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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

No doubt many people think that the Chairperson of the Hunt Saboteurs Association sits in some ivory tower, plotting ways to make the lives of hunters a misery... Well, if the tower is a small second bedroom in a nondescript countryside house, then you would be right. Of course I am an active hunt sab, as well, but we understand that not all people can be hunt saboteurs for many reasons. There are still many ways to help hunt sabs from the comfort of your own home. Obviously, you can donate to the national HSA or direct to your local hunt sab group, but there are also actions you can take beyond that for the hunted animals.

Social media has become one of the main tools that we use to communicate to our supporters. We post items regularly and, by sharing them, you send a message instantaneously about the fight against blood sports. This is often cutting edge stuff, and one of the main ways we are able to communicate what is happening to our wildlife to the wider public as, sadly, the mainstream media is rarely interested.

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We also highlight pubs and other places of business where hunts meet, and have been successful in persuading these places to drop their support through social media campaigns. In some cases, this has meant that the hunt are unable to return to that area having nowhere else to meet, thus stopping large areas of countryside from being hunted. We, of course, urge people to express their views politely as, in many cases, the business feels under local pressure to support the hunt and is not always aware of local people's opposition.

Using the same methods, we have been able to stop culls of foxes in local areas by councils and businesses who are unware of humane ways of discouraging foxes.

Finally, by sharing the posts widely, we get information on hunts from people who may not have heard of us before. Increasingly, we are getting meet cards and other useful information from people who have direct contact with hunters but cannot express their feelings due to fear of reprisals. They help us by feeding us intelligence on the hunts and are vital in enabling us to find and sabotage illegal hunting.

Having thousands of people 'liking' our sites is a clear message to hunters that we have the support of the majority of the population and that their sport is dying; and we will be the ones to bury it deep.

As always, thank you for being a member of the Hunt Saboteurs Association, your support is vital in keeping us going all these years.



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The Hunt Saboteurs Association has been in existence for over 50 years, and is dedicated to saving the lives of hunted animals directly. Prior to the Hunting Act of 2004, hunt saboteurs used non-violent direct action to prevent the horrific deaths of thousands of hunted animals every year. Post hunt ban the primary tool of hunt sabotage has switched from the hunting horn to the video camera, as saboteurs monitor hunts with the aim of capturing their illegal activities on film. This in turn can immediately save lives on the day, and can lead to police action against the hunt concerned. Our range of pre-ban nvda tactics remain in active service, and saboteurs will continue to use them should they be deemed the best way forward on the day for the hunted animal at risk.

The HSA committee is made up of a maximum of 12 voting members, supported by as many non-voting members as is deemed necessary. As a member of the HSA your contribution is vital – thank you.

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MIKE HILL & TOM WORBY

Killed

9th February 1991 & 3rd April 1993 respectively

whilst lawfully trying to prevent hunts from killing our wildlife.

YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN



EDITORIAL

What a pleasure it is going to be to write this one...!

If David Cameron *et al* knew how much their scandalous campaign against our native wildlife (in the form of the badger cull) has motivated people to take direct action, there would surely be some serious back-tracking going on in Westminster. Sabs who thought they had hung up their boots are realising that their expertise is still needed; people living in the cull zones who feed, encourage and observe the habits of these beautiful and fascinating creatures are incensed at their treatment; anyone who has read the government bumf and been infuriated by its inaccuracy and lack of scientific base...are all joining together to thwart this nonsense. The outrage against the badger cull grows stronger; meanwhile, the sab movement enjoys an influx of support; check out the group news for those whose numbers have grown due to awareness stemming from the cull ... thanks, Dave! (This doesn't mean we want to vote for you!)

And then came Alston...!

This was a wonderful week that showcased old-style sabbing techniques next to cutting-edge technology; saving more lives than we will ever know. For so long Alston has been a feather in the cap of these packs, where they could kill at will and charge for the pleasure... and suddenly it wasn't that easy. Sabs were everywhere, local people felt empowered to express their support of the antis, even the local economy gained... well, the pubs and the chip shop!

There was an excellent use of drones to locate and observe the packs, focused sabotage, good use of local knowledge and high levels of fitness and determination. See you next year, Alston!

We also have an unprecedented number of new groups starting up, setting out, and visiting a hunt near you very soon! Welcome Cambridge, Glasgow, North East Sabs, Somerset and West Yorkshire... some are newcomers, some old hands; all keen and clearly learning fast. Grateful thanks to all those established groups who are supporting and encouraging.

Here at the Hunt Saboteurs Association we try hard to give new groups whatever they need to get them active and effective; but we do not forget the contributions made by those who cannot be out in the field. If you cannot see yourself running for miles across downland, (and many of us can't!) then consider fund-raising; a table sale, cake bake or craft stall. We also have supporters who call to tell us when a hunt is in their area or even offer to provide vegan cakes for hungry sabs occasionally! It is also not too late to get involved by way of the AGM (see the article).

And last, but by no means least, a fond farewell to Stan Jurczyk. It is a sign of how long the battle has been going when we are losing friends of his calibre.





