



## STYLE COUNSEL

Chantelle Znideric brings you all the latest fashion news from in and around the county

# Hot to trot

**H**AVING recently attended a race meeting at Newbury Racecourse, I was blown away by the positively vibrant colours of everyone's finery.

Having said that, while the majority of racegoers carried off effortless style, there were a number who'd clearly tried too hard to stand out.

So, with that in mind, I have decided to concentrate this month's column on elegant racing fashions from the High Street.

### A winning combination

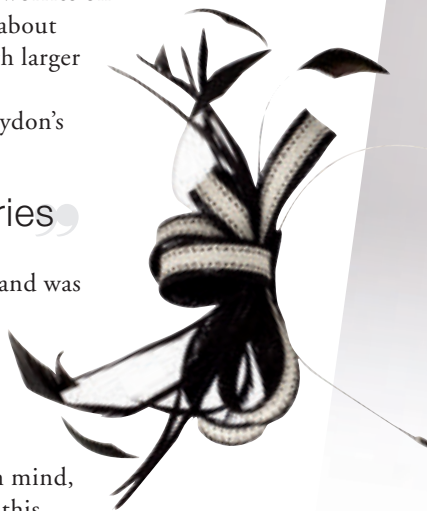
We often tend to overlook the High Street for special occasion outfits in fear of turning out in the same dress as someone else; a worst case scenario! This season, however, there's no worries on that score – because it's all about personalising your look with larger than life accessories.

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Centrale Shopping Centre and was pleasantly surprised at just how much choice was available; there really is something for everyone and every budget.

With the racing season in mind, coordinated outfits are out this summer, so introduce a pair of charismatic platform heels and a



sophisticated clutch bag in a bright colour or unusual texture to break it up.

Of course, going to the races is also a fantastic opportunity to adorn a stunning hat, and having hunted high and low for the best styles, LK Bennett never ceases to amaze me with their feminine headband designs, a great alternative to a hat if you're petite.

The Zen collection in Next really caught my eye, too, with the most elegant of outfits, which have a real designer appeal for a day out at the races. French Connection and Miss Selfridge also came up trumps with gorgeous dresses I'd never seen before!

For the full store directory at Centrale, visit [www.centrale.co.uk](http://www.centrale.co.uk).

The Nora headpiece, £49, available from LK Bennett at Centrale

Dress from the Zen Range at Next, £32, and sandals, £35, both available from Centrale in Croydon



## THIS MONTH, DON'T MISS...

COURTYARD'S sale, just off the High Street in Cage Yard, Reigate, where you'll find discounts of 70% off or more.

Featuring a selection of jeans by DVB, James and Serfontaine from just £30, other designer collections include Missoni, Diane von Furstenberg, Juicy Couture, Stella McCartney and plenty more.

See you there!

## Get in touch...

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