

The personal touch

The National Saddle Centre offers an extremely knowledgeable and personal service. Each member of the team is a highly qualified, equestrian specialist with hands on competition experience.



Jo Beavis

Jo has been working with saddles since 1984. She is a Society Of Master Saddlers qualified saddler and qualified and registered saddle fitter. She spent eight years with Albion Saddle makers providing product and technical training to stockists, saddlers and saddle

fitters before helping to found The National Saddle Centre. Jo has a lifelong interest in all things equine and has trained and ridden her own horses for competition. Jo is based in the Midlands and covers the South and Central England.



Cicely Thorne

Cicely's attention to detail and thoroughness required in her professional background has allowed her to work closely with alternative practitioners ensuring a caring approach to saddle selection and fitting. She has trained and competed event horses to 4 star level. Cicely is a qualified Human and Equine Bowen Therapist and a qualified and registered saddle fitter. Cicely covers Scotland and the North of England.



Craig Millard

Craig is a qualified and registered saddle fitter and has a wealth of experience in the equestrian retail trade specialising in Customer Service. He has produced horses to national level, worked for leading international riders and specialises in the production of dressage horses. His highly developed communication skills,

experience as a lecturer in equine science and understanding of equitation help him to fully understand, analyse and meet both horse and rider requirements. Craig is based in Northamptonshire and covers the South and East of England.

The National Saddle Centre

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Ruth Edge

Ruth is just one of many of the National Saddle Centres satisfied customers who has become aware of the importance of correct saddle fitting for optimum performance.



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The understanding approach to

Saddle Fitting



Founded in 1992 by Master Saddler Jo Beavis, The National Saddle Centre has set new standards in saddle fitting and customer service. The company offers a carefully selected range of dressage, jumping and general purpose saddles for the professional and amateur competition rider looking for freedom of movement and outstanding comfort for both horse and rider.

Achieving the optimum fit

Every horse and rider combination is unique. In order to find the right saddle and achieve the optimum fit we first take time to understand your individual requirements, the direction you wish to take, your targets and ambitions and the subtle changes that can affect the success of the horse/rider partnership.

A full physical assessment of your horse, his conformation and movement is made and recorded, not only for today but future reference. Your horse's level of training and any issues encountered are noted as this can affect the balance, stability and straightness of your saddle. Test rides and feedback are recorded to best determine appropriate seat size, seat width and leg position, and when combined ensure rider security and balance.

The comfort of the saddle for horse and rider is essential for maximum performance and is a multi dimensional issue which is relative to the discipline you are trying to excel in. Our aim at the National Saddle Centre is to maximise biomechanical ability in order to reduce fatigue, and increase all round mechanical confidence, without compromise.

Tradition and technology

It is no coincidence that the very finest quality saddles are made from traditionally selected hides, laminated wooden trees and assembled by skilled craftsmen. However modern shock absorbing, lightweight hi-tech materials and memory foams are now incorporated for specific purposes to improve the fit and comfort of saddles.

The team at the NSC are constantly working to enhance their own knowledge and keep abreast of all technological developments. Working with the latest Pliance pressure systems, which measures the dynamic pressure distribution between the saddle and the horse using thin elastic sensor mat, and linking it with equine gait analysis has provided us with the most up to date information regarding horse and saddle related performance.

We have undergone extensive training and are able to make major alterations to many of the saddles we provide without sending them back to the manufacturer.

A comprehensive range of saddles and styles

The National Saddle Centre provides a carefully chosen range of saddles from the world's leading manufacturers. We are fully approved and trained to provide and fit the following saddles:



Albion

The world's third largest manufacturer of saddles and the only one to design and make their own trees. These anatomical designs incorporate new levels of engineering to maximise horse and rider performance.



Amerigo

A saddle line created for top level performance with correct anatomical design based on equine biomechanics that protects the well being of the horse.



Ideal

An extensive British made range of saddles to suit riders of all ability without compromising quality or performance.



Passier

One of Europe's leading manufacturers, Passier saddles are made so they can be fully adjusted to enhance partnership, perfection and performance.



Prestige

An Italian range of single and double flap, close contact jump and event saddles. Manufactured in the highest quality carefully selected hides. New for 2008 the revolutionary D1 dressage, the ultimate in shoulder freedom and stability.



Kieffer

Generations of Excellence, culminating in their unique "exclusive" adjustable tree, featuring a Medico seat and all the benefits of generous wool flocked panels, tradition for the benefit of the horse.