ALSTON H

For over thirty years, Simon Beckett of the Weardale and Tees Valley Beagles has organised an annual 'festival' of beagling - the Alston Hare Week (AHW). Each year, different packs are invited to attend and indulge in an orgy of pre-season hunting. The organisers like to boast that the 'stout' Cumbrian hares will get visiting packs into shape before the season proper.

For the keen beagler, AHW is the complete package: each day, there is a morning and afternoon meet; the evenings are filled with social occasions including a formal dinner and a hunt 'sing.' The Alston invitation is highly sought after by beagle packs - especially since the hunting ban. Southern packs, in particular, relish the opportunity to disappear to the Cumbrian fells, far away from those pesky sabs and monitors.

AHW has largely escaped sab attention in the past, the only exception being 1991 when a handful of brave sabs disrupted the entire week in the face of constant violence and sick 'jokes' about the then-recent death of hunt sab Mike Hill.

When local rumours began to circulate that up to 28 hares had been killed at the 2013 event, the HSA knew it had to act.

A feasibility study was quickly undertaken: old meet cards and HOUNDS reports were analysed and local ex-sabs were consulted. Two 'hikers', ostensibly walking the Pennine Way, were dispatched to Alston to reconnoitre the area and develop contacts in pubs and hotels.

Their research suggested that the festival was well organised but suffered from two key vulnerabilities. Firstly, it became clear that the visitors would be concentrated in one or two hotels and so could easily be followed to meets. Secondly, the small number of access points onto the moors meant that meet options would be limited and therefore fairly predictable. Fixtures such as Spadeadam, for example, appeared to have been in use throughout the event's history.

"...the antis have turned up and there's fucking loads of them."



ARE WEEK 2014



With the festival dates helpfully confirmed by the Alston House Hotel, local accommodation was arranged and fifty sabs from all over the country quietly made their way to Cumbria.

Day 1

The action kicked off on Monday 13th October as a sab motorbike tailed the hunt convoy to their first meet at the remote Bar Gap Farm. When the main body of sabs arrived, the sixty or so beaglers seemed completely shell-shocked and bewildered. They stood around in huddles, got on their phones and then stood around some more. One perceptive hunter summarised the situation nicely in a phone call to his wife, explaining that, "the antis have turned up and there's fucking loads of them."

Eventually, the hunt - who turned out to be the Chilmark & Clifton Foot Beagles - regained their composure enough to manage a 'defiant' walk back down the road. Sabs followed and the (now angry) beaglers tried to instigate some trouble. Perhaps it had begun to dawn on them that their week of hunting might be over before it had begun.

After yet more standing around, the two sides retired for the night. The sabs - keen to support the local economy - headed for the chippy; the hunt, presumably, spent the evening trying to work out what the hell to do next.

Day 2

Tuesday morning saw sabs up bright and early with a definite spring in their step. The anticipated morning meet - Wolf's Cleugh - was abandoned and so the vehicle teams began a search of the three main clusters of meets. A car also went back to Bar Gap, only to find the access road blocked by a hunt supporter's car. An HSA drone was then quickly deployed and confirmed the presence of the hunt some two miles up the road. Sabs immediately set off on foot towards them. >>





The first few to arrive were attacked, but the cowardly hunters retreated to the road as more and more sweaty sabs arrived on the scene. Back down the road, the police had turned up to deal with the illegal blockade. With sabs and police now everywhere, the furious beaglers abandoned hunting and boxed up.

That night, down at the chippy, further contributions were made to the local economy.

Day 3

Wednesday morning's grid search of historic meets quickly came up trumps: the tell-tale supporter's car was this time found blocking the access to Spadeadam Farm. Again, a drone was launched and, again, sabs raced in on foot to stop the slaughter. This pack turned out to be the Warwickshire Beagles - a nasty crew who had threatened to shoot sabs during an encounter last season. They didn't stop hunting here either and so had their pack split and taken off them. Footage of them hunting a hare was also passed to the police.

While this action was in progress, word came through from the spotters that another hunt had begun at the nearby Wintershield meet. Sabs were quickly on the scene and brought this pack under control too.

This latest tactic marked a new low for the festival organisers: sacrifice one hunt to allow another to go ahead uninterrupted. Desperate times.

The hunters' morale cannot have been helped by the news that evening, that LACS investigators had secured a conviction against the nearby College Valley and North Northumberland FH.

Day 4

On Thursday, the whole dynamic was different. As the hunters assembled at the dismal Park Fell, their will seemed to be broken. Some had clearly sneaked off home; those that remained seemed embarrassed and dispirited. Much like in the nursery rhyme, Simon Beckett marched his reluctant troops to the top of the hill and he marched them down again.

After this bizarre routine had been completed a couple of times, the beaglers shuffled off back to Alston for their grand dinner. It must have been quite an occasion.

Days 5 & 6

Sabs attended the car park of the Alston House Hotel early on the Friday but there was really nothing to do. Beleaguered beaglers were spotted at the windows and many were seen beginning the long, long journey south. As a precaution, however, sabs continued to patrol the area right through to Saturday evening and are confident no further hunting took place.

