

# BDS WALES Young Drivers Award

*BDS Wales has been running the Young Drivers Award Scheme for some years. A lot of effort and hard work goes into producing these portfolios, so this is intended to be a guide for the Young Drivers as to what we are looking for when assessing their work.*

## Guidelines for the Portfolio

The Young Drivers Award portfolios are assessed by external assessors appointed by the BDS Wales Committee. The assessors judge the portfolio based on the level of involvement and interest of the candidate resulting in achievement over the preceding year. In this way previous candidates have no advantage over new candidates.

## Which category should I be in?

The presentation skills and capacity to join in activities for each group are markedly different therefore the age categories are as follows:

Under 10 , 10-14 years old , 15-17 years old

## What should I include ?

Driving equines should be a positive experience for Young Drivers. BDS Wales would like to see that Young Drivers are taking an active interest in the welfare and safety of their equine and that they are bonding with their equine and most importantly having fun!

Portfolios should be presented as neatly as possible. Candidates wishing to produce their work in Welsh are asked if they would provide a translation in English to compliment it. Portfolios can be presented as a diary/ journal or as an essay. Other methods include a photo diary. For example, here is what could be included:



*In September of 2006 I spent a week in the New Forest driving horses whilst on holiday.*

*This photo shows me driving a pair of Freisians; Poike and Talis through the water splash on one of the drives.*

Content can include the following: a description of their equine and how they look after it, awareness of safety issues when dealing with equines, any instruction they take from an LHHI, any BDS/BHS tests that they may have taken, any events they have attended as a groom/spectator/driver and future plans for the next year. Some headings that could be included are: BDS events, looking after my equine, safety first, other activities, helping out and having fun. Young drivers under 10 would only be expected to show a participation in the care of their equine and preparation to drive.

## Who to contact & Deadline

Any queries you may have can be directed to your AC or Junior representatives; Emily Ham [emilyrham@gmail.com](mailto:emilyrham@gmail.com)

**The DEADLINE for 2018 is 10th February to be handed in to your AC.**