

The Worshipful Company of Farriers Equine Veterinary Studies Award Report for 2019.2020.2021



Message From The EVSA Coordinator

Over the last three years the Covid 19 pandemic has affected us all in so many ways. This has made my work more challenging but with the resilience and goodwill of Host Farriers and vet students alike we have managed to provide all placements requested of us by the students.

We have continued to promote the award to each of the UK vet schools who have been very appreciative of working with us for the benefit of their students. A major part of this award is application for Freedom of the Livery. Students receive this for up to two years postgraduation as a result of being an EVSA awardee.

I hope you enjoy reading about what the awardees have been doing in their placements with Host Farriers over the last three years. Please do visit our web site (www.wcf.org.uk) and click on the EVSA button. This gives you more information about the award as well as providing links to clinical reports.

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Court Assistant

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About the Award

Every year all the eight UK vet schools are invited to submit a nomination for the Equine Veterinary Studies Award of a candidate from their vet school.

This is usually awarded in the penultimate year of study. Each school has their own selection process, but students are normally expected to have a good academic record, have an aptitude for equine studies, be well motivated and have some experience of handling horses.

Our Company holds a register of Host Farriers who are normally AWCF and above with experience of training apprentices and are Freemen or Liverymen of the Company. We connect vet students with Host Farriers in locations and upon a date which suits both of them. We cover accommodation and travel expenses within proscribed limits. If the Host Farrier is able to provide accommodation, we pay for this at an agreed rate. Additionally, we now offer an honorarium to the Host Farrier to acknowledge the time and effort they spend on each vet student.

The Host Farriers are our only representatives of the Livery Company to the students at the point of taking up the award and their professionalism and knowledge is passed unsparingly on to the students. In recognition of this, each Host Farrier is given a special badge which they wear on Livery occasions. The student is asked to produce a report of their experience and in each year all Host Farriers and vet students are asked to complete a short survey about their experience. The results are collated and anonymised and we use this data to continue to improve how the award is run each year.

Our survey responses show that both vet students and Host Farriers gain a lot from the programme. It is gratifying to report that both students and farriers appreciate the programme and feel that they are given all the information and help they need.

There is always the opportunity to provide free text and Host Farrier comments were very positive for example 'It was great to work with someone who is as keen to learn about Farriery as we are.' 'A great time was had by myself and the student. Very competent, a lot of education taking place and I couldn't have asked for anymore.'

Costs of running the programme

EVSA is financed by the Company's Charitable Trust and continues to average less than £4,000 in total each year. If anyone wishes to make a donation to the Trust (gift aided if possible), it would be very welcome!

The students and their Host Farriers

Extracts from the student reports

EVSA AWARDEES FOR 2019 TO 2021

University of Bristol

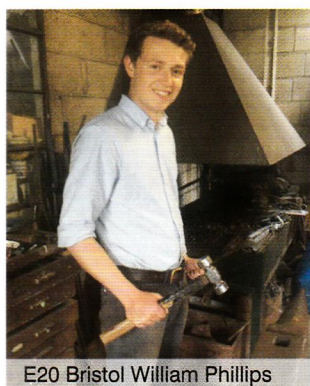
2019 Isabelle Price placed with Jason Somerville

On my final afternoon with Jason I was very lucky to experience the 'full circle' of farriery when I was able to have a go at making my own horseshoe. I was presented with a straight bar of steel; Jason's apprentice Jack demonstrated each step of heating the bar at intervals in the fire and knocking the bar into a shape that would fit a horse's hoof. The process was lengthy and the skill level far beyond my expertise, however with some help and laughter along the way I managed to form a roughly horseshoe shaped object that I was quite proud of, a little memento to remind me of my farriery week.

Being a final year veterinary student who wishes to specialise in the equine field I consider that knowledge surrounding the horse's hoof with specific emphasis on maintaining soundness is one of, if not the most important areas to understand and be aware of. I personally feel that farriers are the population of individuals with the most experience, familiarity and expertise with regards to the horse's hoof and therefore I consider my week with Jason to be invaluable.



