

SDRC Chair's Update – September 2023

Dear Member.

The past two years, 2022 and 2023, have been exceptional year's in many ways for SDRC. We have a strong and healthy membership and many giving up their time to volunteer, organise or support club events and competitions. For that we thank you sincerely, as we are all volunteers and sharing the volunteering load is a foundation for the British Riding Clubs (BRC).

SDRC members have done amazingly well representing the Club at Area 20 competitions during 2022 and 2023, with many qualifying for Championships. We have had teams and individuals at all championships for both these years, which is incredible. Well done! With this success, it has brought about huge costs which have become unaffordable for SDRC as we have not been able to raise enough funds, despite running a number of events over the year, to cover these costs at the same level going forwards. This means that the SDRC Committee have agreed for Championships held in 2024 and beyond (so this affects Area 20 Qualifiers from now on), SDRC will pay for Championships entry fees and members will be responsible for covering the costs of any stabling they require. This is still very generous of SDRC, compared to many other BRCs, I am sure you will agree.

Members who enter BRC Area 20 Qualifiers and Qualify for Championships are expected by BRC Head Office to enter and compete at their BRC Championships.

We look forward to another fantastic year and thank you for your understanding.

“Kick On!” and Have Fun for the rest of 2023 going into 2024!

Kindest regards,

Lel Benyon

On behalf of **SDRC Committee**