

Musselburgh abandons Cheltenham Trials weekend

Musselburgh Racecourse's premier jump's weekend fixtures have been beaten by the weather.

The East Lothian track announced today that this weekend's bet365 Scottish Cheltenham Trials weekend on Saturday and Sunday (2 and 3 Feb) has been abandoned.

Clerk of the Course, Harriet Graham, said: "Very sadly we have had to abandon our Scottish Cheltenham Trials weekend because of frozen ground.

"We have tried really hard to get this meeting on, putting fleeces on the whole course, but unfortunately with temperatures as low as minus 7 last night and night before, the frost has got underneath the fleece and there is no prospect temperatures rising enough over the next few days for us to get racing on Saturday or Sunday.

"It is such a great shame as we had a very exciting weekend ahead of us, but we just can't beat the weather I am afraid."

Musselburgh Racecourse general manager, Bill Farnsworth, added: "Musselburgh will seek the opportunity to stage an extra fixture which will meet the needs of horses that would otherwise have raced at our bet365 Scottish Cheltenham Trials weekend."

Refunds will be made available and the racecourse will be in contact with all racegoers who have purchased advance admission tickets. For further information visit the racecourse website and social media feeds.