Isabelle's horseshoe



E20 Bristol William Phillips

2022 William Phillips placed with John Chilman

It was great to see the close relationship between John and some of the vets that he worked alongside – I hope to be able to achieve a similar relationship with farriers in the future! When treating a particularly challenging hoof, the farrier can provide comprehensive knowledge of hoof balance and the practical skills of shoeing; while the vet can evaluate the bone anatomy within the hoof capsule using radiographs and provide a holistic view of other anatomical systems.

I would like to thank John Chilman for sharing his lifetime of knowledge and expertise with me, and his wife Jill for looking after me for the week! Also, Dr Lydia Brown for organising this placement, and the Worshipful Company of Farriers for providing me with the amazing opportunity to gain an insight into farriery with John.

A radiograph showing a fractured pedal (P3) bone which begins at the centre of the bone and extends into P2.



2021 Maisie Parsons placed with Paul Horner

A really essential skill I have gained from this week is client communication. It was great to witness how Paul discussed his cases with his clients, explaining the origin of the lameness and what shoeing he was going to do to fix the problem, putting the client at ease. It was also great to see how he communicated with the vets, and how both the vet and farrier gave each other advice and helped each other on each case. This reiterated the importance of this good relationship.

University of Cambridge

2019 No student placed this year

2020 Alice Elgar placed with Guy Reynolds

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, my final year has yet to start, but luckily I was still able to spend time with Guy Reynolds BA(Hons) BSc (Hons) DipWCF. Living locally meant I was able to return home each evening and the outdoor nature of the job ensured we could comply by the relevant regulations of the time. As well as visiting horses we spent time back at Guy's house firstly in the forge and then sat in the garden discussing shoeing for particular injuries or conformational issues, including laminitis and suspensory ligament injury. Spending time in the forge was a brilliant experience and a good insight into another aspect of the job.

While many farriers use pre-made shoes for routine feet, anything a bit 'different' will need to be handmade, and it is important for vets to understand the work that goes into the remedial shoes they've asked the farrier to make. Guy and I made a shoe each simultaneously, with him demonstrating the next step and me then taking twice as long to try and copy! After a lot of bashing and reheating metal I had a slightly uneven shoe and a burnt thumb from a flying flake of hot metal! It was a great experience and proved to me not just how physical it is, but also how difficult it is to make a symmetrical shoe.

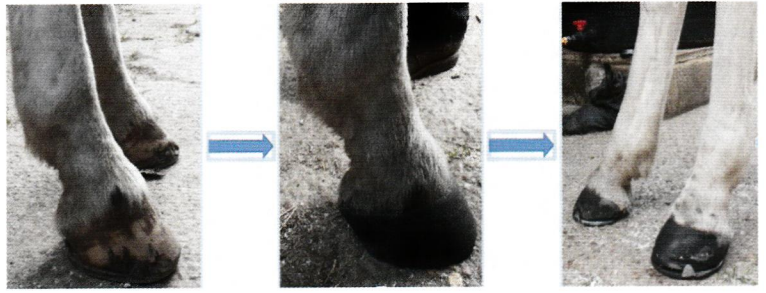
Alice with her shoe



University of Cambridge

2021 Susie Ostler placed with Rob Rush (Jr)

On my final day with Rob, we visited a horse with very poor hoof quality. Rob introduced me to a relatively new method of remedial farriery, using cast tape. The horse's hindfeet were dressed and then the cast tape was applied, covering the hoof wall up to the coronet band, and the whole of the planter surface. Water was then applied to the tape, stimulating it to set. Once the tape was set, the edges were checked for impingement onto soft tissue, and the frog and heels were cut out. The shoe was then shaped to the hoof, before being nailed on. The cast tape acts as a synthetic wall into which the nails are knocked into. This technique allows a shoe to be fitted despite very poor hoof quality, and it helps give the hoof wall time to recover. There is the possibility that the hoof looks worse when the cast tape is removed, as a result of the lack of aeration and normal hoof movement. Rob recommended that the horse was put onto a supplement to help strengthen the hoof walls over time, indicating the importance of diet in hoof quality.



