, just poles, so anything that is used has to be transported by someone before and after the show. These large bridges and water boxes are v. difficult to transport so it is easier not to use them.

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## Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by hunterrookie - 2008/06/24 15:25

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Now I'm disappointed. Madam loves extreme trail, as does Tomi. We'll just have to play with steel girders and drainage pipes at home.

Oh well, doubtless the trail will be fun anyway, particularly if a certain M Carder designs the pattern.

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### Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by curly - 2008/06/24 15:33

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Designing trail patterns is quite an art. Trying to keep them interesting for spectators and those that are experienced, but not too scary for the less experienced whilst ensuring we do nothing to upset the Health and Safety Police! Extreme trail does sound like fun though!

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### Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by hunterrookie - 2008/06/24 18:02

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Now I'm feeling guilty - yes we definitely want trail to be inviting enough for novices and young horses to enjoy it!

We are looking forward to Hartpury very much.

Extreme trail's probably best carried out in the comfort of your own yard - then there's no rules to say you can't hold the saddle horn or beat a hasty retreat if the drainage pipe is looking too much like a snake or the low sun makes the puddles seem like crocodile pools!:woohoo:

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### Re:Hartpury Show

Posted by cantata007 - 2008/06/25 12:24

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Curly's comment made me smile, my husband is doing trail on our horse for the first time at Hartpury, and he is a safety engineer!!!:laugh:

both he and horse are very novice, so not wanting anything to scary, or else we could be on for some demolishon!!

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