So, that was it. Alston Hare Week - the highlight of the hare hunter's calendar - was over. With no real action since the Wednesday, it took a while for the extent of the victory to sink in. And what a victory it was. Most importantly, no animal had been killed – a stunning reversal of the 2013 death toll. In addition, the reputation of Alston Hare Week has been massively, perhaps fatally, damaged. You'd be absolutely mad to take your hounds up there next year.

For us a key lesson was the value of cultivating local contacts. Once they learned about the festival, many Alston residents were appalled at the idea of a bunch of outsiders coming in to kill 'their' hares. They will be keeping a close eye on the local situation for us as Autumn 2015 approaches.

Another lesson was in the value of 'weeks of action'. The Alston sabbing crew was a great mix of old hands, new sabs and veterans coming out of retirement. Many oldies were reminded of Fell Week, Shires Week and, of course, the Northumberland Beagling Festival.

With new sab groups springing up everywhere, we need more of these weeks to unite our movement and save even more animals from the horrors of hunting.

Finally, to paraphrase that beagler from the first day: if Alston Hare Week goes ahead next year, the antis will turn up and there will be "fucking loads of them."





Flights of Fancy: The Bird of Prey Exemption

In the uncertain days following the passing of the Hunting Act many hunters latched on to the 'falconry' exemption as their best get-out clause.

This exemption states that *Flushing a wild mammal from cover is exempt hunting if undertaken:*

(a) for the purpose of enabling a bird of prey to hunt the wild mammal

(b) on land which belongs to the hunter or which he has been given permission to use for the purpose by the occupier or, in the case of unoccupied land, by a person to whom it belongs.



For the hunters, the attraction of this exemption was obvious: it allowed a full pack to be engaged in the "flushing" instead of the two hounds specified elsewhere in the Act. Before long, sabs started to encounter birds of prey on hunts. Invariably, these animals were bedraggled, bewildered and flapping about on the arms of obviously incompetent terrier-men. Even the Hawk Board - the body representing falconers - agreed that hunters were "behaving irresponsibly."

In the intervening years, the use of raptors has declined as so-called "trail hunting" with an animal-based scent has become the preferred way of circumventing the Act.

Nevertheless, hunt sabs still run into the occasional pack who continues to exploit the falconry exemption. Recent examples include the Eastern Counties MH, the Cottesmore FH and the North Cotswold FH. It's therefore worth having a closer look at this part of the Act for when we're out in the field and arguing the toss with hunt staff or cops.

The first thing to say is that this exemption has absolutely nothing to do with hunting. It is called the "Falconry" exemption and the clue is in the name: it is there to protect falconry; a blood sport that is totally unrelated to scent hunting with hounds.

Regardless, the Act clearly envisages two distinct and separate stages in any activity involving birds of prey: an unlimited number of hounds are used to "flush" a quarry animal from cover. Once this flushing has occurred and the quarry is up and running, a bird of prey is used to "hunt" it (by sight, as in falconry).

We should therefore expect the following from any pack claiming this exemption:

1. as flushing to a bird must be the primary purpose of the day's activity, the bird handler should always be in a logical position to intercept any quarry whenever hounds are drawing in cover.

2. the bird should be in a state of readiness to hunt any flushed quarry: unboxed, untethered, unhooded and ready to go.

3. the bird should be of the right size and breed to take the stated quarry.

4. hounds must be actively called off as soon as a quarry animal is successfully flushed. Otherwise the hounds would be involved in "hunting," not "flushing." This would be illegal, and could potentially involve the bird and hounds fighting over the quarry. The Hawk Board again: "An eagle is possessive and once it has caught a fox it will not let go. If the hounds are then brought in they could attack the eagle and a hound could be blinded or killed."

Of course, none of the above ever happens because the falconry exemption - when applied to hunting with hounds - is absolute bollocks. No sab or monitor has ever seen one of these birds in flight, never mind playing a meaningful part in a day's hunting. Instead, the unfortunate creature is usually stuffed in a box on a quad bike and only dragged out for 'display' when needed to produce the illusion of legal activity.

In fact, this most ridiculous of all the hunter's ruses would be funny were it not for the fact that hawks and eagles have now been added to the long list of animals that are cruelly abused by hunts.

NAMED & SHAMED



North Cotswold Hunt

Feeding the Foxes

Over the summer, secret footage was filmed by hunt saboteurs, which clearly showed men, believed to be from the North Cotswold hunt (NCH), carrying out activities that would strongly suggest they were flouting the Hunting Act.



In the footage, filmed over several months, a man using a vehicle belonging to the hunt, can be seen repeatedly leaving eggs, dead chickens, rabbits and rats out, near an old and disused badger sett, that is utilised by foxes.

It was obviously being done in order to feed the foxes and to hence maintain a steady supply of foxes in this particular area. This location is hunted across during many meets of the NCH and further sab footage shows them later actively hunting their hounds in that precise spot.

The story was then picked up by ITN and made the national news. ITN filmed further footage of the NCH with their hounds in the same field, confirming that this hunt regularly hunts across the precise spot where the foxes were being fed.



Their footage also showed the vehicle used during these fox feeding expeditions, clearly parked on hunt property at the NCH kennels. When challenged about their behaviour by ITN, the hunt offered no justification for their actions. Instead they just came out with the usual claptrap (that they are not involved in illegal fox hunting but hunt lawfully, following a trail – yeah, right!)

