

CHELTENHAM STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 24 October 2026

Stewards: Thomas Evetts (Chief Steward), Charlie Lane (Stewards' Panel Chair), Guy Upton (Steward), Sarah Russell (Assistant Steward), Daniel Andrews (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

Rail: Bends on inner line

Fixture Note: After race 3 the going was changed to Good to Soft.

Race 4, the third last fence was bypassed owing to temporary wind damage.

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:10pm	PALAMON (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Changed since declaration)
1:10pm	KAHAVARI (FR), trained by Oliver Greenall & Josh Guerriero.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:40pm	I'VE GOT A FRIEND (IRE), trained by Gary Hanmer.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:40pm	STONER'S SISTER (IRE), trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Going (Changed since declaration)
4:40pm	NEWGROVE (IRE), trained by Dan Skelton.	Going (Changed since declaration)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:40pm	MICKY HALLER, trained by Dan Skelton.	Withdrawn by Stewards Jinked and unseated its rider on the way to post and galloped loose. Withdrawn by the Stewards at 4.40pm.

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
2:20pm	LIHYAN (IRE)	William Maggs	Benjamin Macey	Maggs Injured
1:45pm	NEWBROOK DIAMOND (IRE)	Harry Cobden	Jack Kennedy	Kennedy intended to ride at Galway today but as the meeting is now to be held on Monday 26 October due to weather.

Race 1 - 1:10pm .**THE WILLIAM HILL EPIC BOOSTS NOVICES' LIMITED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for DE TEMPS EN TEMPS (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The Stewards noted that DE TEMPS EN TEMPS (IRE), placed third, and SONY BILL (FR), placed fifth, were hampered by the faller at the last fence.

An enquiry was held to consider the circumstances surrounding why a member of the Veterinary Team appeared to be attempting to get up off the floor between the final two fences as the field passed. The Clerk of the Course was interviewed and reported that the staff member had lost their footing while crossing the track, as was their routine. He continued that as it was on the outside of the racing line and they did not have time to move, the individual made the decision to remain on the floor until the field had passed. After hearing the evidence, a report was forwarded to the Head Office of the British Horseracing Authority for further consideration.

Race 2 - 1:45pm .**THE WILLIAM HILL EXTRA PLACES EVERY DAY NOVICES' HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for ROAD TO WEMBLEY and LANDSBOROUGH (FR) to wear a red hood to post.

The Stewards wished to hold an enquiry into interference between the third and second last flight of hurdles involving KASHCHEI, placed fourth, ridden by Carl Millar and the winner, WOODSTOCK OCTO (IRE), ridden by Ben Jones. Having heard initial evidence from Ben Jones, the Stewards adjourned the enquiry due to Millar having to leave the racecourse to catch a flight owing to weather related flight cancellations.

An enquiry was held to consider interference after jumping the second last flight of hurdles involving KASHCHEI, placed fourth, ridden by Carl Millar, the winner, WOODSTOCK OCTO (IRE), ridden by Ben Jones and NEWBROOK DIAMOND (IRE), placed third, ridden by Jack Kennedy. The interference was found to be accidental as KASHCHEI jumped right-handed, which resulted in the gap between that runner and NEWBROOK DIAMOND (IRE) closing, resulting in the rider of WOODSTOCK OCTO (IRE) to take a slight check.

The Stewards wished to hold an enquiry into interference after jumping the final flight of hurdles involving the winner WOODSTOCK OCTO (IRE), ridden by Ben Jones and NEWBROOK DIAMOND (IRE), placed third, ridden by Jack Kennedy. The Stewards adjourned the enquiry due to Kennedy having to leave the racecourse to catch a flight owing to weather related flight cancellations.

Race 3 - 2:20pm .**THE PERTEMPS NETWORK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (Pertemps Hurdle Series Qualifier) (GBB RACE)**

Permission was given for CHAMPAGNE CHIC (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Race 4 - 2:55pm .**THE WILLIAM HILL BEST ODDS GUARANTEED HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)**

Following the race, Freddie Keighley reported that SHANNON ROYALE (IRE), which was pulled up, never travelled.

Race 5 - 3:30pm .

THE MASTERSON HOLDINGS HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for LA LUNA ARTISTA (FR) and INDIAN RIVER (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The winner NORTH SHORE (FR), appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at Chepstow on 9 October 2026 where the gelding finished fourth of eleven runners beaten by 20 lengths. The representative of Dan Skelton's explanation that the gelding may have appreciated an easy lead and a drop back in trip from 2 miles 3 furlongs to 2 miles, on this occasion, was noted. NORTH SHORE (FR) was routine tested.

Race 6 - 4:05pm .

THE WILLIAM HILL PRICE BOOSTS 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' NOVICES' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Derek Fox reported that DERRYHASSEN PADDY (IRE), placed third, slipped rounding the home bend; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 7 - 4:40pm .

THE LUCY'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 2) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for MILORD D'ANJOU (FR) to wear a red hood to post; for ASK MILLIE (IRE) to wear a hood in the Parade Ring only.

MICKY HALLER was withdrawn by the Stewards at 4.30pm having jinked and unseated its rider before galloping loose.

Following the race, Jonathan Burke reported that PORT ISAAC, unplaced, was never travelling; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report. Freddie Gingell reported that TYTHINGMAN, unplaced, was never travelling; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race and had nothing to report.