

Emily Pitman

Clubs and Societies Officer

Since I am part of the Hartpury Ladies Hockey team, I am aware of and appreciate the hard work the Students Union at Hartpury put into its clubs, and I would love to be able to give back to this by dedicating myself to the role of Clubs and Societies Officer. As well as this, I am aware that the clubs and societies don't get as much recognition from fellow students as the Sports Academy teams do, therefore I would love to be able to promote the opportunities to be a part of teams that the Academy sports don't offer, as being part of one of the SU clubs has made my university experience so much more enjoyable than it already would've been. I have been one of the social secretaries for the hockey team for the past two seasons, whereby I have been working hard to promote the team on social media and during the Freshers Fair. I started up the @hartpuryhockeybucs TikTok channel, which the content has gained up to 25.4k views. I believe this demonstrates my ability to promote effectively.

Through my employment history I believe I have the relevant skills to the role. Since starting university, I have been the Student Representative for Equine Business Management, whereby I am the voice for the students on my course during rep meetings, excelling my communication skills. Additionally, during my integrated placement year working as the Operations Assistant for the events company Grandstand Media Limited which runs international equine events such as Horse of the Year Show I have become very independent in my planning and time-management skill since I had to organise infrastructure within a strict time frame. Working with Camp America as a Camp Counsellor brought me leadership ability too through leading riding lessons and camper activities. I was responsible for looking after groups of 20+ campers and the upkeep of 40 horses which developed my problem-solving skills since working with children and animals means nothing ever goes 100% to plan! I have also been a student ambassador since my second year.

I am a local to Hartpury and attended the facility for years before becoming a student for the equine competitions. I had always been impressed by the amazing facilities, and since becoming a student my love for Hartpury has grown through the strong #puryfamily culture. I would love to be able to leave my legacy at Hartpury and know that I've contributed towards something that was a massive part of my university experience.

Only in my second year did I become aware of the of the clubs and societies at Hartpury, and through playing hockey I have learnt that many of my teammates also weren't aware of what the SU provides; I would love to be able to promote all clubs and societies to grow student awareness and participation, as being part of a society/ club gives individuals a sense of belonging.