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DALE GIBSON APPOINTED INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER

DALE GIBSON, a stalwart of the Weighing Room for almost a quarter of a century until his retirement from the saddle in the autumn, has been appointed Industry Liaison Officer of the Professional Jockeys Association.

He will take up the position – which has been vacant since Kevin Darley became the association's Chief Executive earlier this year – on 4 January.

The 41-year-old hung up his boots after almost 10,000 rides and more than 500 winners on the Flat.

Dale, who is also a board member of the PJA, said: "This is a new challenge that I am absolutely relishing. For 25 years, I have seen the sport not only from the direct viewpoint of a jockey but I also appreciate the racing industry from the wider perspective of owners, trainers and the racecourses."

Since retiring as a rider, he has been advising racehorse owners at horse sales, fulfilling media responsibilities and carrying out consultancy work for racecourses, roles that he will now combine with his new position at the PJA.

PJA Chief Executive Kevin Darley said: "I warmly welcome Dale's appointment to this important position within the association. The industry issues within horse racing become ever more complex and time consuming every year, requiring the PJA to invest increasing resources into this area. Dale will bring a wealth of experience to the role."

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