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The Northumberland & Tyneside group of Endurance GB (EGB) '4 in the North' Competition had its second qualifying event of the season towards the Cottee Trophy and its third qualifying ride toward the Bedmax Trophy at the Cassop Vale Ride on Sunday 30th May.

This was a new Competitive Endurance Ride hosted by Durham and Teesside Endurance Group, with classes from 20km Pleasure Ride (NCR) to a 65km Competitive Ride

Old Cassop is a very small hamlet situated on the outskirts of Durham City. It is steeped with history and has fantastic views of Durham & Durham Cathedral. The venue is situated at Grange Farm which has strong historic connections and is within the Cassop Vale itself. The Vale is a nature reserve managed by Natural England, the area is well known for its lime rich soil grasslands and its ponds which attracts different kinds of wildlife.

The route started and finished within the Vale and incorporated most of the riding tracks recently created through the "5 Village's Project", namely Old Cassop, Quarrington Hill, Quarrington, Kelloe and Coxhoe.

Advanced rider, Robert Newall on Pocket rode the route in 14.8km/hr, with a final HR of 40 gained 49 points. At the other end of the spectrum, Thea Holford on her new Novice horse, Gibside KT completed the route in 13.6km/hr with also a final HR of 40 and gained 48 points.

The ride encouraged several of the groups members, namely, Lorna Turner, Lesley Smith and Thea Holford out on either their new horses or on their Novice horses.

The results for the '4 in the North' competitors are shown below and the full ride results are available on the [EGB National](http://www.egbnorthumberlandandtyneside.co.uk) website.

Information on all forthcoming group events including the popular, Alwinton, Alnwick, Hexhamshire Trophy and Druridge Beach Bay, and Kielder Pleasure rides are available on <http://www.egbnorthumberlandandtyneside.co.uk>

Our thanks must be expressed to the Durham & Teesside group and particularly to the ride organisers, Jane and Michael Evans and their team. Without their help, as with all rides, it would not have been possible for members of EGB to take part in such a well organized ride.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The '4 in the North' competition has two classes:

The "COTTEE" class is open to N&T members only and covers rides of between 32km and 52 km. This trophy was donated by Mrs Doreen Cottee in memory of her husband Ken who himself enjoyed the sport of endurance riding with his Arab horse Ashraaf. The trophy and prizes to be presented annually at the N&T Annual Group Meeting. Now sponsored by Vivienne & Graham Knight, *Classic Upholstery & Foam*.

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