

HOYS BOYS

Horse of the Year Show 2023

We are delighted to be able to report on two of our readers who rode at HOYS this year. Qualifying for this iconic event and having the opportunity to ride in such a fantastic venue is such a massive achievement and both boys did an amazing job. They were in the company of some very well known and impressive male riders too!

Myles Hartland riding Barkway Alfie Moon FIRST RIDDEN PONY



Myles told us...

"I got to HOYS on the Friday and after the classes had finished in the Topspec Arena we were invited to ride for 30 minutes in the arena to get familiar with it. It was a massive arena which made me feel really small.

"My class was on the Saturday afternoon and as I entered the arena in front of hundreds of people I felt excited. We walked and trotted before being lined up. I was number 16 to go of 17, so was able to watch everyone go before me.

"Just before it was my turn the steward chatted to me, asked me if I knew the set show and wished me luck. I walked



to the judge, stood my pony up while the judge walked around him, then I did my show. It was such an amazing experience. My show went really well and a lot of people cheered when I finished.

"As they were calling the winners out in reverse order I knew we'd done well when I was still there with only a few left. When they called my name in third, I was so proud.

"I feel happy to have competed at HOYS and coming third was a bonus. I feel a little sad as well though as I'm 10 now so out of the class and can't compete Barkway Alfie Moon anymore".

 You can follow Myles & his sister on Instagram - @Myles&margots

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Accumulator winner William Whitaker riding Caloro Ex Z