

**MACDONALD BURLINGTON HOTEL
BIRMINGHAM**

21-22 NOVEMBER 2025

EQUINE CONFERENCE 2025

Join the British Society of Animal Science as it hosts a two-day, multidisciplinary equine conference. Designed for scientists, professionals and horse owners alike, this conference will cover the many aspects of equine science and practical horse management.

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Uniting science with hands-on practice in horse care, this conference will delve into vital subjects such as nutrition, rehabilitation, behaviour, welfare, health, genetics, and horse/rider performance. Through a blend of scientific presentations and engaging workshops, we aspire to connect cutting-edge research with practical implementation for all participants.

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The Symposium organising committee welcomes abstract submissions for oral presentations for this year's conference.

Many different types of research covering a range of topics are welcome, including behaviour, welfare, health, nutrition, genetics and horse/rider performance.

The deadline for submissions is the 30th September at 12 noon (GMT)



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EQUINE CONFERENCE CONFERENCE 2025 PROGRAMME



FRIDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER

10:00 - 10:15 WELCOME

Dr Helen Warren, BSAS President & Alltech

MORNING SESSIONS | 10:15 - 12:30

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THERAPY & REHABILITATION

Introduction, Session Chair
Dr Kirsty Lesniak, Hartpury University

Keynote Speaker
Dr Vicki Walker, Hartpury University

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Summary & Discussion



BEHAVIOUR & WELFARE

Introduction, Session Chair
Lorna Cameron, Hartpury University

Keynote Speaker
Dr Leanne Proops, University of Portsmouth

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REPRODUCTION & GENETICS

Introduction, Session Chair
Dr Victoria Lindsay-McGee, University of Edinburgh

Keynote Speaker
Dr Debbie Guest, Royal Veterinary College

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LUNCH 12:30

CAREER PANEL DISCUSSION | 13:10 - 13:55

Professionals from diverse equine fields explore career opportunities and possibilities.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS | 14:00 - 16:30

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NUTRITION & FEEDING: FEEDING HORSES IN THE FUTURE

Introduction, Session Chairs
Dr Simon Daniels, Royal Agricultural University
Dr Stephanie Wood, Equine Nutritionist

Keynote Speaker
Ruth Bishop, HJ Lea Oakes, Chair BETA Feed Committee

Keynote Speaker
Dr Dave Davies, Silage Solutions Ltd

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HEALTH & DISEASE

Introduction, Session Chair
Dr Kirsty Lesniak, Hartpury University

Keynote Speaker
Prof. Scott Pirie, The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies

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HORSE & RIDER PERFORMANCE

Introduction, Session Chair
Dr David Marlin, President NEWC

Keynote Speaker
Dr Sarah Jane Hobbs, UCLan

Keynote Speaker
Dr Russell MacKechnie-Guire, Centaur Biomechanics /Hartpury

Keynote Speaker
Dr David Marlin, President NEWC

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Prof. Jane Williams, Hartpury University

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SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

10:00 - 10:15 WELCOME

Dr Helen Warren, BSAS President & Alltech

MORNING SESSIONS | 10:15 - 12:30

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PARA-PROFESSIONAL STREAM

Introduction, Session Chair
Dr Helen Warren, Alltech

Keynote Speaker
Equine Dental Technician - James Arkley

Keynote Speaker
Bridle Fitter - Di Fisher

Keynote Speaker
Farrier - Ben Benson

Keynote Speaker
McTimoney Practitioner - Sally Charlton

Summary & Discussion

LUNCH 12:30

AFTERNOON SESSIONS | 13:45 - 16:30

PANEL DISCUSSION (13:45 - 15:00)

An engaging session with keynote speakers from the para-professional stream as they participate in a panel dialogue. They will delve into collaborative strategies for horse management and respond to audience questions.

PLENARY (15:15 - 16:15)

Dr David Marlin discusses the equine industry's social license to operate, as well as recent research into aspects of horse welfare.

CLOSING REMARKS (16:15 - 16:30)

Dr Helen Warren

HORSE OWNER STREAM

Tailored workshops for horse owners.

Introduction, Session Chair
Dr Stephanie Wood, Equine Nutritionist

Workshop 1 - Forage for nutrition and managing pasture
Dr Dave Davies, Silage Solutions Ltd

Workshop 2 - Parasites
Dr Simon Daniels, Royal Agricultural University

Workshop 3 - Keeping our horses sound
Dr Gill Tabor, ACPAT Chartered Physiotherapist

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