In the HSA footage, members of the hunt can also be seen blocking up an artificial earth in order to stop foxes being able to seek refuge when being chased by hounds. A fox is then clearly seen running past the blocked earth, closely pursued by hounds, which are being vociferously encouraged to chase the fox by hunt supporters.

Some of these acts, such as encouraging hounds to chase the fox, are illegal in their own right. Others, such as the feeding of foxes, while not illegal in themselves, show intent by the hunt to encourage foxes to an area where the NCH like to hunt. Presumably this can only be because they wish to hunt these foxes in direct contravention of the Hunting Act.

This footage also clearly shows that fox hunting has nothing to do with pest control, which the pro-hunting community like to claim. Hunting is nothing less than a cruel, barbaric and outdated blood sport.

The Hunt Saboteurs Association firmly believes activities, such as those filmed, are endemic amongst hunts.

The hunting community need to be aware that we are watching you!



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We have been busy visiting several hunts including Chiddingfold, Isle of Wight and the Hursley Hambledon. We have also been involved in joint hits with other sab groups that include the Surrey Union and Somerset where, at the end of November, we joined many other groups in solidarity against the Blackmore & Sparkford Vale hunt who had seriously injured a sab by running her down.

But our main focus has been on the Crawley and Horsham Hunt in West Sussex as the last two professional huntsmen, a joint master and hunt secretary have all been convicted for Hunting Act offences in recent years. The hunt now has former joint master, Kim Richardson, as professional huntsman. Richardson's style of hunting is such that even Sussex Police now have suspicions of their own, and for the first time some police officers are now going off the footpaths to see what is going on: a good move except they have no cameras due to financial constraints! Nevertheless, police are passing monitors' footage on to the CPS, and we are hopeful it is only a matter of time before some serious action is taken.

Meanwhile, the festive season was upon us and the C&H were out in fancy dress for a Christmas Eve meet at Lee Farm. We watched, slightly bemused, as they left the meet; riders dressed as Father Xmas, a banana (?), elves and Sabs! It was a jolly event: Father Xmas was seen taking a tumble and the rider dressed as a banana slid of his horse and hit the ground. Later in the day an Elf rode his horse at a sab but changed his mind on seeing a police officer. "My horse has a mind of its own," the Elf shouted, as he galloped off. (Who'd have thought?!) We had the hunt in our sights throughout the meet and we know they did not have a kill.

Back to reality and, in desperation, the hunt fell back on making assault and harassment accusations against monitors. These have come to nothing, needless to say, although several hunt supporters have been on the receiving end of police action: one barrister who rides with the hunt has received a Police Information Notice (warning) for threatening behaviour; a hunt employee has received the same, and a foot follower got a £90 penalty ticket and £35 compensation charge for pushing a female monitor.

Meanwhile, New Year's Day 2015 brought out the usual rustic yobbos, one of which spent the afternoon in cells and now faces a Section 4 charge for threatening monitors… they really are living up to their nickname of the 'Criminal and Horsham!'



Perthshire Hunt Sabs

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Perthshire sabs have been very busy so far this season: we have been out most Saturdays and a few times during the week, too. So far, we have mainly hit the Fife Foxhounds but we do have other Scottish hunts in sight! We regularly team up with a few other sab groups, particularly Grampian hunt sabs. We are becoming a really solid team.

On what was only our second trip out to sab Fife Foxhounds, events took a turn for the worse when at the end of the day we witnessed a fox being dug out and shot. At the very least, we managed to film what happened and hope our videos will help to change people's minds about hunting. We have been left traumatized by what we saw but we are now more determined than ever to stop it happening again.

On a brighter note, we did manage to prevent Fife Foxhounds doing another dig-out just over a month later when a fox went to ground in an active badger sett. As one sab sat on the hole, another sab made their way across the field to get to the hole and had a loaded gun pointed at them in the process! After pointing his gun the terrier man Iain Dickson then tried to remove the sabs from the hole but we stood our ground. The police were called and a 3 hour standoff followed while we awaited the Police Wildlife Office. Later, once it was dark and the Wildlife Officer had arrived, the terrier men were asked to leave by the police; we ensured that they were long gone before we left and the fox lived to see another day.

Perthshire Hunt Sabs will continue to Hunt the Hunters in Scotland and maybe elsewhere… you never know where we might turn up!

Southampton Hunt Sabs

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The 2014/15 season has so far proved a tough one for us with a few of our active sabs taking breaks and a vehicle that continues to swallow money like a terrier boy swallows…grease (we assume? what else could they be feeding them!?) With our motor off the road we have been mainly reduced to helping fill other groups vans and have met up with (amongst others) Bristol, South Coast, Brighton, Dorset & Guildford to help bring a bit of misery to hunts across the south.

Particular attention has been paid to the loathsome Tedworth Foxhounds whose huntsman, Mike Lane, has taken it upon himself to embark on a personal vendetta against one or two of our sabs in recent months, attacking them whenever he gets the chance.

