

Exmoor Pony Society Performance Awards 2014

The Exmoor Pony Society runs an award scheme to promote the versatility of the Exmoor Pony. Points are awarded for a wide variety of disciplines which range from show jumping, dressage, hunting to showing.

The 2014 winner, Jackie Wharton's 12 year old gelding, Gaoth has triumphed for the third year in succession and for the fourth time overall in taking the title. Gaoth is usually partnered by 11 year old Rosie Williams but other jockeys sometimes have the chance to compete, Jen Bacon and Meg Partridge have also ridden him to success.

Gaoth's strength lies in jumping and he is a regular on the M&M working hunter pony scene having qualified for most of the NPS WHP qualifiers including the RIHS. He also is a member of the Cotswold Vale Pony Club Show Jumping Team. He can also strike a good percentage in dressage competitions.

Amber Allington and Collabear Cicero took second place winning a vast number of dressage competitions against all comers as well as having a bit of fun in working hunter pony classes. They took part in the Native Pony Dressage championships winning the Prelim title.

Third place went to Elizabeth Etchells with a homebred pony, Moonpenny Aquarius. They have had a tremendous season in the show ring winning a number of ridden classes as well as working hunter pony classes. Their highlight was taking a holiday on Exmoor in August and qualifying for HOYS at the Breed Show. Following this they took the Exmoor ridden championship at Dunster Show and to cap the lot was the first Exmoor Pony to take the Supreme Championship in the 168th year of the show. They also qualified for the the BSPS Ridden championships at Olympia.

Final EPS Performance placings:

1st Jackie Wharton's Gaoth and best junior Rosie Williams

2nd Amanda Allington's Collabear Cicero ridden by Amber Allington

3rd Mary Rose Bryant's Moonpenny Aquarius ridden by Elizabeth Etchells (nee Bryant)

4th Alison Evans' Knightoncombe Turtle Dove ridden by Georgia Evans

5th Jade Pirie's Deagol

6th Annette Perry's Dunsmore Glenfiddich