From left to right - the hindfeet with very poor hoof quality and cracks, after the cast tape was fitted, after the hindfeet were shod using the cast tape as a synthetic wall.

University of Edinburgh

2019 Ruben Morris-Brown placed with Marc Jerram

While at University we have lectures both by clinicians and our resident farriers on conditions of the equine foot, nothing beats being able to see the scenarios in practice. I was incredibly lucky in this week, as Marc had several interesting cases to show me. He is also excellent at recording the progress of cases on his Facebook page. This allowed me to not only see the improvements the horses have made, but also see the original findings such as X-ray images.

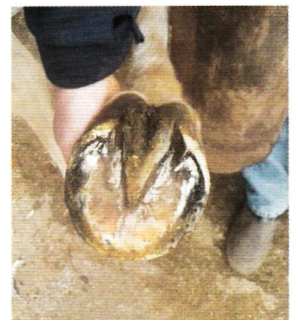
I truly enjoyed my week spent with Marc. I don't think I've had another placement where the host tried as hard to explain all the processes and steps occurring throughout each case. I honestly learnt so much, and it's something I have already strongly recommended my friends in the years below to apply for.

2020 No student placed this year due to Covid 19 difficulties

2021 Charlotte Miller placed with Steve Hewitt

I was delighted to be the recipient of the Worshipful Company of Farriers Equine Veterinary Studies Award 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic and university restrictions my placement week was delayed by a year. I finally managed to complete my week with Steve Hewitt in York in August 2021, better late than never!

Having completed this placement, I have such admiration for the farriery profession. I hope that when I graduate as a vet, I will be able to develop close working relationships with the farriers in my area and we can help each other to promote the welfare of horses. My first port of call will always be recommending the client works with their farrier and myself to treat the horse's lameness or foot issues. I also promise not to gouge out the entire hoof of a horse in search of an elusive abscess.



Examining a foot



Charlotte at the Anvil

University of Glasgow



Hospital plate

2019 Francesca Wood placed with Sarah Mary Brown

I was able to see a real mix of breeds throughout the week, from competition ponies to Clydesdales and dressage warmbloods to race thoroughbreds. It was very interesting to see how versatile farriers have to be when trimming and shoeing different breeds, whilst still allowing the foot to take a shape natural to the breed.

We also attended a case with a hospital plate fitted. I had previously only seen one used for recovery post keratoma removal surgery, so it was nice to be able to see the versatility of this type of shoe. This specific horse had a severe chronic abscess which had meant that a lot of sole had needed to be pared away. The foot had been packed with 'sugardine' (a paste made from granulated white sugar and betadine solution) and was now due a check-up. Comparing before and after pictures, it was amazing how well the foot was doing and really showed how critical a strong working relationship is between farriers and vets.

University of Glasgow

2020 Christian Adams placed with Chris McCabe

I had a great talk from Chris about alternative types of shoe such as the thermoregulated moulds for laminitic horses, hospitalisation shoes for keratomas and the use of glue and casting tape in cases where there is no hoof wall to nail. I learned earlier in the week how dangerous it is to nail without sufficient depth of wall and how it can lead to nail bind where the nail impinges sensitive structures within the foot.

Chris then gave me a tutorial on fixing quarter cracks with glue, screws, a metal plate and a Vaseline coated straw and how glue can be used for toe extensions in foals with contracted flexor tendons.

Example of different types of shoe including Acrylic with cast tape, plywood with dental impression material and cast tape, thermoregulated mould, hospitalisation shoe and aluminium shoe.



