

# Things aren't always what they seem...

## A Team Approach to Horse Soundness.

**Friday February 13th 2026 - 9.10am to 4.30pm**

**Seagold Centurion Equestrian Centre, Hunwick, Co.Durham, DL15 0SG**

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### **Programme:**

**9.10am: Registration**

**9.25am: Welcome and Introductions**

**9.30am: Sue Dyson**

Tripping and Stumbling – where do we start?  
Followed by Q&A

**10.30am: Coffee Break**

**10.50am: Mark Trussler**

Shoeing the whole horse back to front.  
Conformation, posture, hoof morphology and Farriery.  
Followed by Q&A

**12.00pm: Sue Dyson and Mark Trussler**

Horse Assessment - Practical 1 Ridden/Competition horse – history to follow.  
A team approach to assessing and managing soundness. To include:  
1. Who is responsible for identifying unsoundness?  
2. Long toe or low/no heels – which is it?  
3. When should the Farrier be asking for x-rays? To include case studies.

**1.00pm: Tribute to Jamie Stewart MRCVS - followed by Lunch Break**

**1.45pm: Panel Discussion to Include:**

- When is barefoot best?
- Management of quarter cracks.
- Recurring abscesses: exploring causes and solutions.
- Toe clips or side clips?

**2.45pm: Coffee Break**

**3.00pm: Managing Relationships with both Horses and their Owners -**

- Why have professionals been caught out on CCTV?
- Seeing behaviour as communication.
- Keeping horses comfortable and everyone safe.
- Owner responsibilities.
- Understanding hind-limb pain responses - what can be done about it?

**4.00pm: Discussion and Summary**

**4.30pm: Close**

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### **Further Information:**

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