

We believe Careys Buttons was born and run on the New Forest before being travelled across the bridge to Wales as a youngster. At the time of purchase (with limited knowledge back then after a huge break from the world of horses/ponies) we had no idea Buttons was a New Forest Pony; we were delighted when we received his passport and realised he was in fact a registered New Forest Pony!

After tracing back his steps as a youngster it became apparent he had an unsettled early life as he had changed hands a few times before eventually finding his long-term home with us. This meant he was to remain in Wales for at least the next few years and more precisely South Wales.

Buttons has been with us since a green 3 year old, he was our first purchase when we got back into horses/ponies when COVID struck. At the time Riley was literally just starting out riding meaning Buttons and Riley had to learn together and quickly! After a lot of hard work for both of them, they really have become the perfect pair. Our early memories include spending many an hour leading the pair around the South Wales valley mountains where Buttons quickly learnt how to use his feet and Riley found his balance! Buttons is the safest pony I know, it takes a lot to phase him and we believe he is the closest to bombproof you can get he has always shown this quality from day 1 and we trust him 100% with our son.

Fast forward to the present day Buttons is now 6 year old and they can regularly be seen enjoying regular lessons, hacking, fun rides, beach rides, hunting with Banwen Miners Bloodhounds, arena eventing and also showjumping where they are consistently progressing up the levels.

They are currently in their second season hunting with Banwen Miners Bloodhounds. After making an impression on the hunting field they have now become part of the staff team with Riley carrying out the role of Junior Whip on Carey's Buttons. They are having an outstanding season so far as they have been very busy showing what a talented pair they really are!

Showjumping is another favourite discipline with many wins already secured as they are proving committed, determined, skilled and quick against the clock. One of their win's this year includes bringing home a series champion trophy from our local venue, this was a special milestone being their first trophy. Next year they are planning on venturing further afield with a view to competing at bigger venues such as the David Broome Centre.

We are really excited to see what the next 12 months bring for this talented, ambitious pair!