



## Flatwork with David Gatherer

### **When/ Where**

Dates - once a month from October to March on Sundays – indoors - Weekday evenings during the Summer – Drumley Farm.

### **What / Who**

45-minute lesson shared with one other rider. If you are unlucky your lesson partner will have called off and you will have to work for the whole session – shattering!

### **Outline of Session**

Warm up walk / trot / canter where David will observe your horse's way of going. A chat on progress since last lesson or background to your horse and what you want to achieve. David then works with each rider individually for 5-10 mins and then swaps over to give you and your horse a break.

**Ayr Riding Club says** -not to be missed. Lessons may seem expensive but the difference David's lessons can make to lazy/ buzzy/ baby horses or those undertaking re-schooling is amazing. Ideal for those working towards specific goals, but equally beneficial for anyone keen to undertake formal schooling – you do need to practice between one lesson and then next, but don't need to attend all sessions, register for as few or as many as you can manage.

Feedback from riders

**Isabel says** – Frenchie was quite lazy and not off my leg. She fussed with her head rather than working into a consistent contact and using her engine properly – all comments that we repeatedly saw on our prelim dressage tests. In three lessons we have so much forward motion I sometimes feel I have no brakes, a true connection even though her head carriage is still a little high, power coming from behind and a horse willing to work and a pleasure to school. Have been a member for years and wish I had taken my horses long ago. (Frenchie being re-schooled from a predominantly jumping background and coming back into work from a back injury). Can't recommend enough.

**Eilidh says** – Milo was inattentive and spooky, running away when scared or bored and not a pleasure to ride. At the session with David I was able to get Milo to work the way I wanted him to work and not letting him do what he wanted. David helped with the sharpness and spookiness and the running away fast from scary objects. He advised me to keep asking Milo to move towards what he was spooking at, to keep asking and praise him when he does well. If Milo was unsure approach was to go back a step, asking him to try again. Booked in for another session.