Looking at palmar angles



2021 Emma Kerr placed with Marc Jerram

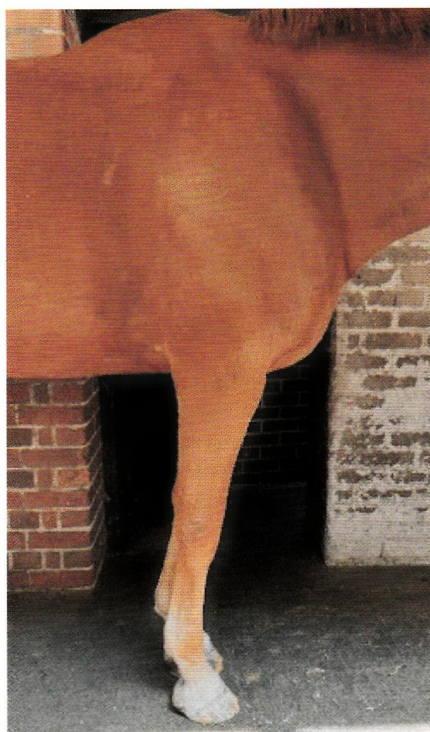
My fourth day of the award brought about even more learning opportunities. Marc got me to remove some shoes using nail pullers to extract each individual nail. He taught me this very useful skill, explaining that as a vet, I could be called out to a freshly shod horse with nail bind. Removing the nails sequentially could allow me to identify which one was causing the discomfort. Marc also spent some time teaching me how to estimate the palmar angle of P3 by using the angle of the coronary band as a guide. I thought it was incredible, having always relied on radiographs, how the farrier can work with what they have in front of them to achieve a similar goal. A highlight of the day was to see what a difference shoeing can make to the posture of the entire horse. Addition of pads and impression material to the forefeet of a horse post-surgery for kissing spines resulted in a completely different shaped animal! We are all familiar with the phrase 'no foot no horse' but I had not fully appreciated the impact of the foot on posture as a whole before.

University of Liverpool

2019 Freya Wood placed with Chris McCabe

My first day began with a tour of the Defence Animal Training Regiment base and meeting the forge and vet hospital teams, giving me an understanding of the role the centre plays in training personnel and looking after the welfare of military horses. Chris explained that the army takes the approach of a vet and farrier attending together when assessing horses. I experienced this close working relationship between the farriers and the vets from the very start of the week.

Working in the forge was a physically challenging and unfamiliar environment, so achieving my learning goals during this placement gave me a real sense of achievement. The instructors were excellent teachers and ensured that I enjoyed the process! I would highly recommend an opportunity to work with the army farriers to any vet student intending to pursue an equine career.



Assessing foot balance and conformation of a horse prior to shoeing

2020 Laura Ingram placed with Steve Hewitt

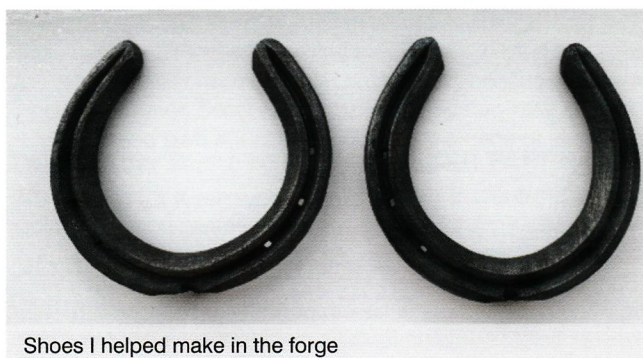
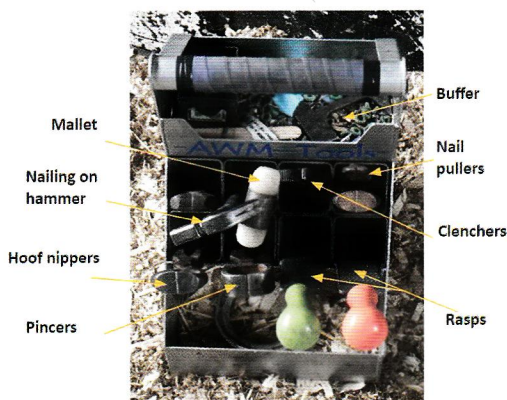
I took some time to understand and learn the different tools farriers use, and I paid particular attention to the ones Steve recommended I should have as a vet in practice. The buffer, mallet and hoof pincers are essential for removing shoes, and an apron is a farrier's best friend! The rasps are needed to shape the hoof wall and level the solear surface, so the shoe sits flat and flush.

