

BVRC Residential Camp, Stockland Lovell 2019 – Camp Review

You know you've had a good camp when the worst thing to happen was that someone dropped their toothpaste down the loo!! 2019's camp didn't disappoint on the fun and learning front and we had a fantastic time again. We were ably taught by Jo Roberts and Natalie Passmore and the facilities at Stockland Lovell were super once more. At the end of camp, we asked attendees three questions – what have you learnt, what was your best highlight and what was the best fun bit? So if you're thinking about coming to camp in 2020, have a read of their comments (some anonymous, some not).

What have you learnt?

I can ride in control with longer reins - Lauren

Fred goes much better in a stronger bit

Keeping hands low

I am a competent rider, even if I have had to sell Oki

That hippos have webbed feet!

Bridging the reins and moving the withers showing jumping and not over folding = more balanced turns and better jumping

'Plugging in'

Riding with longer reins makes you more secure

Long reins!! - Nikki

That a true Haflinger doesn't have white legs

Keep your horse using its left brain (logic) and hopefully there will be no time for right brain (fight or flight) to kick in!

That my horse has been training me for years!

My horse is sensitive (and also a bit naughty!)

To lean back, lengthen the reins and keep hands down - Grace

My position, from Jo and hands from Natalie - Charles

Do not fold! And if you know the answer to a quiz question, don't shout it out! - Ella

What was your best highlight?

Landing on my feet twice on XC - Lauren

Getting round a SJ course without knocking any poles down and keeping my hands down - Fiona

Carly trying for me in the flatwork – massive progress in one lesson

Watching Jem and Fiona having a great time (from the safety of the ground!)

Learning how wonderful my new horse is and how she tried for me all week – I am thrilled. And Susie's beaming smile after XC with Dubai.

And how Fiona's confidence built in the week and that my NS bit was such a success for her! – Lynn

Time to bond with my horse

XC with Dubai – totally awesome and Natalie saying 'wow' several times! Such a change from last year

Jumping a (small) course in control

Meeting some wonderful people and making new friends – Nikki

Walking calmly and confidently over poles – small victories!

My horse realising that going sideways need not be stressful!

A little bit of courage makes a big difference.

Realising that everyone is facing their own challenges and the truly supportive nature of camp feels like a huge group hug. Whatever level you are working at, we all seemed to make progress – fantastic!

Jumping through the water and out over the wall! – Grace

Progress made with Jasper – Charles

Getting my mojo back across country. Jo is a legend!

What was the best fun bit?

Time with friends and ponies and no cooking!

The quiz and G&T's – Lauren

The quiz

The Quiz and just laughing with everyone

Laughing at Lauren's blond moments!

Linda getting the downstairs girls cups of tea very early in the morning!

Three days of friends, horses and nothing else to do but eat fab meals!

Whizzing round the XC plus many laughs with fun people, thank you – Nikki

Not coming last in the quiz this year!!

Loved the gridwork, really helped build my confidence jumping and made my horse smile

Some of the imaginative quiz answers – Grace

Cross Country on Thursday morning – Charles

Laughs during the quiz with new friends. Fab!

The camaraderie, friendship and happiness of the campers