

Ian Gajczak DipWCF

Ian has been shoeing horses for over 20 years and runs a small professional multi-discipline business in South East Scotland. He lives at home with his wife Hannah and his two children, Amber and Oliver.

During his time as a farrier, Ian has had the opportunity to compete, present clinics, and judge at a number of events both nationally and internationally. It is at these events that Ian has been able to gather snippets of information and skill sets from a vast array of fellow colleagues, which has put him where he is today.

Ian has enjoyed a successful career to date with multiple successes under his belt, including some major competitions such as 4th at the World Championships in Calgary, 1st in the individual at the International at Stoneleigh, Swiss International Champion and 6 times Overall Champion at the Royal Highland Show, just to name a few. Ian was also the Scottish Team Member for a number of years.

Up until the last 2 years, due to ongoing multiple spinal surgeries, Ian had always had a high-end reputation for his everyday work and has always been in high demand. Ian deals with most breed types and disciplines. His main involvement is the multi-discipline athlete event horse but he also takes a lot of referrals involving older or ageing horses which need a sympathetic approach to trimming or shoeing.

With Ian's passion and commitment to the industry, he is not letting his current situation of not being able to physically shoe horses stop him doing what he enjoys and is now busy doing lots of teaching a clinician work which is being very well received.

Ian always puts his successful business and competition careers down to "Good solid basics!"