For hot shoeing, the farrier's tools are totally different and I hadn't appreciated the extensive variety of shoes that farriers make during their training or through competitions.

Steve showed me many shoes he had made including three-quarter fullered, heart-bars and graduated heart-bars for heel support and elevation, a fishtail shoe, which is good as a rest shoe for flexor tendon injuries, and an egg bar for horses with collapsed heels and broken back hoof pastern axis to unload excessive forces in the heel area.

University of Liverpool

I was very grateful to visit Grant Moon and spend a day at his forge with Steve and three other farriers. Whilst at Grant's forge, Steve made a small draught horse shoe with heel caulks and a welded toe bar for extra grip, a shoe with a lateral extension and an elliptical bar shoe to manipulate loading forces and aid recovery of limb injuries.



Shoes I helped make in the forge

2021 Chloe Jones placed with Alan Bould

Alan helped me to make a concave horseshoe, giving me a whole new appreciation for not only the physicality of the job but the skill required; needless to say, it was harder than it looked!

Whilst on placement I was regularly around the farriery students (Peter Forster, Nick Jackson, Brandon Dunn, Richard Rowe). On a day of a regular shoeing assessment I found it incredibly beneficial to listen to Mark Neal, an instructor, who talked through common mistakes in shoeing and what to look for in the end product to ensure the foot and shoe is symmetrical and balanced.

Royal Veterinary College, University of London

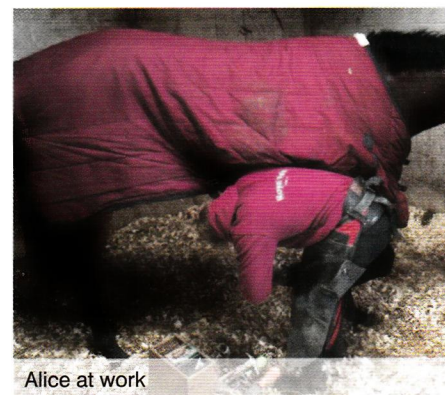
2019 Alice Wright placed with Steve Hewitt

This week was very informative for me and really helped develop my basic practical skills, such as removing a shoe properly. It also gave me an insight to the daily working routine of a farrier and also into the racing industry, which I previously had very little knowledge of.

My enthusiasm for farriery has only been encouraged by my experience and I understand that the importance of farriery and veterinary surgeons working together to provide better care and welfare for horses, and provide a better service to horse owners, is undeniable.

2020 Kaitlin Liu placed with Richard Gerken

As the RVC recipient of the EVSA award, I was able to spend the week with Richard Gerken, Master Farrier, and his apprentice, Jessee Gough. I was made to feel very welcome as soon as I arrived and for the length of my stay. As Jessee is very close to sitting his exam with the WCF, the week proved to be a great learning experience for me as well as revision for him. Throughout the week I was lucky to see a variety of cases where different courses of remedial shoeing were needed. On multiple occasions Richard would begin a discussion on treatments by asking me what I thought of a horse's conformation, and this really helped me get my eye focused on the subtleties of a horse's hoof placement.



