



THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
FUND RACEDAY



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RIDERS SET FOR THE PRINCE'S COUNTRYSIDE FUND CHARITY RACE AT ASCOT RACECOURSE

Twelve riders will compete in The Prince's Countryside Fund Charity Race on Friday 23rd November 2018 at Ascot Racecourse. The raceday raises money for the Fund, which in turn supports British Farmers and the countryside.

Sheikh Fahad Al Thani, Chairman of Qatar Racing & Bloodstock, will return to Ascot Racecourse seeking success in The Prince's Countryside Fund Charity Race. He has ridden in numerous charity races and twice previously at Ascot but is yet to win at the Berkshire track.

British fashion model Rosie Tapner is preparing to ride at Ascot Racecourse for the first time alongside studying at Oxford Brookes University. Rosie made her debut on a racecourse earlier this year in the Magnolia Cup at Goodwood and is hoping to build on this experience at Ascot.

Seasoned charity race rider Maurice McCarthy will be taking part in his 37th charity race and has previously ridden at Ascot four times. McCarthy has raised over £130,000 for numerous charities, and this will be his second time raising money for The Prince's Countryside Fund.

Other riders who have also ridden in charity races previously include Camilla Swift, supplements editor for the Spectator, Emily Baxendale, founder and creative director at Emily-London milliners, Beccy Green, business development manager for Racing UK and Samantha Hills a senior client manager for Racing Breaks and daughter of Derby-winning jockey Michael Hills.

Rosie Tapner said: "I am so excited and thrilled to be taking part in The Prince's Countryside Fund charity race at Ascot. It's an incredible opportunity to not only ride at one of the most amazing racecourses but also to raise money for such a worthwhile cause. I couldn't be more

excited for the day and I want to thank Ascot and The Prince's Countryside Fund for letting me be part of such a special event.”

The Prince's Countryside Fund was founded by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2010 to help secure a brighter future for British farmers and the countryside. Each year the fund provides up to £1.52 million in grants to projects across the UK as well as running its own initiatives such as The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme.

Tickets are FREE in the Queen Anne Enclosure on Friday 23rd and start from £25 on Saturday 24th November. Fine Dining and Private Boxes starts from £127 per person + VAT. For further information and to book visit <https://www.ascot.co.uk/horse-races-and-events/princes-countryside-fund-raceday/friday> or call 0844 346 3000.

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Notes to Editors;

Established by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2010, **The Prince's Countryside Fund** aims to enhance the prospects of family farm businesses and the quality of rural life. We believe that the British countryside is our most valuable natural asset and its contribution to our everyday life cannot be underestimated.

To help support and secure the future of the countryside the Fund:

- Provides more than £1.2m each year in grant funding to projects across the UK thanks to support from our partners, events and donations
- Celebrates and promotes the value of the countryside
- Leads projects to strengthen farm businesses, such as The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme
- Commissions research into issues affecting farming families and rural communities
- Brings together individuals and businesses to help tackle current challenges
- Helps communities in crisis through our Emergency Fund

To find out more about the work of the Fund visit www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk

Confirmed Charity Race Riders:

Beccy Green – Business development manager for Racing UK and previously worked at Ascot Racecourse

Camilla Swift – Supplements editor for The Spectator

Emily Baxendale – Founder and creative director at Emily-London milliners

Kiah Adams – Works full time for trainer Patrick Chamings

Luke Brewin – Director of ED Staffing

Maurice McCarthy – Runs Green Waste Management Ltd and charity race stalwart

Nick Collins – General manager of family business Martin Collins Enterprises, supplier of synthetic surfaces

Rosie Margaron – Amateur jockey and daughter of trainer George Margaron

Rosie Tapner – British fashion model and student at Oxford Brookes University

Samantha Hills – Senior client manager for Racing Breaks and daughter of Derby-winning jockey Michael Hills

Sheikh Fahad Al Thani – Member of the Qatari Royal Family and chairman of Qatar Racing & Bloodstock

TBC (Shedi Halliwell – Chief Marketing Officer at Three UK)