



# Board Profile

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Welcome to our new series - "meet the Board". Over the coming newsletter issues we're featuring an introduction to your Board members, in their own words. This month we are chatting with Lisa Hancock.

I'm thoroughly enjoying my non-exec role with CRC, it's a really dynamic group of racecourses all with distinct identities which I absolutely love.

Back in 1998/99 I was actually Clerk of the Course at Chester as I was able to combine this role with a similar responsibility at Haydock Park where I was Clerk and Sponsorship Manager. It's fantastic to see many of the original team still working on racedays now, particularly members of my old medical and veterinary teams. It shows just how much they obviously love being part of the Chester buzz.

I have such fond memories of walking the horses, on the cobbles, down from the old stable yard. Whilst that may have changed, the unique atmosphere of the racecourse certainly hasn't and I know that the jockeys say there is literally nowhere else like it for really getting their adrenaline pumping when they ride the Roodee in front of a huge crowd.

When I left my role in the Northwest, I took up the position as Managing Director at Newmarket Racecourse, you simply couldn't get two more polar opposites ; Newmarket and its wide straight tracks and Chester with its tight round circuit. Having spent 8 years at Newmarket my day job now is as Chief Executive of the Injured Jockeys Fund.

This is one of Racing's two Welfare charities and we offer support to anyone who holds or has held a race riding license. We provide support in many forms including financial, pastoral and medical. We also manage three Rehabilitation Centres and as NH jockeys fall typically every 16 rides and flat jockeys every 240 rides, we see a constant stream of jockeys requiring our help.

As I am based in Newmarket, I am not able to get to the three CRC tracks as much as I would like but I am living and breathing racing at work every day so I hope that I am pretty well abreast of all of the wider industry issues and I certainly know when the jockeys have a gripe!