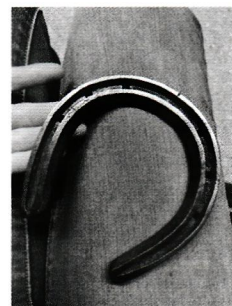
Alice at work

2021 No student placed this year (for Covid reasons)

University of Nottingham

2019 Madison Hewitson placed with Rob Rush (Jr)

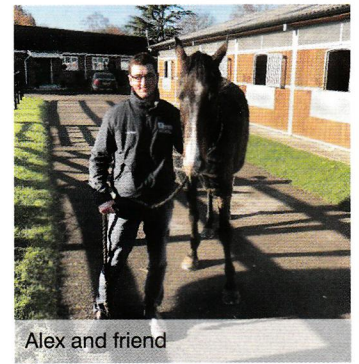
Searching the foot: Previously, in my studies I have seen vets search for an abscess using their quitters and left rather large holes, which has caused some tension with the farriers. Hence, I was very happy to have been taught during this week to search for abscesses and to know when to stop and when to ask for further advice from your farrier. I was also fortunate to have seen a few cases of seedy toe on donkeys. I haven't had a lot of exposure to donkeys, so it was interesting to learn about the difference in hoof pastern axis, hoof pathologies and foot shape in comparison to horses. I have developed a deep appreciation of the skills and knowledge of farriers and I am very grateful to Rob and his colleagues for their patience and generosity whilst teaching me. I would also like to thank Dr Lydia Brown and the Worshipful Company of Farriers for providing me with this outstanding opportunity that I hope will allow me to make a greater difference to the horses under my care in the future.



University of Nottingham

2020 Alex Quan placed with James Coburn

Working at thoroughbred studs gave me a great insight into educating foals. Having their feet trimmed is a novel experience and I learned a lot from the way James and his apprentices interacted with them. Clearly, a lot of patience is required. Throughout my week, I was very fortunate to work with a range of horses, from foals and yearlings to brood mares. It was great to see the approach that James took with them, accommodating their differing needs. However, foot balance was always considered as of upmost importance, regardless of age or use. During my week I also became more informed about the different qualifications available to farriers and what is required to complete a Diploma to practise as a farrier. As a vet student, I was previously unaware of this and left the forge with great respect for the level of training and hard work required.



Alex and friend



Stephen kindly sent me on my way with hoof knives, shoe pullers, a buffer, and a nylon hammer, so that I can pull shoes and manage common veterinary problems like abscesses.

2021 Lucy Joyce placed with Stephen Hill

We visited a big yard with lots of competition horses to shoe, which meant that I had more practice at removing shoes. This really helped to improve my confidence and I was much happier pulling shoes from hind feet by the end of the morning. The fact that it took me so long to get my head around the technique made me really appreciate the skill and hard work required by farriers – pulling shoes is just the first step for them! Throughout the week we discussed the working relationships between vets, farriers, and clients, and I now appreciate how as vets we need to try to ensure good communication between ourselves, farriers, and our shared clients to ensure that the horse has the best possible outcome.

I will take these considerations forwards with me into my future career when assessing horses with foot complaints; especially the relationship between foot balance and the stage that the horse is at in the shoeing cycle. My time with Stephen and Sam taught me the basic farriery skills and knowledge I will need in an equine career and equipped me with an awareness of how important it is to work with farriers to discuss cases and achieve the best possible outcome for horses, in order to prioritize their welfare, which should always be the priority of both professions.

University of Surrey

2019 No student placed this year

2020 Sophie Lunshof placed with Daniel Harman

Sophie's placement was an example of the difficulties placed on both students and Host Farriers during the various phases of the pandemic. Sophie was keen to take this placement, and Daniel was so flexible, that she worked alongside him just after her graduation as a vet in 2021. Sophie now works at Cliffe Equine Vets in East Sussex and says of her experience: I had the most wonderful week with Daniel and his team at Crendon Farriers. He was so patient and keen to teach. I observed the shoeing of a wide variety of horses, from happy hackers to high-performance dressage horses, as well as those cared for by the wonderful Horse Trust charity. I had the opportunity to practise removing many sets of shoes, an absolutely vital skill! Daniel took the time to explain why he was trimming and shoeing each individual horse in various ways as well as reinforcing just how important remedial farriery can be in the world of an equine vet. I would like to thank Daniel and his team for a fantastic week, I am so grateful for the experience to shadow such a talented and knowledgeable individual, and I now carry important skills forward into my career as an equine vet.



Sophie off duty



A horse with a more complicated hoof anatomy

2021 Bryony Lovegrove placed with Richard Gerken

I was fortunate enough to be the recipient of the EVSA award for the University of Surrey. I spent a week with Richard Gerken and his apprentice Will where I had a fantastic time and learned a lot. Richard and his family were so welcoming to me, and I saw a variety of cases during my time with him. Will had only started his apprenticeship three months earlier so was still fairly new to it all, and it was great that we were able to learn the basics together.

