

# COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE COMPETITION!

This is your chance to design a **BRAND NEW** element for the RDA Countryside Challenge course, and **win** the chance for your design to be built and feature at the **2021 RDA National Championships!**

## ABOUT THIS SPECIAL COMPETITION

With its focus on showcasing the very best of grassroots RDA riding—including movement and skills taken from Dressage, Showjumping and Endurance—Countryside Challenge is one of the most popular and hotly-contested events at the RDA National Championships each summer!

Events in 2020 have meant that this year's National Championships can now no longer take place at Hartpury as planned, but the Head of Countryside Challenge, Sue Mack, has been working behind the scenes to give our RDA Groups and riders the unique chance to show their love for RDA Countryside Challenge in a new and exciting way!

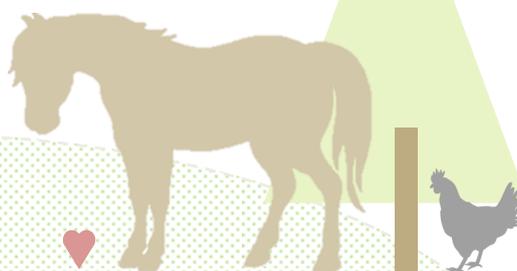
## OPEN TO ALL RDA GROUPS AND CURRENT RDA PARTICIPANTS, OF ALL AGES

We are giving you the opportunity to design a **brand new obstacle** for the Countryside Challenge course. One overall winner will be chosen to have their design made by the Countryside Challenge team, ready for next year—and to make the win extra special, the obstacle will be named after the winning participant (or RDA Group if your entry is a joint effort)!

All entry designs should be emailed directly to the competition organiser /Countryside Challenge Lead, Sue Mack: [suemackrda@gmail.com](mailto:suemackrda@gmail.com) by the closing date of **31st August 2020**.

Full details on things to think about when creating your design, and how to submit your entry, can be found overleaf!

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# HOW YOU CAN ENTER AND IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER...



## ABOUT RDA COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE

The current RDA Countryside Challenge course consists of 12 elements or 'obstacles' for riders to navigate carefully, with different actions taking place at each point of the course. For example, stopping to retrieve a letter and post it in a post box, making your way through a gate or picking an apple and placing it in a basket. Riders can be led or unled, but the challenge is for the riders to demonstrate their riding skills to the judges, and be able to show control of the horse at all times. **Full rules and the current course plan can be found in the RDA Rule book on the National Championships page of the [www.myrda.org.uk](http://www.myrda.org.uk) website.**

Your challenge is to design a brand new obstacle to be included in next year's course! We'd like you to be creative and imaginative, but there are a number of aspects you must consider before submitting your design:

- Think about skills the rider will need—tell us how the rider should navigate the obstacle, what riding skills they'll need and tell us what the judge should be looking for when marking the rider.
- Safety—think about how the rider could ride safely around the obstacle in walk or trot (trip or snagging hazards, flapping decorations which could distract or spook a horse and safety for led riders are amongst things to think about). How would a visually impaired rider navigate your obstacle?
- The theme is 'Countryside' but feel free to explore this—is there a countryside or rural feature... or something that really means RDA to you, that you'd like to see on the course?
- Simplicity and manoeuvrability —we'll need to be able to build the winning design, so think about materials we might use and how we could actually make it, dismantle it and store it each year.

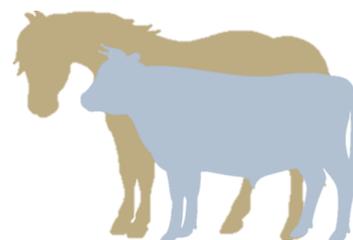
After selecting the one overall winning design, chosen from all entries received safely by the deadline of **31st August 2020**, the RDA Countryside Challenge team will then build the obstacle, and will choose a suitable position for it on next year's course. **The obstacle will also be proudly named after the winning participant/ RDA Group!**

Entries are being co-ordinated by the Countryside Challenge Lead, Sue Mack, and should be sent to her directly. Only drawn/painted/ digital artwork entries can be accepted, please (no models or sculptures, unless submitted as a photograph). Please make sure you attach a completed entry form.

**Sue Mack: Email— [suemackrda@gmail.com](mailto:suemackrda@gmail.com) Mobile phone—07970 862206.**

Please do not send any entries to RDA National Office!

**The deadline for receipt of all entries is 31st August 2020**



# ENTRY FORM COUNTRYSIDE CHALLENGE OBSTACLE DESIGN COMPETITION



Please complete in full and return your completed entry form to [suemackrda@gmail.com](mailto:suemackrda@gmail.com) by the deadline of 31st August 2020

<b>Name (if individual participant entry)</b>	
<b>RDA Group (for individual &amp; group entries)</b>	
<b>RDA Region</b>	
<b>Whom should we contact if you win?</b>	
<b>Contact Email address</b>	
<b>Daytime telephone number</b>	
<b>Evening telephone number</b>	

**We like to name each feature on the Countryside Challenge course! What is the name of your obstacle?**

**Tell us a little bit about your obstacle, and how you came up with the idea**

**Describe the skills riders would need to be able to demonstrate, to ride around your obstacle**

**At your obstacle, what would should the judge be looking for when marking riders?**

**Use this space to add anything else you'd like to add about your design**