

# Opus Energy Novices' Hurdle winner at The Cheltenham Open

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Independent energy supplier to UK businesses, Northampton and Oxford-based Opus Energy, would like to congratulate Paul Nicholls who trained Dodging Bullets, ridden by Ruby Walsh and bred by Frankie Dettori, for winning this year's £25,000 Grade Two Opus Energy Novices' Hurdle on the Countryside Day at Cheltenham's Open Meeting on Friday 16th November.

This is the second year in which Opus Energy has sponsored the Grade Two Opus Energy Novices' Hurdle, which is known for unearthing future stars of the sport.

Representatives from Opus Energy presented the connections with their winning prize. Speaking about the race, Steve James, Director - Corporate Solutions, Opus Energy commented: "The Opus Energy Novices' Hurdle was an exhilarating race to watch. On behalf of Opus Energy, I'd like to congratulate the connections."

Charlie Crossley Cooke, Managing Director of Opus Energy, said: "We're delighted to support the sport and charities by sponsoring the Opus Energy Novices' Hurdle for the second year running. We hope that our sponsorship of Countryside Day will raise awareness of Opus Energy's presence in the renewable energy sector, as both a buyer and supplier of renewable energy. Thank you to Cheltenham Racecourse for once again hosting such a well-run and exciting event."

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About Opus Energy

Opus Energy is the UK's leading business energy supplier. The company employs 450 people over its Northampton and Oxford-based offices.

Opus Energy supply more than 140,000 business locations across the UK with power. Customers include: CfBT Education Trust, Stagecoach, Pizza Hut and Virgin Media.

In addition to supplying energy, Opus Energy's renewables division purchases power from 449 businesses with small to medium-sized renewable power generators.

The management team has a 50 per cent stake in the business, while International Power Plc holds 30 per cent and Telecom Plus Plc has 20 per cent.

Opus Energy works in partnership with charities and community organisations. Activities in 2012 include a

pledge to raise £20,000 for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust, and award a £10,000 bursary – Opus Energy Gift  
- to local community groups.

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