There were so many little pieces of valuable information and tips which I learned throughout the week. The use of colloquial terms was an important one, as in vet school we only learn the scientific terms but many people in the equine world have their own terms. I personally think this is really important as I can see a future client losing confidence in the vet if they are unable to communicate.

Comments from Host Farriers about EVSA

Sarah Mary Brown FWCF ATF MASTER FARRIER

Taking part in the EVSA Host Farrier programme has been really inspiring and rewarding. The opportunity for up-and-coming veterinary surgeons to be exposed to farriery and farriery to be exposed to them can only be a huge positive moving forward. Rewarding and motivating for both sides, I have thoroughly enjoyed being a host.

James Coburn AWCF ATF MASTER FARRIER

As a host farrier I thoroughly enjoy having a vet student stay with us for a week. In this day and age, it is becoming ever more important to acknowledge the working relationship between vet and farrier. Shoeing for performance and maintaining soundness is not just done by farriery alone. Working alongside the vet students exchanging ideas and shoeing/ veterinary techniques makes for a good working relationship.

Stephen Hewitt AWCF ATF MASTER FARRIER

I enjoy teaching, demonstrating and allowing practical hands-on experience for the student. It is brilliant to see students gain this experience and grow in confidence.

Paul Horner BSc FWCF ATF MASTER FARRIER

We always look forward to welcoming the veterinary students for their week's work experience. I have been lucky enough to have very keen and enthusiastic students who are willing to learn our profession and understand what our work entails. Shoeing horses is a skill which we carry out solo but to provide the best service for our clients it is important to work as a team with other like-minded professionals. The vet/farrier relationship is paramount and the equine veterinary studies award creates a great working relationship early in their careers. Maisie was no exception to showing us just how keen she was to learn from the basics of shoe selection right through to which modern materials we use and why. The skills of shoemaking can take years to perfect, but Maisie was a natural completing a well-made functional concave front shoe which she kept as a souvenir. After Maisie completed the week, she wrote a report of everything she had experienced and I was really pleased to hear just how much she had learned and how much she enjoyed her week with us. Maisie is always welcome to come out with us at any time and we will hopefully work alongside her in the future. As an ATF it is great to hear my farriery apprentices discussing their training with the veterinary students. I think both the student and the apprentice gain a lot from each other and they can all appreciate where they are in their developing professions.

Marc Jerram AWCF BSc (Hons) Grad Dip ELR MASTER FARRIER

The EVSA scheme is a very rewarding scheme that allows me to share lameness cases with students. I keep in touch after their placement if they need any help with difficult cases in practice. The students become very proficient at shoe removal too by the end of the week. Plenty of practice makes perfect!

Chris McCabe AWCF MTF

I think that the EVSA programme is a great way to showcase the day-to-day challenges that farriers come up against, as well as the out of the ordinary ones. Having veterinary students witness these challenges and learning how farriers deal with them, allows the student to gain some insight into the methods available to them in their own practice in the future. Sharing that knowledge with others should lead to greater communication between vets, farriers, and owners, allowing the best possible outcome for the horses in their care. I have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the programme and have found working with the vet students to be highly rewarding.

Rob Rush (Jr) AWCF ATF MASTER FARRIER

I very much valued my time as a Host Farrier, both in 2019 and 2021, and found the experience rewarding and enjoyable. Both students were engaged and clearly eager to learn more about our profession. I enjoyed the educated debate and discussion that naturally came about in the van in between yards. It was also a valuable experience for my apprentices as they had the opportunity to ask questions that cross over both professions. A highlight for me was when one of the students, Suzie, met a farrier colleague who was struggling with a horse that had adopted an unusual gait. Suzie took it upon herself, in her own time, to research this and came back to us both with her ideas and possible causes. This was great to see! I enjoy keeping up to date with the students and following their career progression via social media.

