

## **Anna Smallwood. BHSII**



I have a slightly unusual background when compared with most instructors. Growing up in Wembley with the rest of my non-horsey family, I started riding and volunteering at the local riding school at 13 years old. Once I was able to have my own horse I regularly competed in all the disciplines at PC and RC, a high point being RC National Novice Dressage to Music Champion in 2011 on a clients horse.

I have an HND in Horse studies at Warwickshire College. Then for many years worked as a competition groom on international yards, with show jumpers, eventers and latterly dressage. During this time attained my BHSII with distinction.

I have been the Chief instructor of OBHS PC for 7 years, teaching young riders up to those members working towards their A Test (BHS Stage 4). Also Coaching the intermediate & open teams for PC Areas. I really enjoy watching horse & rider partnerships grow and succeed by making lessons fun and progressive, especially when young horses take their first canter steps to improving their jumping technique.