

LIVING THE DREAM

A Kiwi by birth, and growing up in New Zealand, Kim Wylie started having riding lessons from eight years old. Progressing up the eventing levels, by twenty-four she was competing in Eventing on her own horse at International CCI***.

After accepting a huge offer from America, Kim sold the horse to fund her travels. London was her first stop, arriving here in 2005 with just a suitcase. Her initial job was with a media advertising agency; Kim then joined Google in 2007, and now has a leading Global role and travels extensively around the world.

Since leaving NZ, Kim put horses on hold while focusing on her career. This changed for Kim two years ago; after moving to Wimbledon. "I was out running on the Common one day, and I noticed some lovely quality horses out on a ride. After finding out they were from Wimbledon Village Stables, I went for a visit and I have been enjoying a weekly ride there ever since".

With her high-pressure job, Kim considers her riding hour: "To be my meditation session, it helps me to destress after a busy week at work. It is wonderful to ride in an area of natural beauty and still have London on my doorstep".

"I love the community and social aspect of the stables too. I can distinctly remember the first week I joined, I attended the stables quiz night and

was amazed by the friendly and warm welcome I received. I really enjoy the eclectic mix of members and have made some fantastic friends. The members' social diary is very active; monthly drinks, summer BBQ's, the annual Charity Ball and being entertained in private boxes at both the London International Horse Show and the Hickstead Derby! It's great fun, there is always something going on".

Wimbledon Village Stables is an exclusive members' riding stable offering fabulous riding over Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park, alternatively, there is a choice of two arenas you can have lessons in with qualified and award winning coaches. For those either getting back into the saddle or wanting to refine their skills, they have a state of the art riding simulator situated in a private studio.

If you have been contemplating starting or returning to riding then why not consider Wimbledon Village Stables? Perhaps, like Kim, you can enhance your life in more ways than you could imagine? ■

THE DETAILS

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