

8 October 2020

As we finally bring this most unusual of race seasons to a close, I am writing to thank you sincerely for your continued support of York Racecourse after a year none of us could have envisaged, nor wished for. Your attendance on the Knavesmire has been hugely missed and I am so sorry that Government restrictions meant we were not able to welcome you to York Racecourse this year.

The bitter irony is that we have hosted some tremendous racing action on the track behind closed doors with the audience watching at home – with standout performances by Ghaiyyath, Love, Battaash and Fujaira Prince in our flagship races at the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival, as well as many other horses who have ran well at York and elsewhere. Indeed, it looks possible our flagship race, the Juddmonte International, will be again rated amongst the very best races in the world in the year end rankings. I hope you have managed to follow the racing action on television, our digital channels and with our digital racecards.

I wanted to reiterate what we said earlier in the season - we will “roll over” your annual badge to the 2021 season, with no further payment required ahead of next season. Your 2020 badge is destined to become a unique curio and our plan is to despatch the new 2021 badge in the spring ahead of the Dante Festival 2021, all being well.

No-one has a crystal ball as to the situation in mid May 2021, however we remain positive and hope for a more normal season and to be able to welcome you for all 18 racedays. The provisional dates are on our website. We will update you if there is a change to the prospects for 2021.

With Test and Trace likely to become ever more important then it is crucial that we have your correct email address on file - please check the email below is the correct address to be using, and let Debbie know if it needs to be updated.

As ever, if you have any questions or comments, then please do stay in contact with Debbie Shirt (Debbie.shirt@yorkracecourse.co.uk).

Thank you once again for your continuing support and I do hope that when we meet again, 2020 will be a distant memory!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Derby". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William Derby
Chief Executive and Clerk of the Course