



EI NORTHERN REGION - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2025 was an extraordinary year for the Northern Region of Eventing Ireland for many reasons. Firstly, we ran 16 events without loss to the weather, and in fact, only had one miserable day at Glenpatrick. We had 3169 entries. Many events were full houses, which puts more stress on the organisation. Our mission is to run events for members of Eventing Ireland so I urge everyone to support the Northern Region events. Running events is our mission, but we can't do it without our landowners and to John and Hannah Corbett, Ian and Alison Wilson, Andrew and Laura Napier, Declan and Becky Cullen, David and Elaine O'Connor and the extended Turley family, the Dennison family, Alan and Marion Campbell and Britt and Anne Megahey, many of whom ran multiple fixtures we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The Catch Phrase it takes a village is apt when it comes to running events, but sometimes it's more like a small town, and all these people are coordinated by our redoubtable Dora Beacom. Needless to say, I don't know where we'd be without her. People come back to volunteer week in, week out. Many are not even members, mainly due to Dora, but also because it's fun. We pride ourselves in the fact that we do our utmost to make the experience enjoyable, and cake plays a large part.

All the stewards, controllers, commentators, dressage judges, show jumping judges, scribes, course designers and builders, cross country fence judges, call up stewards, starters and finishers, scorers and hospitality crew, you are integral to our organisation, and we appreciate every minute you give us.

You may have wondered why the Northern Region and Ballindenisk were able to run events last spring. Simply, we took professional advice, which told us that the insurance that was in place was more than adequate and the same as British Eventing. Some changes were made to the insurance, which dotted some I's and crossed some T's, but the policy was always fit for purpose. It would be remiss of me not to mention the time and effort that Adam Stevenson has put into our events, long hours, sometimes with only Holly's company. We thank you. Hopefully you're not entirely lost to the Northern Region, and we shall see you in the future.

I would like to thank Catherine McDowell for her 20 year service as Honorary Secretary to the committee, as one door closes another opens, as you will hear later on.

Lastly, to the committee, who put huge effort in on a volunteer basis, and in particular Elizabeth Hamilton, who is retiring after 40 plus years. Remarkable service as a committee member and Treasurer. The Chairman presented Elizabeth Hamilton with flowers and a small gift.