



### Cullenagh Ride 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of August saw our first day out in Cullenagh Co. Laois this season. Our riders had a super day for this ride which was set in mostly forestry with minimal road work thrown into the mix.

First to arrive and set out was Ann Clarke on her horse Jasmine, followed closely behind by father and daughter, Pat and Niamh Cooney on their horses Ringo and Gypsy. Next out on course was the first of our CR riders Teresa Moore on Gales Hill Boffin who unfortunately after completing 41.3km was slightly caught on time. Evelyn Moore was our next CR rider out on course with her young horse Cue who has only entered the endurance scene this year, but Evelyn made the decision to retire out on course due to Cue being spooked by an over exuberant dog. These are decisions that sometimes have to be made by riders and wise decisions means their horses will be back out competing again quickly.

Next to take on the beautiful views of Cullenagh forestry was Anne Kinsella on her horse Simmie accompanied by John Lidieth on his horse Woody. Eileen Burrell was next to arrive and head out to enjoy our course on her mare Lucy while leaving her loving husband behind at the venue, with their dog Louie.

We then had a mother and daughter duo Rhonda and Pheobe Colton on their horse Duke and Topper take on the lovely tracks around Cullenagh forestry. And last but not least our next pair out was mother and daughter Siobhan and Bobbie Ovington on their horses Hanna and Piccolo for their first endurance ride of the season with Siobhan loving the tracks so much she decided to go back out for a second loop and enjoy the scenery and peace and quiet by herself.

A big thanks to Barry Fingleton and his dad Brendan for allowing us the use of his yard and tracks for such an amazing day out. Also big thanks to Aisling Fenton for being our vet on the day.