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Isle of Wight Equestrian Centre Saddles up for Holidays

Local business partners with holiday letting agency

Isle of Wight riding specialists Louise and Paul Buckner have partnered with national holiday letting agency **cottages.com** to bring guests from across the UK to their stunning site in Newport.

The Island Riding Centre, on Staplers Road, not only offers local residents riding lessons from British Horse Society approved instructors but now has a collection of beautifully converted self-catering properties available, designed to appeal to a wide variety of holidaymakers and attract new visitors to the island.

Situated around a landscaped courtyard, The Gallops holiday complex has 10 two, three and four bedroom homes, named after famous horses, which can accommodate up to 63 people in total. Three of the properties have been completed using the National Accessible Scheme (NAS) criteria as a guide, to accommodate those with mobility difficulties to ensure everyone can enjoy a holiday on the island. Guests with their own horses can also bring them along as the centre includes a purpose-built luxury livery yard with unrivalled facilities.

The complex has been designed to have minimal impact on the environment with solar panels, a rainwater harvesting system and a waste treatment plant that purifies and recycles water back into the local water course incorporated in the design, as well as access to free electric car charging points.

Louise Buckner, co-owner of The Island Riding Centre said: "Transforming the derelict farm we bought two and a half years ago into one of the best equipped equestrian centres in the South of England has been a real labour of love but we're so proud of what has been achieved so far, with the indoor arena and restaurant coming later this year.

"Paul and I are passionate about showcasing the variety of activities and range of riding on offer here. We're delighted to be working with cottages.com, using their marketing expertise to encourage tourism and promoting the Island to visitors from across the UK."

Rob Clarke, **cottages.com** Business Development Manager for the Isle of Wight said: "This complex offers an incredible Isle of Wight experience whether you are a keen rider or not. Ideally situated for exploring the island, the passion Louise and Paul have for the site is evident in every property detail, making it a truly unique place to stay."

The Gallops Holiday complex consists of Marengo (UKC2491), Pegasus (UKC2492), Sea Biscuit (UKC2493), Sefton (UKC2494), Shergar (UKC2495), The Orchard (UKC2496), Valegro (UKC2497), Warrior (UKC2498), Red Rum (UKC3586) and Frankel (UKC3587).

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PRICE: £719 (£20.54pppn)* for seven nights' self-catered accommodation arriving 31st August 2018. Sleeps five in three bedrooms (UKC2491). To book, visit www.cottages.com or call 0345 498 6900.

Anyone considering starting a holiday let or reviewing how to make a better return on investment out of a current holiday let, is invited to get in touch with cottages.com and benefit from growing demand on the island. For more information simply visit www.cottages.com/let-your-property or call 0345 268 1846.

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**Prices accurate at time of writing and subject to availability.*

All per person per night prices are based on maximum occupancy.

Property details are edited for space and booking conditions apply - please see website for full details.

Please note that advertised activities may incur an additional charge and are provided at the sole discretion of property owners, who assume full responsibility and operate independently from Vacation Rentals (UK).

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