HUNTINGDON STEWARDS' REPORT
Saturday 21 November 2026

Stewards: Anthony McGlone (Chief Steward), Christopher Bennett (Stewards' Panel Chair), Simon Connaway (Steward), Jody Sole (Trainee Steward), Philippa Colley (Assistant Steward), Ben Ford (Raceday Assistant).

Going: **Chase Course**
Chase Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 6.1)
Hurdle Course
Hurdle Race: Good (Good to Soft in places) (GSt 6.5)

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
2:33pm	SLIEVEHILL (IRE), trained by D. J. Jeffreys.	Self Cert (Abscess)
3:10pm	INDIAN CRUNCH, trained by Clare Hobson.	Self Cert (Coughing)

Withdrawals

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
1:23pm	EDITH PELHAM, trained by Fergal O'Brien.	Going (Withdrawn by the Trainer at 12.44pm- Not Changed Since Declarations, Horse on Course and Identified by the Veterinary Officer)

Race 1 - 12:13pm .
THE PODKOVAN WON BY A CZECH HEAD MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for both MERITOCRATIC (IRE) and MASTER ROQUE (FR) to wear red hoods to post.

An enquiry was held into the running and riding of WESTBROOKE BOY, ridden by Charlie Hammond and trained by Stuart Edmunds. Which appeared to have been ridden under tender handling from approaching the last in the back straight and throughout the closing stages to finish fifth of thirteen runners, beaten by 30½ lengths. The rider and the trainer were interviewed and shown recordings of the race; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding on two separate occasions, post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report. The rider stated that his instructions were to settle the gelding early on towards the rear of the field and gain cover as WESTBROOKE BOY had shown a tendency to run too freely in its previous races, and in its work at home, in order to finish the race having achieved the best possible placing. Hammond further explained that WESTBROOKE BOY had run freely for the first mile, a fact which he reported at scales, and that he was unable to settle the gelding and get it to relax until after jumping the second last in the back, at which time Hammond stated that he had elected to allow WESTBROOKE BOY to fill its lungs approaching the final hurdle in the back straight, before giving the gelding a hands and heels ride from three out whilst being mindful of the potential for

WESTBROOKE BOY to compound and not finish its race off, having over-raced in the early and middle stages without cover. The trainer confirmed the instructions and noted his general satisfaction with the ride while pointing out that WESTBROOKE BOY had been unable to obtain adequate cover due to the strung-out nature of the field, and acknowledged that the gelding was too far out of its ground turning in and should have been closer to the leading four horses at that stage of the race. Hammond was suspended for 10 days for failing to take all reasonable measures throughout the race to attain the best possible placing, in that having settled the gelding, he rode WESTBROOKE BOY with insufficient vigour from approaching the second last hurdle in the back straight, having allowed the gelding to become sufficiently detached from the first four finishers, that he had no reasonable prospect of contesting a placing better than fifth position in this race.

Race 2 - 12:48pm .
THE PODKOVAN DANCING THROUGH THE DARK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for RICHARDSON to go early to post and to be mounted in the chute.

Entering the bend of the back straight, CARRIGMOORNA ROWAN (IRE), unplaced, shifted slightly left-handed, moving CREDIT UNION (IRE), unplaced, left-handed, which in turn made contact with ALAN BRESIL, placed second, causing that runner to become unbalanced, but after viewing a recording of the incident, it was found that no riding offence was involved.

The performance of CHARLIE MY BOY (IRE), unplaced, was considered. J. R. Jenkins' explanation that that the gelding had made a respiratory noise was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined CHARLIE MY BOY (IRE) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Jack Tudor reported that U S MARSHALL (IRE), which started favourite and was pulled up, had stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer examined the gelding post-race during routine testing and had nothing to report. Adam Wedge reported that FOOTAGE DETECTIVES (GB), which was pulled up, had stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer examined the mare post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 3 - 1:23pm .
THE MOMENT FOR THE MONASTERY MARES' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (Challenger Mares' Chase Qualifer) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for both HILL IN BRAZIL and REALTA LIATH (IRE) to wear red hoods to post.

Following the race, Luke Scott reported that HILL IN BRAZIL, which was pulled up, jumped poorly; the Veterinary Officer examined the mare post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 4 - 1:58pm .
THE PRANCING TO THE PILSNER HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for ROCK ON PEDRO (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Stuart Edmunds reported that BLUEGRASS (IRE), which was pulled up, had made a respiratory noise.

Race 5 - 2:33pm .
THE PODKOVAN ZERO TO HERO HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for KALLY DES BRUYERES (FR) to be mounted on course and for both MCGRATH FROM CLUNE (IRE) and CHOSEN HERO (IRE) to wear red hoods to post.

D. J. Jeffreys was fined £500 for failing to notify either the Racing Calendar Office or Clerk of the Scales in a timely manner that SLIEVEHILL (IRE) was a non-runner.

Following the race, Callum Pritchard reported that CHOSEN HERO (IRE), placed fifth, stopped quickly; the Veterinary Officer examined the mare post-race and had nothing to report.

Race 6 - 3:10pm .
THE PODKOVANS LAST ORDERS "JUNIOR" NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 5) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for both NENUPHAR (FR) and LOGICAL DREAMER to wear red hoods to post and for POTTERS BEAUDEN to wear a red hood to post and to be mounted in the chute.

The Veterinary Officer reported that upon inspection, TILSWORTH MICHAEL was grey, not chestnut as published in the racecard.

The performance of NOSTRAE DE COUGNY (FR), which finished unplaced, was considered. Stuart Edmunds's explanation that the gelding ran flat on this occasion was noted. The Veterinary Officer examined NOSTRAE DE COUGNY (FR) post-race and had nothing to report.

Following the race, Luke Scott reported that LOGICAL DREAMER, unplaced, ran too free.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Charlie Hammond	Race - 12:13pm	WESTBROOKE BOY (GB)	10	14 Dec 2026 13 Dec 2026 12 Dec 2026 11 Dec 2026 10 Dec 2026 9 Dec 2026 8 Dec 2026 7 Dec 2026 6 Dec 2026 5 Dec 2026