

CHEPSTOW STEWARDS' REPORT

Thursday 02 April 2026

Stewards: Guy Upton (Chief Steward), Joanne Hawkins (Stewards' Panel Chair), Thomas Evetts (Steward), Nathan Green (Assistant Steward), Milly Bersey (Raceday Assistant)

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 6.2)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Good to Soft (Good in places) (GSt 6.0)

Rail: Shared bends - Moved out on fresher ground - Distances as stated

Race Delay: At the request of the BHA Racing Department, the following races have been delayed:

Race 5 - 4:07 +3 minutes (now 4:10)
Race 6 - 4:39 +1 minutes (now 4:40)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:30pm	MISTRAL ST GEORGES (FR), trained by Georgina Nicholls.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:32pm	SOLDIEROFTHESTORM (IRE), trained by Jonjo & A.J. O'Neill.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
3:32pm	OLIVERS TRAVELS (IRE), trained by Mickey Bowen.	Vets Cert (Heat in Leg)
4:07pm	HACKNEY HILL (IRE), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going (Not changed since declaration, horse on course and identified by Veterinary Officer)
5:15pm	GAELIC HEATHER (IRE), trained by Tom Ellis.	Going (Not changed since declaration, horse on course and identified by Veterinary Officer)

Race 1 - 2:00pm .

THE RACING TO SCHOOL REACHES 25 YEARS MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for COUNTRY PARK (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Ben Jones reported that ROYAL ROCKET (IRE), unplaced, ran too free. The Veterinary Officer reported that FAIRYE FORTH (IRE), placed third, lost its left-fore shoe.

Race 2 - 2:30pm .

THE LSL RACING HORSE SALES - SYNDICATION - LEASING NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for HURRICANE PAT (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 3 - 3:00pm .

THE SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for SUPREME GEORGE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, James Bowen reported that DILIGENT MILITIA (FR), placed fourth, made a bad mistake at the second last fence.

Race 4 - 3:32pm .

THE RUSSELL PROPERTY CONSULTANTS HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for BLOW YOUR WAD (IRE) to wear a red hood to post. Permission was also given for JAIPALETEMPS (FR) to wear a red hood to post and be mounted in the chute.

Race 5 - 4:07pm .

THE SOUTH WEST RAIL SOLUTIONS LTD HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for LORD OF ALL SAINTS (FR) to wear a red hood and go early to post. Permission was also given for SO YOU KNOW (IRE) to wear a red hood to post and for IT'S TOP (FR) to wear a hood in the parade ring only.

The performance of MARLACOO (IRE), which started favourite and finished unplaced, was considered. It was noted that the representative of Tom Lacey could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined MARLACOO (IRE) post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report.

The performance of SO YOU KNOW (IRE), which finished unplaced, was considered. It was noted that Kim Bailey could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. The Veterinary Officer examined SO YOU KNOW (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Ben Pauling reported that WOLF MOON, which was pulled up, was unsuited by the Going on this occasion, which was officially described as Good to Soft, Good in places and would prefer a slower surface. The Veterinary Officer examined WOLF MOON post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 4:39pm .

THE UB40 LIVE AFTER RACING 24TH JULY HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

The winner, DESSIE HAZE, appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Exeter on 17 March 2026, where the gelding finished sixth of seventeen runners, beaten 17 ½ lengths. Phillip Dando's explanation that the gelding was suited by the better ground on this occasion, which was officially described as Good to Soft, Good in places and in his opinion was riding quicker than at Exeter, was noted. DESSIE HAZE was routine tested.

Race 7 - 5:15pm .

THE INITTOGETHER FESTIVAL 22ND-24TH MAY OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)



Permission was given for EL DORADO to wear a red hood to post.