

Poppy tuned up for crown

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A DORSET teenager is celebrating after becoming a national champion in dressage to music with her horse Stilton.

Poppy Douglas-Johnson, 18, was crowned the British Riding Club dressage to music junior national champion.

She won the prestigious award after qualifying for the nationals earlier in the year.

Her horse is called Last of the Moet but loving known as Stilton.

It was been quite a year for the young equestrian from Higher Kingston Russell as she became the Pony Club pairs national dressage to music champion.

Poppy, who first started riding when she was 18 months old, works as a hunt groom, stable hand and event rider with Renee Barclay near Beaminster.

Proud mum Tor Douglas said Poppy was hoping to get sponsorship to help her continue to compete in the future.

She said: "I'm so proud. Obscenely proud. Her two loves are dressage to music and eventing."

She added: "She works incredibly hard at it. She works all day then has her own horses to look after."



SWEET SMELL OF SUCCESS: Poppy Douglas-Johnson and Stilton