

Randale Stud – standing tall

Two young stallions are standing tall at Randale Stud, in the heart of the Yorkshire Wolds – literally. Firstly there is Quiksilva who is an imposing 17.1hh full Irish Draught (ID) but, fortunately, is as gentle as a lamb. Quiksilva is believed to be the only stallion in the UK by the prolific, and now deceased, stallion Silver Granite. Silver Granite was Reserve Champion at the Royal Dublin Show in 1989 and 1993. His progeny have achieved over 600 showjumping points and he is a prolific sire of showjumpers including Ard Grandpa PiD. Quiksilva also has plenty of quality on the bottom line with Kildalton Gold as the dam-sire. Quiksilva is one of those lovely horses who are much nicer, and more impressive in the flesh. With an endearing temperament and loose, off the floor paces Quiksilva glides over the ground.



The second stallion, Gladiator, is an altogether different, more traditional ID stamp. He surprised owner Catherine Rattray recently, when he was measured, and found to have grown two inches! 'He seemed pretty mature at 15.3hh but has now developed a much stronger frame.' Now standing 16.1hh, Gladiator is an imposing sight as he gallops down the field executing a perfectly styled sliding stop and chesty whinny at the gate – he loves to come in. By Crannagh Hero, Gladiator goes back to the esteemed Blue Peter and Pride

of Shaullara, with Grey Macha on the dam side. Gladiator is used to tease the mares, and, according to the girls that handle him, is perfect for the job.

Like Quiksilva, Gladiator has just had his first season at stud; both stallions standing alongside the Stud's senior Irish Sports Horse stallion Creevagh Diamond Pride, and next year's foals are eagerly anticipated. Although the stud has seen mostly thoroughbred mares this season, and hopes to have some lovely eventing types out of them, owner Catherine Rattray believes they can cater for a wider variety of mares, 'Our boys' have such good temperaments you

could put them to any mare and get a nice foal. They all also really move, have massive jumps and real presence so it's likely you'll get some performance as well!



Randale Stud offers in hand covering but hopes to be able to offer AI in the future.

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