



Who we are

A small, nationally recognised company based in a rural community in southern Scotland. Chariots of Fire has been established for 12 years bringing the formerly elite sport and pastime of Carriage Driving to mainstream people.



What we do

We have developed a Training Centre for the community enabling individuals to take part in an activity that would otherwise be unavailable and to reach personal goals or competition success.

We have the equipment, ponies, facilities, expertise and personal support to offer those who wish to take up the available opportunities.



How we do it

By creating an environment based on the values of encouragement, kindness, laughter and discipline where people can feel sufficiently at ease to take on challenges that might normally seem intimidating.

Our Objectives

To offer members of the community the opportunity to do something they have never dreamed of! To boost personal confidence, give new skills, a chance to compete at various levels and be part of a growing and exciting team - the Chariots phenomenon!



What we can offer you

- ❖ An association with a professional organisation that is well known for working within the community creating opportunities for children and adults who would otherwise not be in a position to benefit from such resources.
- ❖ Local and national exposure to a countrywide audience through media, press, logos, fleet advertising on our well travelled competition and Display Team vehicles.
- ❖ Discounted rates for company personnel for all the activities available. Hospitality at shows and access to the Centre to experience the thrill of carriage driving first hand!
- ❖ Use of Chariots of Fire facilities for company incentive schemes, team building courses etc.
- ❖ Amanda has extensive experience in coaching to improve interpersonal skills. She has a proven track record in the motivation of people to achieve both their own and company goals and ambitions. These skills can be made available to you as a partnership between Amanda and yourselves.

What we need to continue our community involvement.....

- ❖ Financial support to maintain and develop our business
- ❖ Product support

Results we achieve:

Youngsters

Chariots is the only centre in Scotland bringing on children as young as 3 years old into carriage driving, giving them the opportunity to compete up to national level.



Junior Winners trained by Amanda:

Scottish Junior Indoor Champion 2003; 2004 2005; 2006; 2007
Scottish Indoor Champion 2007
National Junior Indoor Champion 2004 & 2005
National Outdoor Junior Champions x 2 2004 & 1 x 2005
Scottish Novice Points Winner 2004
Scottish Junior Points Winner 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005

We are also involved in developing the motor and social skills of children in care in our local area. We work with Care Visions - an organisation that takes youngsters from Social Services into as natural an environment as possible. They have the chance to ride and drive with 1:1 support and, as their skills improve, compete alongside other Junior Chariots members. It is this structure and discipline that enables them to feel totally nurtured and produces the best that they have to give, often surprising themselves.

Our young achievers include children who:

- Are partially sighted
- Are psychologically traumatised
- Have poor motor skills
- Have learning difficulties
- Are physically disabled
- Are disadvantaged



Adults

We focus on both competitive and personal goals for adults. Many people come to gain confidence after an accident or loss of nerve to rebuild their faith in their own abilities and those of their horse. Others are fresh to the sport and looking to learn a new skill.

Amanda uses her interpersonal and life coaching skills acquired in the corporate workplace to produce an atmosphere conducive to relaxed and constructive learning. Her enthusiasm rubs off on all her pupils and the feel good factor achieves amazing results!



Amanda's own achievements:

Reserve National Indoor Pairs Champion 2006
National Indoor Pairs Champion 2005; 2007
National Pony Champion 2002
Scottish Indoor Champion 2004; 2005; 2006
Reserve Scottish Indoor Champion 2002, 2003 & 2007
Fastest Pony Pair 1999/2000
Trained a Gold Medal winner at the 2004 World Disabled Championships
Trained the Scottish Newcomers Points Winner 2004

Amongst our adult achievers are:

- Septuagenarian lady driver who took up carriage driving 5 year's ago, and now wins consistently at Club level.
- Experienced rider who broke her back in a serious fall, now supported by 2 steel rods, again competing in dressage and endurance riding.
- Semi-retired engineer and sea captain who has built boats all his life, had never been near horses, now competes with a pony pair who he lives for!
- Gentleman with Multiple Sclerosis wanting to take up a new challenge because of his disability.

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