



Vacancy available at **Contessa Riding & Training Centre:**
Riding Instructor (BHS AI or equivalent)
Hertfordshire, United Kingdom

Contessa Riding & Training Centre is approved by the British Horse Society and the Association of British Riding Schools. Owner Tina Layton-Elliott BHSI and her family started Contessa Riding Centre in 1977 and it has continued to blossom and grow ever since. Tina has competed internationally and up to Grand Prix level. The highlight of her competition career was representing Great Britain internationally at a CDI with Pik Dame, a mare she trained right through the levels. As a BHS 'Where to Train' centre Contessa is rated A5 and able to train candidates up to BHSI. We are also one of the only centres in the UK that trains for and holds the ABRs Advanced Teaching Diploma. Contessa boasts excellent facilities including a 20mx40m indoor school and a 20mx60m outdoor arena. In addition we have a jumping lane plus meadows for riding, jumping and turn-out. Surrounding woodlands can be used for hacking. Further facilities include a horse walker, round-pen, club house etc. Located in the heart of Hertfordshire we have easy access to London and Cambridge. Besides a variety of school horses we own 8 Advanced Dressage School Masters working from Prix St George to Grand Prix level. Head Girl Dawn Elliott-Moulden ABRs ATD, BHSIT and our Chief instructor and rider Joao Cavaco ABRs TC are dedicated to delivering detail, quality and experience to horse and rider. They work very close with our team to maintain our standards.

What we offer:

- **Full-time position working & training alongside existing Yard Manager for BHS AI or PTT Instructor**
- **The opportunity to join an enthusiastic team and take part in organising day courses, assist in training juniors, school a mixture of horses and ponies, teach adults and children**
- **Classical training on our wide range of horses (from novice horses up to Grand Prix level including our Warmbloods & Lusitano Schoolmasters)**
- **Training towards BHS, ABRs or UKCC exams**
- **The chance to ride on clinics with International Trainers and to go competing**
- **Stable Management**
- **Self-catering accommodation (available at a small fee incl. lighting/heating)**
- **Competitive salary plus 28 days holidays per year**

We are looking for:

- **A keen, hard-working person wanting to gain further experience at riding at a higher level and wants to train towards BHS/ABRS/UKCC exams**
- **Good people skills with strong belief in team work**
- **Equine & teaching experience necessary**
- **UK/EU citizen or UK work permit**

Contessa is a busy and growing Riding & Training Centre. Our main focus is dressage but we hold both dressage and show jumping clinics with visiting trainers like John Bowen and John Adams.

We have an extensive schedule of events, giving our trainees the opportunity to get involved in many different equestrian disciplines including vaulting, work in hand, western and side-saddle, to name a few!

Our specialist day courses give riders the chance to learn or improve various aspects of their riding, from how to ride a dressage test, to lateral work or riding in a double bridle.

We are also a Pony Club centre enabling trainees to get involved with the planning of activities, badges, camps etc. We hold unaffiliated Dressage competitions on site so trainees will have the chance to compete and the experience of helping to organise and run a show. As we have several horses competing at the moment in British Dressage competitions there is also the opportunity to experience being a traveling groom.

If you are interested please send your **CV and covering letter to contessateam@contessariding.co.uk**

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