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## Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by Dingbat - 2008/02/13 18:27

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Does anyone have any recommendations for a western saddle fitter? (midlands). Preferably to check the fit of my western saddle and if it doesnt fit, also one that sells and fit second hand saddles? i cant afford to pay loads for one. I'll obviously also need to sell mine too (if it doesnt fit - circle y).

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## Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by campbh - 2008/02/13 20:16

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You could try Don Fechner at the Boots and Saddles Co, he's moved to Leics/Lincs(??) I think... he fitted my saddle last year and absolutely no complaints so far, he travels around a lot anyway. If your saddle doesn't fit, don't automatically expect any saddle fitter to take it for resale/part-ex, they may only take the makes that they distribute.

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## Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by Roland - 2008/02/13 20:53

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Yes,try Don or maybe Linda crossland [www.westernscene.co.uk](http://www.westernscene.co.uk) she is north midlands based hope this helps

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## Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by QQH - 2008/02/13 22:13

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Try Maria at

<http://www.western-saddler.co.uk/> - she travels all over and is coming out to me this weekend not very expensive either - have heard nothing but excellent reports about her and she won't try to sell you a saddle if you don't need one - has good knowledge of where some second hand ones are too!!!

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## Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by themendipstud - 2008/02/14 09:11

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I can second Maria...She really knows her stuff, she has the welfare of the horse at the forefront of her mind rather than the sale of the saddle!

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## Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by Tracy - 2008/02/14 11:23

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Agree with the Mendip Stud too!!

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## Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by Caz - 2008/02/14 18:51

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I've never had Maria out to my horse, so can't comment on that, but she was extremely useful & valuable to me during the time i was looking for a new saddle. She is very knowledgeable and more than willing to offer as much help & advice as you need & want.

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It may be an idea to get your trainer to take a look at your saddle. Most trainers see a wide variety of horses & will have knowledge of what fits & what doesn't. Trainers will also often know of second hand saddles around as they will have clients selling.

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### Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by Dingbat - 2008/02/15 20:21

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Thanks for your help.

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### Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by westernsaddler - 2008/02/21 21:16

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Thanks everyone.... suitably :blush: :blush: :blush: :blush:

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### Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by ria - 2008/02/23 18:53

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Hi, Linda Crossland sells and fits saddles, shes out at Worksop but will travel her number is 01909 724014 or go onto her website - [www.westernscene.co.uk](http://www.westernscene.co.uk)

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### Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by Karynk - 2008/04/06 00:01

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Me too!!

Have had experience of some other Western Saddle sellers and was totally unimpressed and sometimes horrified at what and how they fitted. I have done an English fitting course so have some idea, but some I've seen clearly have not done anything like a fitting course and some even subscribe to a Western Saddle fits anything club.

But Maria I would thoroughly recommend, she is a fitter, there was no pressure and an honest unbiased opinion was given, with explanations.

Have also observed her say that a special order did not fit as the horse had changed shape between fittings, a lot of others would not have said that!!!

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### Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by westernsaddler - 2008/04/07 09:25

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Thank you :)

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### Re:Western Saddle fitters?

Posted by Dingbat - 2008/04/07 11:02

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Thats good to know. I've done a little asking around and some shops 'fit' saddles but i'm not sure i'm confident on how

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well!

mine isnt brilliant but it'll do for now. i also find it uncomfortable. so i will be wanting a new one at some point.

but at the moment i cant afford a brand new one. even if i sell mine on. so it'll have to wait. i will probably phone Maria when i do want one though. i've only heard good things!

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