



Scotland

Scottish policewoman honoured with British Horse Society award

The British Horse Society honoured the individuals and organisations who have supported the leading equestrian charity's work at an awards ceremony at Saddlers Hall in the City of London recently.

Sergeant Alison Humphrey from the Lothian and Borders Mounted Branch received the prestigious Tarquin Trophy for the business associate who has made a significant contribution to equestrian safety, presented by the Society's President Martin Clunes.

Alison is an extremely busy police officer in charge of one of Scotland's mounted police divisions. In her work she has developed methods, which she is very happy to share with others, for 'bomb proofing' horses.

In 2008 Alison attend the Blair International Horse Trials as part of the Society's presentation team, making Main Ring appearances for the Society every day. Using her extensive knowledge and experience she was able to explain clearly how the police make their horses safer on the roads, providing insights that were of value to all riders.

Since then, Alison has taken her 'horse bomb-proofing road show' all over Scotland, including to The Borders Festival of the Horse. No surprise, then, that she receives a tremendous reception from very appreciative audiences.

Alison is highly qualified to advise on equine road safety matters and, every year at the Royal Highland Show, she showcases the work of the BHS on the police stand, further strengthening the bond between the two organisations.

Her openness, approachability and energy epitomise the good partnership working which the BHS in Scotland greatly values.

Of the award, Alison said: "I feel extremely humbled to have been given the award, the BHS do absolutely superb work in the road safety field and I just feel like I have contributed a tiny little bit to that."

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