

# CAREER TRANSITION

CASE STUDY: JOCKEY to FORAGE & HAULAGE

**Name:** Ollie Garner **Age:** 32

**From:** Gloucestershire

## Riding Career Summary:

Ollie rode as both a Conditional Jump Jockey and an Apprentice Flat Jockey from 2008 to 2014. He had 50 rides as a Point-to-Point and Amateur and 150 rides Arab racing and then 214 rides as a Conditional and 28 rides on the Flat. He started driving to supplement his income whilst still riding before starting the business he now runs.

**New Career:** Owner of Cotswold Forage (forage and haulage contractors)

## Support from Player Association:

Ollie used JETS (Jockeys Education & Training Scheme) for business start up advice and to gain various Road Haulage Association qualifications. He also did some Sage finance training and LGV Driver training which have all helped him as he built his business.

## Career Transition Highlights:

- Finding a career that still connects him to the racing industry and enables him to use the contacts he's gained from racing to build his clientbase – he now supplies 45 racing yards.
- Growing the business from just one lorry to a fleet of six with a turnover of £1.5 million.

## Career Transition Challenges:

- Having to diversify the business in order to adapt to the pandemic. The business has started working as a food distributor as a result.



“ I would like to help other jockeys coming to the end of their careers with training and employment. I would find it satisfying to inspire others who've stopped riding that it is not the end and it is the start of something new. ”