SHELAGH STEVEN

BHSII BHSSM (APC)

UKCC3 general

BD recognised trainer

PC A test holder (in fact we as a family are quite unique as a family (in more ways than one !!) in that all 3 siblings have their PC A test.)

My Journey started in the late 70's early 80's with Angus Pony Club

Being an active member, representing them in many teams, and finally gaining my A Test.

I left School to train as a Vet Nurse in the Borders

I qualified in the early 90's, but still kept up the horses.

My horse career has seen me work in many fabulous set ups including, and en route progress through the BHS Exam system

Working Pupil at schooling, breaking yard

Driving Groom

Hunting yard groom

Student and staff member at Gleneagles

3 years in Somerset at the prestigious Millfield School.

Millfield is a private school, which specialises and excels in sports (including an equestrian department)

It also had a special dyslexia centre.

I started as anInstructor Groom and quickly progressed to Instructor / Yard Manager

We had just about every discipline under one roof!

Polo, Showing, Dressage, FEI event ponies, SJ, Pentathletes. The scope and variety were huge.

We had access to many top trainers including Trish Gardener, Jabina Maslin, Rob Hoekstra, and Andrew Nicholson to name a few.

I then went down under, and my travels took me to a GP Dressage yard near Brisbane, which belonged to Australian long listed Rider Jim O'Farrel.

We had many visiting Coaches including Andreas Hausberger from the Spanish Riding School.

I was lucky enough to have most of my lessons on a very generous GP Schoolmaster.

I came back to Angus in '99.

I set up as self employed / freelance and have been ever since.

My 'main thing' is coaching.. teaching, training, helping.. whatever you would like to call it!

I love seeing combinations develop and progress, no matter what the level.

Jack of all trades, my speciality is dressage. Without it, nothing else can really happen.

The highlight of my own dressage career has to be coming in the top half of the Medium Bronze Section at Area Championships Hartpury 2019, on my very ordinary ony-pony Ruby,  a 14hh Welsh Cob.

I have also ridden, broken and competed client’s horses over the years.

I love the variety of work, helping the young and older (!) riders, from the novice to the more competitive.

I continue to attend CPD and often do more than what is required, my thirst for learning is still strong, long may that continue.