



THE PRINCE'S
COUNTRYSIDE
FUND RACEDAY



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ROSIE MARGARSON WINS THE PRINCE'S COUNTRYSIDE FUND CHARITY RACE



Rosie Margaron has won The Prince's Countryside Fund Charity Race at Ascot Racecourse riding Caribbean Spring trained by her father George Margaron. Caribbean Spring ran well from start to finish, having had a good start ahead her rivals and with Samantha Hills, riding Strategic Heights, closing behind her in second. The race was run over seven furlongs of the National Hunt Course, with the hurdles removed, on Good to Soft, Good in places ground.

HRH The Prince of Wales awarded Rosie with her prize at Ascot. She holds an amateur jockey license and has previously ridden in two races under rules but this was her first time riding at Ascot in a charity race.

Rosie Margaron said; "I am absolutely over the moon to have ridden my first winner for the Prince's Countryside Fund Charity Race especially for my dad. My horse Caribbean Spring is simply amazing and I ride him everyday at home so to win at Ascot Racecourse is unbelievable".

Between them, the eleven riders have raised in excess of £25,000 to date through sponsorship in aid of The Prince's Countryside Fund. 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 £1.1 million in grants to projects across the UK as well as running its own initiatives such as The Prince's Farm Resilience Programme.

Claire Saunders, Director of The Prince's Countryside Fund said; "We are immensely grateful to the wonderful 11 riders who took part in this year's race, and congratulations to Rosie Margaron. The riders' fundraising and support will help to make a real difference to those living and working in the countryside, and is particularly important in this, our Patron's 70th birthday year."

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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.princescountrysidedefund.org.uk

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

Hetta Stevens – Runs her own pre-training, breaking-in, rest and rehabilitation yard

Kiah Adams – Works full time for trainer Patrick Chamings

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

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

Patrick Chesters – Head of Gaming at Chester and Bangor-on-Dee racecourses

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