

# Ducks, Cake and Whistles

Claire Mitchell and Anne Webb are two of BRC's most experienced fence judges. Here is what they had to say about the role:

## Explain what your role is on event day?

We assess whether a competitor clears the cross-country fences and report any penalties to cross-country control. This also keeps the rest of the fence judges and the commentator up to date about how the competitors are progressing around the course.



## What equipment do you need for your role?

- Pen
- Stopwatch
- Whistle
- Hi-vis jacket
- Radio
- Fault Pad



All the equipment is supplied by BRC the only thing you need bring is comfy seats!

## What is the best part of your role?

It is hard to choose one thing! The day is essentially a huge picnic but with the satisfaction of having a purpose to it. We really enjoy fence judging and look forward to the BRC Championships each year.

## What is it like volunteering for BRC?

It offers a day that is different from any other. We are incredibly looked after; we get lots of free food! The organisers and competitors make us feel fully appreciated.

## What is the strangest thing that has happened whilst volunteering at a BRC Championship? Ducks on the course! They wouldn't leave!



## What skills do you think makes a good fence judge?

- Concentration
- Ability to make quick decisions
- Remaining calm in a crisis

## What do you do when you are not volunteering for BRC?

Anne - retired so I do what I like, when I like, for as long as I like!

Claire - Programme Leader at the University of Nottingham's International College whilst doing a part-time PhD in Animal Welfare.



## Favourite ice-cream?

Anne- Gallone's Vanilla, Claire- Mint Choc Chip

