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The BETA Bits, Bridling & Saddlery Conference 2025

Loughborough University (Holywell Park)

Day 1

Lorinery - Horse bits and bridling

Making Equitation a BIT Better

A day for riders, equestrian professionals and all in the saddlery and lorinery trade

Lorinery Conference Programme

08.15 Registration & Refreshments. Exhibition stands open

09.25 Welcome & Opening:

*Claire Williams & Tricia Nassau Williams, BETA*

09.30 Ethics in Riding. How you can play your part

**Dr Madeleine Campbell,**  
University of Nottingham

10.00 The Horse's Mouth – the inside story

**Grant Chanter, Equine Dental Technician**

10.30 Bitting from the inside out

**Gillian Higgins, Horses Inside Out**  
Bridle lameness, bit & bridle traumas and  
avoiding them

11.00 Morning Break

11.30 Bridles – Double and anatomical - Current research

**Diana Fisher, The Society of Master Saddlers**

12.00 Double Trouble – the great debate,

**Michael Eilberg & Richard Davison**

12.30 Lunch - Exhibition stands open

13.30 Talking Horse – Horse to Human Communication

**Olivia Turner, Animal Behaviourist**

14.00 Navigating Social Media in a changing world

**Rhea Freeman, PR Adviser and business coach**

14:30 A Day in the life of a Bit Fitter :  
experiences and challenges

**Charlotte Warman, Bitting Solutions**  
Kings Sedgemoor Equestrian Centre

15.00 Afternoon Break (30min)

15.30 Bitless bridles

**Diana Fisher, The Society of Master Saddlers**

16.00 Nosebands and the use of the Gauge –  
practical experience

**Dr. Victoria Lewis, Senior Lecturer**  
Hartpury University, FEI Level 3 Steward

16.15 Discussion Panel / Q & A (30 min)

16.45 Conference Concludes (1 hour 30 min until stands close)

17.30 Exhibition Stands Close



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The BETA Bits, Bridling & Saddlery Conference 2025

Day 2

Saddlery – saddles and saddle fitting

Helping Equitation to SIT Better

Saddlery Conference Programme

08.15 Registration & Refreshments. Exhibition stands open

09.25 Welcome & Opening:

*Claire Williams & Tricia Nassau Williams, BETA*

09.30 Welfare within Riding – Our role in influencing change

World Horse Welfare

10.00 Saddling from the inside out - the horse's back.

Gillian Higgins, Horses Inside Out

10:30 The great weight debate –  
How to deal with the challenges in obesity in horses.

Tamzin Furtado, BA(hons) PhD  
University of Liverpool

11.00 Morning Break (30 min)

11.30 New Saddlery Research –  
The past, the present and the future

Jane Williams, Hartpury University

12.00 Saddle fitting – an Art or a Science

Jan Birch, British Horse Foundation

12.30 Lunch - Exhibition stands open

13.30 Horse and Rider fit problems:  
A manufacturers perspective

Nikki Newcombe, Bliss of London

14.00 **A Saddle Fitters Perspective:**  
**A Changing Landscape, Past Present and Future.**

Mark Fisher, The Society of Master Saddlers

14:30 Afternoon break

15.00 Holding it together – Girth development and research. Dr Hillary Clayton

15.30 Discussion Panel / Q & A

16.00 Conference Concludes

17.30 Exhibition Stands Close

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