We've also paid a few trips to our local beagle pack, The New Forest Beagles; these have tended to be fairly pathetic displays which culminate in a rag being produced from someone's pocket and used as a makeshift 'drag' once or twice before everyone goes home for an early shower. On one occasion some visiting thugs from a nearby foxhound pack were called in to attempt to intimidate sabs but the impending excitement proved too much for the beaglers who promptly packed up and went home early anyway!

Boxing Day (and the days after) saw our group spread all across the country eating other group's cakes and generally making a nuisance of ourselves; we'd like to say a big thanks to everyone who found 'room for a little one' in their vans – you're always welcome to come visit!

The second half of the season will hopefully see us back in our trusty Landy, joining up with our old friends Bristol (and South Wales – it's been too long!) more often. We've come up with some cool new merchandise so you'll probably see us trying to flog that at a gig somewhere too – please come and buy it, we hate carrying the shit back home!

We urge anyone who is interested in supporting us in any way (whether as an active sab, a fundraiser or in any other way) to contact us through our Facebook or through the HSA – we need all the help we can get to stop these bastards.

Love & Rage,
Southampton Sabs



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An interesting start to the season here in Kent...

The East Kent with West Street Hunt
There have been a few changes for this hunt. After the last huntsman left mid-season last year, the whip was promoted to fill his shoes... only to also vanish mysteriously exactly a year later! We can only guess at the reasons, but they are stumbling along using their long retired old huntsman Richard Blakeney, and a boss-eyed old gout boy on loan from the Ashford Valley. As you can imagine, this makes things fairly erratic - especially as the whips seem to change from day to day too. As far as hunting goes it is business as usual – plenty of foxes put up, a couple of kills above ground, and the usual mob of masked up terrier scum zooming about trying to be well 'ard. They even killed a horse during one day's hunting, and got very upset when we published pictures! An ongoing police investigation means we cannot comment much further on these guys, but we will release information on these criminals as and when we can. Until then, it's sabbing as normal.

It has been hard to get near the Ashford Valley - long gone are the days when they started to feel brave enough to put vague meet areas on their website which has just now gone to ground. We have found them briefly a couple of times, but they certainly aren't the hunt they used to be...

The Blean Beagles have been our biggest time wasters. Since the Wye Beagles disbanded, this hunt have put up many smoke screens...they have actually resorted to moving the beagles from the kennels the day before a hunt, just to avoid us, and stashing them overnight at supporter's houses. Considering they have only been sabbed once in the last few years, this shows how desperate they are to avoid detection. Sadly, it does mean that we have wasted many hours over kennel watches, but there you go. Boxing Day, though, was a different matter. Their only public meet of the year saw them regrouping an hour later down the road from the traditional meet, having a drink...and going straight back to the kennels! Result. Acting on the new information we have, we are hoping to see them more in the second part of the season.

So, the usual highs and lows...the lows, of course, were witnessing two kills, and the usual stupid behaviour and threats from the hunt. But, aside from nearly being driven off the road, this has rarely amounted to much. The highs were the noisy demonstration against the East Kent's meet on Boxing Day, and the police finally hauling in members of a Kent hunt to answer questions resulting from our evidence. There is more to come - watch this space!

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So the hideous badger cull came to an end and South Wales sabs returned to the killing fields in the Principality (!) Sadly, we found two new hunts – the Wollaston Bassets (where poor Norman, the huntsman, has little control over the hounds) and the Three Counties Bloodhounds, who are at great pains to assure us that they don't hunt live animals. Traditionally, bloodhounds hunt a human runner and we're hopeful that this will be the case...but we'll be watching closely to make sure.

As to the rest of the cruel brigade: we've visited and saved lives from the Banwen Miners, Berkeley, Wollaston Bassets, South Pembrokeshire, Llandeilo Farmers, Towy and Cothi, Monmouthshire, and the Curre and Llangibby Hunt.

We are beginning 2015 in strong and determined spirits ready for the second half of the season. If you'd like to join our merry band please contact us.

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We are a relatively new group and have been active in the north east since august 2013. Since the 80's and 90's the hunts in the north east of England have mostly remained untouched until now and we are growing as a group every week. We are out sabbing every weekend and are starting to visit some hunts who seem to think they are untouchable.

Since we have been out this season we have kicked off a storm of protest within the north hunting community, especially after our Boxing Day hit on the Braes of Derwent Hunt in Lanchester and, more regularly in Wolsingham, County Durham, where we were subjected to several acts of violence.

Our group is now quite big with 12 members out when we have the full team. We hold regular gigs to fundraise for our group but are always happy to receive donations as sabbing really does cost us. Please send any donations to paypal address above.

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For the second year running we had a very successful time fighting the hideous badger cull. We had a permanent presence in the Gloucester cull zone and even had enough people to send a contingent down to Somerset towards the end, as the brave folk down there battled to stop the ridiculously low target being hit.

As with last year, it was inspiring to work with so many varied folk; from battle hardened sabs, to brand new campaigners who felt compelled to get active in the face of such blatant cruelty from the government and the farming lobby. It proves once again that we can defeat whatever they throw at us and we will be back again next year if the farcical cull continues.

