



## Harry Meade

Location: Wiltshire



Harry is one of Britain's leading event riders. He is the only rider to have ever completed ten CCI\*\*\*\* events (the highest international level) by the age of 25, and even more remarkably always finished in the top 25.

Harry has had top ten placings at both Badminton and Burghley, the world's two leading events, and has been selected on to the Lottery-funded World Class Squad for the fifth consecutive year in 2013. He is widely respected in the equestrian world for his quiet and sympathetic style of riding. His current top horse is Wild Lone. Harry found 'Alf' as a raw 4-year-old and has produced him through the levels to CCI\*\*\*\*. He has successfully completed Badminton, Burghley and Luhmuhlem CCI\*\*\*\*s and was short-listed for London 2012. He and Harry have a fabulous trust in each other and as a result must be one of the world's best cross-country combinations. He is quite an anxious character and benefits from the quiet and individual care and attention he receives from Harry and his groom, Jess, who is an instrumental part in Alf's success.

**If you could give one piece of advice to Absolute Horse readers, what would it be?** Be patient with progress. Take your time and remember that short cuts taken in the early stages of training are more than likely to cause problems later on.

### Horse Profile: **Wild Lone**

**Stable name:** Alf  
**Owner:** Charlotte Opperman  
**Colour:** Bay  
**Sex:** Gelding  
**Height:** 16.3hh  
**Age:** 12  
**Breed:** ISH  
**Sire:** Doranstown Hallo  
**Competition level:** CCI\*\*\*\*



Wild Lone arrived with Harry as a gangly 4-year-old and has progressed effortlessly through the levels from BE100 to CCI\*\*\*\*. He has always has a slightly suspicious nature and likes to be with those that he knows and trusts, but he is the most honest and genuine horse you could find. He makes even the toughest of \*\*\*\* cross country courses feel like pony club and is a lovely mover but he can get a little tense during the dressage.

He will be aiming for Badminton and Burghley this year and hopefully for a place on the Senior British team!

**Three secrets that our readers should know about him:** He shares his stable with the chickens; his sire is a coloured horse with cart horse feathers!; his groom, Jess, is the only person who can get his bridle on without a fuss.

### Quick Fire 5...

**I start the day by:** Giving my daughter, Lily, her bottle in bed before heading to the yard.

**This year I hope to take a holiday to:** Tanzania. We have been planning a trip for a while and hopefully this year it will happen!



**My to do list is always long!** At the top is looking for horses to buy with potential star qualities.

**After a hectic day I relax by:** Watching a really good film (although it doesn't happen often enough).

**On my MP3 is:** Story tapes. I enjoyed listening to Flashman whilst doing some of the boring road work when our horses came in from holiday!



*"Since there are risks associated with riding across country it's important to feel that you're in the safest possible hands. I use the Airowear Outlyne as it's one of the most advanced body protectors on the market and provides excellent protection. It's also the only gender specific body protector, which is strange as there are some pretty fundamental differences between men and women! No wonder it's so comfortable..."*

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