

City Chief- Summary

Meet City Chief

City Chief is a **9-year-old gelding by Soldier of Fortune**, with an exciting profile and plenty of quality racing still ahead of him.

Only a year ago, City Chief was competing at the very highest level, running at the **Cheltenham Festival** for Nicky Henderson. Following a consistent campaign in Ireland last season, he now returns to Britain, where I believe he has an exciting future over staying fences.

The Racing Plan

Our focus throughout the **2026/27 season** will be to target the staying chase programme, placing City Chief where he has the best opportunity to be competitive and enjoy his racing.

He will turn **10 years old in January**, making him eligible for the highly competitive Veterans' Chase Series. Looking slightly further ahead, one race that is already in the back of my mind is the **£100,000 Veterans' Chase Final at Sandown in 18 months' time**. With the likely trip and ground conditions playing to his strengths, it provides us with an excellent medium-term objective while allowing us to enjoy the journey along the way.

Already rated highly enough to compete in the majority of Britain's staying handicap chases, particularly those run over National Hunt distances, City Chief has the profile of a horse capable of enjoying a productive campaign. My aim will be to build his confidence and campaign him patiently, giving him every opportunity to perform at his best.

His season will most likely begin over **three miles** at a galloping track, where I believe the course will play to his strengths. Depending on his progress, we could then look towards some of the better staying handicaps around the Christmas period, with valuable opportunities at Haydock Park, Market Rasen, Chepstow, and Warwick all firmly within reach.

City Chief is an experienced, genuine racehorse who has already proven he can compete at a high level. I believe he has the ability to provide syndicate members with a season full of competitive racing, exciting days at the racecourse and, with a bit of luck, plenty of success along the way.

The Financial Side

Share Price- £5,296.83 + VAT for a 10% share.

As the syndicate is VAT registered, we are able to reclaim the VAT paid on eligible expenses. At the end of each syndicate year, the reclaimed VAT will be distributed back to members in proportion to their shareholding.

In addition to your share of the reclaimed VAT, you will also receive your percentage of:

- Any prize money won during the year.
- Any surplus funds remaining in the syndicate's training account ("training pot").

These payments will be made at the end of the syndicate year regardless of whether you choose to renew your membership.

Should you wish to continue for a second year, **there is no need to purchase your share again**. Your initial share purchase secures your ownership, meaning that your second-year costs are significantly lower, as you will only be contributing towards the annual training and racing expenses.

What You'll Get

Throughout the year, I will organise exclusive syndicate mornings at the yard, giving all members the opportunity to visit, meet the team, and spend time with City Chief, as well as any other horses we have in training.

These visits will be carefully planned to ensure there is always plenty happening, providing you with a genuine behind-the-scenes insight into the day-to-day life of a racehorse in training.

I hope to hold one of the first syndicate mornings in **late autumn**, as my current aim is to have City Chief ready to run by **mid-October/ early November**. Naturally, National Hunt racing is heavily influenced by the weather, so this timetable may move slightly depending on ground conditions. If we receive sufficient rainfall, we may start a little earlier, while firmer ground could delay his debut until conditions are more suitable.

Race Days

Whenever **City Chief** runs, owners' and trainers' badges will be allocated to syndicate members.

These badges provide:

- Complimentary admission to the racecourse.
- Access to the exclusive Owners' & Trainers' facilities.
- Entry into the parade ring and paddock, allowing you to experience the excitement from behind the scenes.
- The opportunity to watch all races from the Owners' & Trainers' areas throughout the day.

There is nothing quite like watching your own horse compete from the owners' enclosure, and we will do our best to ensure as many members as possible can enjoy that experience each time City Chief runs.