Once the cull was over we dusted ourselves down and cracked on with the day job – ruining the fun of the blood junkies in the East Midlands. Due to continued pressure from us over the last few years, the Quorn (one of the most prestigious packs in the country) are no longer hunting on Saturdays, leaving us free to focus our attentions on the Meynell and Cottesmore fox hunts and the Per Ardua beagles (stupid name for a stupid bunch!), with occasional visits to other local packs.

One memorable day in November saw us pack up the Cottesmore by 12.30 before heading off to look for the Fernie Hunt. Who should we stumble upon on the way, but the Westerby Bassets illegally hunting hares! They took one look at us and headed for home, leaving us free to move on to the Fernie and ruin the end of their day.

It has been a pleasure working with the reformed Derby sabs and the resurgent Northants group. Sabbing in the East Midlands goes from strength to strength and new recruits are always welcome to swell our increasing numbers.

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The group has been much strengthened this season by the welcome return of some former members and the arrival of some outstanding new sabs. We have continued to link up at various times with sabs from South Coast, South Downs, West Sussex and Guildford.

The main season started with an outstanding day on the Southdown and Eridge at Firle. The Crawley and Horsham seemed particularly unhappy to see us, and the usually elusive Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent FH were surprised to be caught several times by tenacious scouting. Sabs had a rough time on the Surrey Union, with the sad death of a deer and some ridiculous heavy handed policing, although the police looked very sheepish the following week when groups from around the region descended upon the hunt. SLWG were proud to be part of the group that sabbed the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale.

SLWG welcomes new members.

Glasgow Hunt Sabs

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Although our roots extend back to the Summer Seal Cull (Phase 2), followed by the Alston hare festival, Glasgow Hunt Sabs officially went active in November. Since then we have seen a flurry of interest (and several new members) and, thanks to the time of year, have been consistently out in the field, often twice a week, through December.

Working closely with our good friends in Perthshire, Grampian, Borders and Edinburgh groups, our main target has been that of the Fife Foxhounds; seeing several successful hits in the wake of the dig out event in early November. We also paid a nice Xmas Eve visit to the fast moving Lauderdale Hunt, before returning to Fife for a dreaded (but successful) Boxing Day hit - resulting in more long faces than there were horses!

As the least experienced of the Scottish sab groups it's been quite a learning curve, but, working closely with our comrades, and with the excellent support and advice we have had from our good friends in the north (down south to us!), we are steadily finding our feet. We look forward to continuing on joint hits, expanding our target list and supporting future national hits whenever possible.

Finally, a huge thank you to all for the support and encouragement we received in these early days. Best wishes and solidarity, from all the Glasgow Hunt Sabs and, more importantly, our clients.

Somerset Hunt Sabs

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The Somerset Hunt Saboteur Group have had a busy first year; born as a direct result of the 2013 Badger Cull (which has inevitably taken up much of the group's time) before, during and after the six week killing spree that took place in the summer of 2014. The collective efforts of saboteur groups from across the country saved many lives but we must stay watching the surviving badgers due to verbal threats to kill them off when we had all gone home; this is a full time job in itself!



However, we have managed to find the time and energy to get out and about, doing the more usual hunt sabbing, joining up with neighbouring sab groups and learning how to be effective in the fields and streams. Our fondest memories include putting the dampeners on the summer escapades of the Culmstock Mink Hunt; from their very first outing they were found in all sorts of places and their antics quickly halted. Other mink hunts visited included the Courtenay Tracy and the Three Counties.

The main hunt season got underway at the end of the badger cull and like many other groups there was no time for rest from the days and nights out preventing shooting and cage trapping in our zone. So up we got and out we went. We have learned much about how low hunts will stoop to satisfy their bloodlust, from gathering groups of thugs to intimidate sabs, (as if that is going to work), to trapping foxes and bagging them up to release in front of hounds to ensure a kill and not disappoint their paid up members and host farms.

We have had many high points; when we intervened and saw a fox escape knowing that if we hadn't been there, at the end of that day, that fox wouldn't have been either... or when we could go home early because a hunt hadn't bothered trying to carry on after sabs turned up!

We have seen how bad things can get, but far from being deterred, we realise how badly Somerset has desperately needed its own Hunt Saboteur group and we are here to stay.

Cumbria Hunt Sabs

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Cumbria sabs have had a busy season thus far concentrating our efforts, as always, on the Blencathra and the Melbreak Foxhounds. However, we've also paid visits to the Coniston, Cumbria Beagles, Cumberland Foxhounds, Eskdale and Ennerdale, and Ullswater packs as well.

The group also took part in the hugely successful action which devastated Alston Hare week during October. For many of this season's meets the group continued to develop its close working relationship with the wonderful Lancaster sabs; we've also had the pleasure of being joined on occasion by sabs from the North East, North Tyne, North Downs and Borders groups as well.

Without a doubt the most successful day of the season so far was had at the Ullswater's Gillside meet on December 20th. Joined by many of the groups mentioned above, sabs were well-positioned throughout three valleys resulting in paranoid hunt support masking up and accosting walkers as well as the Hound van being pursued on a 100+ mile round trip to Scotch Corner ending in the total abandonment of the meet by the hunt.

