



Lucy Pincus and Sheepcote Sandmartin, a home-bred pony by the Sheepcote Stud's stallion Wurlitzer

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Thirteen-year-old Lucy Pincus and Sheepcote Sandmartin had a fabulous championship. It was their first one, but they won this class as well as coming third in the Spillers Response Preliminary Combined Championship, and second in both the novice restricted music freestyle and the Petplan Preliminary Championship. Lucy, who is based at her parents' Sheepcote Stud in Herefordshire, has trained her pony, known as "Spike" at home, mostly herself.

"David and I watch her ride," said mum Serena, "But there isn't always time and she generally rides by herself and does a lot of the work on her own."

Lucy herself was not totally confident: "I didn't think I'd done that well," she said. But she had achieved her life's ambition – she won a rug.