

## Report from Lauren Mackie

I would like to thank you very much for awarding me a sports grant, which enabled me to go down to the Pony Club Novice Dressage Championship held at Kelshall Equestrian Centre, Chester. We left on the 28<sup>th</sup> August, I was delighted to achieve an 8<sup>th</sup> equal out of 35 competitors, this was my first big competition and to say that I was nervous was an understatement.

We then went out again on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September to Islington House, Renfrew to compete at the British Dressage Scottish Championships. I achieved a 4<sup>th</sup> out of 25 competitors and a 2<sup>nd</sup> for the under 25's.

I would like to thank my mum and dad for all their hard work and encouragement, also my trainer Victoria Gladwin, Carol Hardy for supporting me and helping to drive to Chester. Last but not least Laurens weeman, my pony, which I have had for a very short time and we are still getting to know one another. Hopefully we will attain higher marks next year and do better.