Another day worthy of mention was had at the Eskdale and Ennerdale's New Year's Day meet at the Woolpack Inn, Hardknott Pass. Joined by Lancaster and North East sabs (on what was unknown territory for the group; this meet has never been looked at), we nevertheless did the business ensuring that the hunt lasted all of 1hour and 10 minutes! Overall, the group although small in numbers, continues to be a thorn in the side of the fell packs, giving them a hard time when and wherever we catch them out.

Many thanks to all the sabs who've travelled to help us out; it's very much appreciated! As is the continued support and generosity we receive from our friends and supporters, without whom we couldn't continue. Cheers!

North East London Hunt Sabs (NELS)

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NELS' season began with some of our sabs taking action in the Somerset badger cull zone. We stayed at Stop the Cull's Camp Badger for the duration of our time in the zone and made our presence felt by helping Beds & Bucks, Dorset and Somerset sabs protect the badgers in their respective areas. Other NELS sabs spent the summer with fundraising, stalls and recruitment.

Having our vehicle give up its ghost during cubbing meant we had some transport challenges early on this season, but thanks to much appreciated HSA funding we now have a larger, better van so we're soon out again hitting the hunts of the South East in full force. Our new 'vintage' 9-seater has meant increased effectiveness out in the field and we now have the ability to take on some of the more aggressive hunts in our area with confidence in numbers.



This season much of our attention has been on the Puckeridge Hunt who had become quite smug, not having been sabbed during cubbing. We enjoyed wiping the smirks off their faces the first time we hit them, although have since seen them become rather slippery in their attempts to lose us. The huntsman seems to be getting desperate, keeping the hounds on the run from foot sabs and in constant cover to try to avoid being spotted from the road. However, as we've been teaming up with SES and the new Cambridge sab group, no amount of sneakiness from this hunt will stop us ruining their days of would-be killing. Policing in the area has had its usual bias. On one occasion we were accused of "cruelty to animals" for spraying citronella. The irony of this accusation clearly alluding the officers in question.

The East Essex hunt have also had their sadistic fun thwarted. On one occasion the huntsman was forced to call off his terrier men from a fox that had gone to ground. This came after a rather heated conflict with sabs who stood their ground on the foxholes, resulting in the huntsman completely pulling off the hounds and hunt and packing up early.

In November NELS had the privilege of participating in Dorset sabs' mass hit on the Blackmore & Sparkford Vale Hunt in response to their huntsman brutally hospitalising a female sab. The sab, who was put into critical care, is a close friend to many of us in NELS and played a vital part in our group during the 2013 badger cull. It was fantastic too see so many groups join forces in an impressive show of solidarity and we hope this hunt will now think twice before lashing out with violence.

We had a particularly good Boxing Day hit this year, teaming up with Cambridge, Beds & Bucks, SES and Northants sabs to completely quash the Cambridge & Enfield Chase hunt. This hunt had not been hit in years and their faces were a picture. The hounds were easy to lift off every time they went into cry and the hunt seemed at a genuine loss as to what to do about us. Police presence was over-the-top, with ground and air response units. They also sent in a solitary policeman on foot who didn't know what he was doing and seemed very out of his depth, getting more and more flustered with his book of rules and irrelevant warnings. He ended his day by dramatically face planting a female sab in the mud whilst making an inappropriate arrest. We, on the other hand, prevented the (may we add illegal) hunt from killing, seeing at least four foxes to safety.

Thanks to our recruitment push, we have seen an increase in new members this season. Our new recruits are fast becoming effective sabs and we look forward to the upcoming months as their experience grows.

Three Counties Hunt Sabs

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Three Counties began the season (like many sab groups) trying to juggle sabbing of cub hunts, 'game' shoots and the badger cull. Even the opening meet of the full season started before the cull had ended as we visited the Ross Harriers on 18th October. Up until the beginning of January, as we write this update, we've sabbed the Ross Harriers 10 times, Ledbury 19 times, Cotswold Vale Farmers' Hunt 5 times, South Herrie 5 times and visited the Croome and West Warwickshire, North Cotswold (who were exposed feeding foxes locally) and the Berkeley (the latter on New Year's Eve). We've also had the pleasure of meeting the Carmarthenshire and monitored local hunts as well. Phew! We were also interviewed about the hunting ban and potential repeal for BBC radio and the police once thought we were burgling our own house because of our camo trousers!

It has been a busy season so far, though pretty normal for us, and the recent festive season was no different. At the time of writing we've had 3 intense days in a row, plus late nights, involving incidents being investigated by the police which can't yet be commented on. Assaults, theft of keys, blocked badger setts, attempted dig-outs, threats, home visits... not to mention the foxes and hares we filmed being hunted and intervened to help - all in a day's work! Bring on our 2015 Sab Skills Day so we can share knowledge and practise our horn-blowing.

Despite the average number of sabs out being 3 or 4 and the fact some of us sab alone sometimes, we've managed to split up on various days to cover different packs and the mixture of sabs on foot, in cars and on bikes definitely increases our effectiveness.