The veterinary schools view of EVSA

Bristol. Dr Veronica Roberts MA(Oxon) MA VetMB (Cantab) PhD PGCert(HE) DipECEIM FRCVS European and RCVS Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine Senior Lecturer in Equine Medicine EMS Clinical Lead.
The EVSA is a superb and unique opportunity for the individual vet students but also the bigger picture of farriers and the veterinary profession working together for the benefit of horses and their owners.

Edinburgh (RDVS). Dr John A Keen BVetMed PhD Cert EM (Int Med) Dip ECEIM FRCVS RCVS and European Specialist in Equine Internal Medicine. Reader in Equine Medicine.

We are always incredibly grateful to the WCF for offering the veterinary student award, such a valuable opportunity for a student from R(D)SVS to get to experience and understand the many skills involved in farriery. We always have excellent applications, making it so hard to choose our winner. Our successful students' have without exception had a great time and come back enthusing about their experience. What a great way to learn more about the art of farriery, equine lameness and the importance of the veterinary surgeon/farrier relationship for keeping horse's sound.

Glasgow. Dr Philippa Yam MRCVS Senior Lecturer in Veterinary Science and Education, Chief Adviser of Studies, EMS Co-ordinator
We are so grateful to the Worshipful Company of Farriers continuing to support this initiative. We have had many keen and enthusiastic students who have been extremely grateful to spend time with some of the best farriers in the UK. It is a competitive process to win this award and each year the applications are of an exceptional standard but we endeavour to pick a student who clearly illustrates their desire to work with horses in the future and understand the importance of the craft of farriery. This scheme has been running for a number of years now and the equestrian world is no doubt a better place as a result.

Liverpool. Harry Carslake MA VetMB DipACVIM MRCVS Senior Lecturer in Equine Medicine, Equine Hospital
At Liverpool we are very grateful to the WCF for their generous funding of the Equine Vet Students Award. It gives the students a unique opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence in this important field

London. Royal Veterinary College. David Bolt Dr. med. Vet., MS, FHEA, DACVS, DECVS, ECVDI (Associate – Large Animal) MRCVS. Senior Lecturer in Equine Surgery.

RVC Equine is delighted to offer the Worshipful Company of Farriers Equine Veterinary Studies Award to its student and to continue the longstanding collaboration with the WCF. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of a collaboration and productive exchange between all equine professionals. Our awardees are all extremely happy with their placements and make extremely useful experiences for their professional development.

Nottingham. Sarah L Freeman, Professor of Veterinary Surgery. An important aspect of our curriculum is how vets and students work with allied professions. The undergraduate teaching at Nottingham includes lectures and practicals from farriers in Year 1 and 4. This award scheme enables them to continue this collaboration into their clinical practice experience. The EVSA award is invaluable to the students who are planning to work in equine practice - it gives them an in-depth understanding of foot balance, shoeing and remedial farriery. The opportunity to work closely with an expert farrier for a week means that our students have come away with a good set of practical skills, a solid knowledge base, and most significantly, an understanding of the importance of farriery work and how vets and farriers work together effectively.

Surrey. Chris Stevens Development Manager for the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences focusing on the vet school.
The EVSA Programme is a fantastic opportunity for Surrey to work with the Worshipful Company of Farriers and more importantly helps us raise awareness of the very important relationship between the farrier and the vet when it comes to a horse's well-being. The award has given a number of our students the invaluable opportunity to spend a week with a farrier and really accelerate their learning and knowledge with regards to routine farriery practice. The Freedom of the Company which comes with the award also helps them continue this important relationship and understanding as they start on their chosen career path.

Awardee Freeman of the Company admitted between 2019 & 2022

2019 Isabelle Talbot Price. Alice Wright. Francesca Wood. Freya Wood

2020 William Phillips. Alice Elgar. Emily Westwood. Laura Ingram. Kaitlin Liu. Alex Quan. Sophie Lunshof.

2021 (Admission expected in 2022)
Maisie Parsons. Susie Ostler. Charlotte Miller. Emma Kerr. Chloe Jones. Lucy Joyce

We aim to publish student reports on our Facebook page. If you would like to read the reports in future please visit and like our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thefarrierscompany> or contact the EVSA Coordinator drlydiabrown@gmail.com

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