

Everything you need to start Carriage Driving



embarking on your own, which is why Bennington 'Try Driving' days, where you can have a go using ponies and carriages belonging to Sue Mart from Bennington or Amanda Saville, have proved so successful.

But how do you take the next step? Sue is a qualified UKCC coach and has over 30 years experience of carriage driving from private driving to representing Great Britain in driving trials, so who better to help you on your way? And there's no problem about where to go as facilities at the Bennington Carriage Driving Academy – which is set in ten acres - include an indoor fibre-sand school as well as an outdoor dressage arena and cones course.

The choice of carriages and their different styles can be quite confusing for the newcomer and if you're not sure what vehicle to buy, the versatile Bennington Fun Bug is an ideal starter carriage. Highly innovative and radical in design, the Fun Bug has been created with newcomers to the sport in mind. Competitively priced, the vehicle is built to the same high standard as all Bennington Carriages and is capable of carrying

Making the decision to start carriage driving can seem quite daunting but at Bennington Carriages, based at Long Bennington near Newark, you will find everything you need under one roof; carriages of all shapes and sizes, harnesses, accessories and even a training ground – making this a true 'one-stop' shop!

Even if you are an experienced rider it's recommended that you have carriage driving lessons with a qualified instructor or coach before



up to three people. The Fun Bug runs on pneumatic wheels while its independent suspension provides a firm but comfortable ride across all types of ground. The sprung aluminium shafts are fully adjustable for length, width and height, ensuring a perfect fit whatever size horse or pony you may have.

Great for taking your horse or pony out on exercise, once you become more confident and want to have a go at competitions, the Fun Bug can be used for British Driving Society (BDS) Trec and Long Distance Drives.

Visitors to Bennington Carriages are welcome to take a test drive in the Fun Bug to find out just how much 'fun' driving one can be.

One thing is for certain at Bennington – you will receive top-notch professional advice from people who have been in the business of making carriages for over 45 years and who hold a Royal Warrant as Carriage Builder to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh; so if it's good enough for Prince Philip you can be sure that this family firm will see you have the carriage that is right for you.

And not only that, but as the UK's largest supplier of Zilco harness the people at Bennington Carriages will ensure the harness you buy for your horse or pony fits properly and that you are taught how to harness up and put to safely and with confidence.

The on-site showroom is like an Aladdin's Cave, full of accessories – some you will need and some that, while not obligatory, will make life as a carriage driver much more fun. With leading brands such as Fleck, Christys, SSG and Simple System you'll be spoilt for choice.

Customer service from Bennington Carriages is not an optional extra – proven when the company was voted '2010 Supplier of the Year' by its own customers, so you know that help and advice is always close at hand.

Anyone interested in taking up the sport of carriage driving or just wanting to find out a bit more is very welcome to visit in person. Alternatively, have a look at the Bennington Carriages comprehensive and user-friendly website www.benningtoncarriages.co.uk or give them a call on 01400 281280.

Happy driving!



Give Carriage Driving a try!

Come along to one of our 'Try Driving' days at Bennington Carriage Driving Academy, Try Driving days are suitable for all. We also provide training for all levels of driver at our purpose built facility nr Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Try Driving Dates 2011

September - Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th

Lesson Gift Vouchers available
Individual or group lessons available throughout the year
at our Driving Academy.
Please telephone for further details.

*Manufacturers of Bennington Carriages,
 stockist of Zilco harness and driving accessories.*

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