

Bennington: By Royal Appointment

Bennington Carriages has been designing and manufacturing horse-drawn vehicles for pleasure and competition for over 50 years. Bennington is the only carriage builders to currently hold a Royal Warrant from HRH, The Duke of Edinburgh and the company has been supplying the Royal Household since 1979. Bennington has also manufactured carriages for The Sultan of Brunei and The Disney Corporation as well as for driving enthusiasts the world over.

Just starting out?

In the leisure carriage range, the Bennington Fun Bug is very popular. Available in a variety of sizes to cater for ponies of 10hh up to horses of 15hh, the Fun Bug is incredibly stable, needs no balancing and can be driven over many different terrains, on road, off-road, across fields, on beaches. The Fun Bug lives up to its name – it's built for fun! It's also a great little carriage for the novice horse and driver. It can even be adapted to carry a wheelchair.

For grass roots drivers the B1 Classic is a great first competition vehicle. The much-loved original B1s still in circulation hold their value and are not easy to come by. Customer demand led Bennington to bring back the B1 design, reworked using the latest technologies and incorporating customers' comments. The B1 Classic, like its fore-runner, is for drivers starting out in competition, wanting an affordable carriage with all the benefits of owning a Bennington. The B1 Classic can be used

indoors, outdoors, for competition or for pleasure driving and it comes in three sizes: 13 – 13.2hh, 14 – 14.2hh and 15 – 15.2hh with lots of optional extras.

Given that it was Shetland ponies that first started the Bennington wheels rolling, it is no surprise that Bennington has a range of carriages designed specifically for small ponies and donkeys. The Bennington Mini 2 Wheeler is the ideal starter carriage, with particular attention paid to the overall size and proportions to maximise comfort for the driver and to minimise unnecessary or excess strain being placed upon the pony.

Custom made

Underpinning the excellence of the Bennington carriage is the continued focus on innovation.

Many features on today's carriages are the result of Bennington's ongoing commitment to pioneering design across their 50 year

history: for example, the back step that allows the driver to aid stability, the aluminium wheel that is lighter and stronger than wood, Bennington's renowned delayed steering and the recent innovations in carriage suspension. Bennington also pioneered special powder coating, which delivers great improvement in paint finish and durability.

All the carriages are manufactured to order at the Bennington factory in Long Bennington, Nottinghamshire, and can be customized with a variety of features including a choice of colours. Not sure which is right for you? You are welcome to visit the factory and meet the team, they will help you find the best carriage for your needs.

An ethos of service is at the heart of Bennington. Bennington customers tend to be customers for life. In the unlikely event of a problem, regardless of how long you have owned your Bennington carriage, the team aims to have you back on the road as soon as possible.

- For the very best carriage your money can buy, contact Sue Mart managing director of Bennington Carriages on 01400 281280. Check out the full range of carriages at www.benningtoncarriages.co.uk.

