



The Uppingham Thoroughbred Racing Syndicate

FAQs

How many horses will there be?

Syndicate number 2 is now launched (Uppingham Special 2) and we will be buying an unraced 2yo horse at spring 'Breezeup' sales.

If demand for membership exceeds the 20 members required for the second syndicate, a waiting list will be maintained for a third syndicate with an additional horse.

Who trains the horses?

James Ferguson (Fgh 03), Trainer

As an OU, and co-founder of The Uppingham Thoroughbred Racing Syndicate, James will be our trainer. As we expand the number of syndicates, we may seek to appoint additional trainers.

Having learnt his trade with racing greats Sir Mark Prescott, Charlie Appleby and Jessica Harrington, James has had success at Group level and has a growing list of important owners and horses.



Who manages the syndicate?

James O'Donnell, Syndicate Manager

James is the syndicate manager and has responsibility for the day-to-day management. He will work closely with **James Ferguson (Trainer)** to ensure that the syndicate is run effectively, the horses are given every chance of success, and members receive maximum enjoyment!



Who owns the horses?

As the horses are leased, the breeders retain ownership. The horses will be registered in the 'Uppingham Thoroughbred Racing' (UTR) name and OU colours with Weatherbys. Members will be registered, by name, with Weatherbys as syndicate members.

Where will the horses be located?

Syndicate No 2: The Uppingham Special 2 horse will be located in Newmarket at Machell Place Stables, which is James Ferguson's yard.

Who oversees the welfare of UTR horses?

With over 20 years' experience in the thoroughbred industry, James O'Donnell has responsibility for all the horses welfare and wellbeing. They are the stars of the show and as athletes their daily condition, health and wellbeing will be carefully monitored and reported on.

Between James O'Donnell, James Ferguson and the Newmarket vets, we have a team that is proud of the high welfare standards that we guarantee for all our horses.

What happens to any prize money?

Prize money is split, pro rata, between the syndicate members.

Will I be able to access an owner's badge when my horse is running?

When our horses run, owners badges will be available to members. Should demand exceed supply, then a ballot will be held. We can guarantee premier enclosure badges for all members.

How will I know when and where my horse is running?

Members will receive weekly updates from the manager to include entries and declarations, keeping everyone fully up to date.

Can I visit my horse in Newmarket?

Regular visits will be arranged for syndicate members throughout the year, however where possible we will strive to accommodate any member who wishes to visit the yard on request.

How long is the syndicate contract for?

Syndicate membership runs from 01/02/25 up to the end of the 2025 flat racing season (around mid November).

How long do the horses run for?

Most of the horses will be sold by the end of their 3 year old careers. Some are kept to race at 4 years old, providing the management team feel they can continue to win prize money.

What does the syndicate fee cover?

The one-off initial capital payment covers the purchase price of the horse. The subsequent monthly payments relate to all other all racing and horse related costs for the duration of the syndicate. Certain social events organised for members will carry an additional charge.

Is VAT charged?

VAT is not added to the syndicate share price as we claim VAT back on all racing related expenses.

I live overseas, can I buy a share?

The syndicate welcomes all OU's from across the world. We encourage participation from far and wide!
