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Top riders strip off and raise £10,000 at charity fashion show

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Top riders including Emily Llewellyn and Andrew Thornton **stripped to their underwear to raise more than £10,000** for Spinal Research and the Get Claire Walking Campaign last weekend.



A host of top names from the worlds of dressage, show jumping, eventing, polo and racing strutted their stuff on the catwalk at Newbury racecourse last Saturday night (16 January) for an evening of "Fun, frolics and fashion" hosted by former event rider **Claire Lomas, who was paralysed in a fall at Osberton Horse Trials in May 2007.**

Dressage riders [Laura Bechtolsheimer](#), [Carl Hester](#), Michael and Maria Ellberg and [Andrew Gould](#) took part and as well as event riders [Daisy Dick](#), [Tina Cook](#), Laura Collett, Sienna Myson Davies, Emily Llewellyn, Georgie Davies, Vicky Laing, Vittoria Panizzon and Harry Dzenis.

Show jumpers Tina Fletcher and Hannah Paul, polo player Mark Tomlinson and jockeys Sam Thomas, Andrew Thornton and Jimmy McCarthy and presenter Alice Fox-Pitt also took to the catwalk.

They modelled equestrian clothes, evening dress, casual wear and even underwear.



The show was **presented by Mike Tucker.**

"I'm quite relieved it is all over — but **it was a huge success,**" Claire told H&H.

"I couldn't believe the names I roped into helping me. They were all fantastic, and were very natural on the catwalk!

"Laura Toogood (former eventer and now professional catwalk model) produced the show on the day and gave tips to the models. Their hard work was really appreciated and from watching the fashion show everyone could see what a great job they did.

"Thanks to everyone who modelled, Newbury racecourse and to everyone who bought tickets."

Claire hopes to eventually get a hydro pool to aid her rehabilitation.

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