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### **PATRICK DAVIS APPOINTED NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF TAUNTON RACECOURSE**

Taunton Racecourse today announces that Patrick Davis has been appointed Chief Executive at Taunton Racecourse to succeed Bob Young who is retiring after 26 years' service.

Patrick's career to date has spanned serving as CEO of Plumpton Racecourse, Racing Director of Weatherbys Ltd and Racing Executive of Phumelela (now 4 Racing) with responsibility for their racing operations and training centres delivering over 300 race meetings per annum and serving on its industry bodies.

Chairman David Griffin states:

"The Board is delighted to be announcing Patrick's appointment today. He has over 30 years experience in the racing industry in the UK and internationally with an outstanding track record in racecourse and venue management as well as racing administration. His skills and experience are ideally suited to Taunton Racecourse's needs and aspirations for the future and to build on the legacy that Bob Young will leave.

Under Bob's leadership, Taunton Racecourse has developed a reputation as a small independent country racecourse for competitive racing at its level, reliable racing ground and a welcoming and hospitable environment for all its racegoers. He will be a hard act to follow and Patrick's brief is to build on this success."

Patrick Davis states:

"I'm hugely excited and motivated to be joining the Taunton team and look forward to getting stuck into the role for the racing season that kicks off in November. I thank the board for giving me the opportunity to help build on the excellent foundation that is already in place as the racecourse looks to the future."

**Directors:** D.H. Griffin (Chairman); N. Engert; R.J. Young (Managing); RP Blackburn; G Henderson

**Catering Manager:** T. Hill **Secretary:** V. Collard

**TAUNTON RACECOURSE 2025 fixtures**

**Nov:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>, **Dec:** Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

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