

NEWTON ABBOT STEWARDS' REPORT

Friday 12 June 2026

Stewards: Thomas Evetts (Chief Steward), Charlie Lane (Stewards' Panel Chair), Guy Upton (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO SOFT (IN PLACES)

Rail: Chase bends: innermost Hurdle bends: 6yds - 14yds from innermost

Fixture Note: After race 1, the Going was changed to: Good, from Good, Good to Soft in places.

After race 3, the Going was changed to: Good, Good to Firm in places from Good.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
5:50pm	GROOM DE COTTE (FR), trained by Gary Brown.	Going (Changed since declaration)
7:00pm	ALMUHIT (IRE), trained by Faye Bramley.	Going (Changed since declaration)
7:00pm	THREE PIKES, trained by Henry Oliver.	Self Cert (Temperature)
8:10pm	COBBLER'S BOY (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Changed since declaration)
8:10pm	AT THE OCHE (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)

Race 1 - 5:13pm .

THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY MARES' NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for DANCING DAME (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Joe Anderson reported that MEDINA BLUE (IRE), unplaced, hung left-handed.

Race 2 - 5:50pm .

THE WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Following the race, the Veterinary Officer reported that BITS BALLOU, placed second, was treated for post-race heat stress.

Race 3 - 6:25pm .

THE OLYMPUS PLANT & TOOL HIRE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 7:00pm .

THE execontainers.com HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for DREAM DIAMOND (IRE) to go to post early.

Race 5 - 7:35pm .

THE ST. AUSTELL BREWERY NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 6 - 8:10pm .

THE SUN RACING THE FAVOURITE PULLOUT EVERY DAY HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

BEORMA (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton, won the previous day, 11 June 2026 at Worcester. Having been examined by the Veterinary Officer, the mare was deemed fit to race.

The Stewards held an enquiry into the circumstances surrounding why COBBLER'S BOY (IRE) and AT THE OCHE (IRE) were both declared non-runners in Race 6, specifically COBBLER'S BOY (IRE), which had been declared to run on ground described as Good to Soft, having previously run twice at the course on ground described as Good. Skelton explained that he had decided in the morning that the ground would dry significantly throughout the day, with no rain forecast and increasing temperatures, and therefore declared the gelding a non-runner, with the reason given as the going. He highlighted that his decision had been vindicated when the going was changed to Good after the first race.

Race 7 - 8:45pm .

THE RACING TO SCHOOL REACHES 25 YEARS OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 4) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for UNFLAPPABLE to wear a red hood to post.

The performance of BLINDED BY GRACE, which started second favourite and finished last of six runners, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Mikey Bowen could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined BLINDED BY GRACE, post race and had nothing to report.