Highlights thus far include watching members of the Cotswold Vale Farmers' Hunt falling off their horses, tipsy (including the field master!) when they celebrated Christmas early, saving hounds from a motorway, rescuing a sheep and the continuing failure of the cull. We also like





to think that we may have played a part in Ross Harriers' huntsman and master, Lee Peters, losing his job - members of the field who we've chatted to have even made complaints to the hunt about the way he has treated sabs!

Sad to say that we also lost a friend, Richard England, a tireless campaigner for the animals - he won't be forgotten.

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In October, some of Berkshire's sabs ventured north for the Alston Beagling Festival, a six-day hare hunting event. We met up with sabs from lots of other groups, and even enticed some old hands out of retirement for the venture. The week was an unequalled success and the hunts were well and truly sabbed. They were found every day and, every day, packed up with their tails between their legs. It was an amazing week and we're looking forward to going back to Alston this year.

While we were in the north, some more of our group were making themselves really useful in Somerset, again joining up with other sab groups to make their presence matter during the badger cull. Too many badgers were killed, but it would have been far worse without the dedicated sabs being in the zones constantly. Let's hope for a change of government this year and an end to this yearly blood-bath.

Since then, we've been catching up with some of our local hunts such as the Old Berkeley Beagles in early November, where there were more sabs than support. They took us for a walk around a field, then hid in a barn full of shit before going for another walk. Some of the support were so old that they had to be picked up by car part way round.

Other notable hunts we have covered have been the Hursley Hambleden who had a joint meet with the Hampshire Hunt which we visited along with Beds and Bucks. They had some particularly foul support who were both violent and racially abusive.* A comment was overheard from hunt support that, "they're everywhere!" We love it when they lose count of us, but suppose some of them haven't quite mastered counting yet. We had one heart-stopping moment when we heard an animal screaming. We ran to intercept a kill only to find a supporter with a screaming baby in arms. Talk about early indoctrination!

A recent visit to Eton was interesting, as we sabbed them without getting out of cars. We picked them up leaving Eton and had a convoy following up the M40 and then down the M40 back to Eton. All that was left for us to do was celebrate in the pub!

Sandhurst and Aldershot Beagles gave us a few very successful sabs recently. Sadly, they are a pack who appear to have lost their mojo. On Boxing Day we found the Old Berks Beagles, and on New Year's Day Berkshire sabs teamed up with the Beds & Bucks Hunt Sabs to pay a visit to the Trinity Foot Beagles.

So all in all, we're being kept busy...but if they keep hunting, we'll keep sabbing.

**Editor's note: we have since found out that police arrested the women, who denied the event but, having looked at the video evidence, agreed under instruction from her solicitor to accept three separate cautions: one for a Section 4 Public Order Act, one for Assault and one for Criminal Damage. Even better, another man was also arrested; he was seen on the video pushing one of the sabs. He accepted a caution for battery.*

West Midlands Hunt Saboteurs

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This season, we have mostly been concentrating our efforts on the Atherstone, the North Cotswold and the Albrighton and Woodland Hunts. However our first outing, post-cubbing, saw us visiting the North Warwickshire Beagles. After spotting us, they didn't even leave the meet; an excellent way of starting the regular season. After this we have been going out at least twice each week to one of the three hunts. We have had some excellent results; intervening to help a good number of foxes. We have also witnessed much bad behaviour from the hunts and their supporters.

The Albrighton and Woodland's field have ridden at us on more than one occasion and last time we visited some of their supporters assaulted sabs when they successfully intervened to help a fox. We are keeping very much on top of this hunt, though. In November they killed a fox, with the sabs being unable to help it. The sabs managed to recover the body however and this incident is being investigated by the police. This hunt also has a lot of meets at pubs; a new page has been set up on Facebook by some concerned individuals about this: (www.facebook.com/pages/Albrighton-Woodland-Hunt-Pub-Boycott/833906610006209).



The Atherstone Hunt sacked their huntsman during this season, the whipper-in being promoted to fill his post. Since then we have not only seen their hounds on a dual carriageway and busy A-roads, but have also seen them on a railway line on more than one occasion.

The North Cotswold has got very shy of being seen by antis, especially after their appearance on ITN, feeding foxes to encourage them to stay in their area *(see page 8)*. A visit to this hunt now seems to involve them going into a large area of land and trying to stay out of sight, with us chasing them down.

Also during this period, one of our sabs has been in court charged with obstructing the police for refusing a stop-and-search under Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994. The incident took place last season, whilst we were teaming up with several other groups to visit the Quorn Hunt. The case was thrown out by the judge; the Section 60 was ruled to be unlawfully implemented as there was no proper justification for it being enforced. The police wanted to implement it to stop disruption, but the judge said a Section 60 can only be applied if there is a genuine risk of serious violence and, as the police did not produce any evidence to support this, the case was thrown out.

We would like to thank everyone who continues to support us, cheers!

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We are a relatively new group having re-formed around 18 months ago. During this time we've had ups and downs in relation to the number of sabs we've had out and about, but are happy to report that we are now growing, and there is a strong group of us out every week. We couldn't have done this without the amazing support of friends at Sheffield and Manchester so a big thank you to them for that.

So far the 2014/15 season has been a busy one for West Yorks! So, what have we been up to? Well, so far this season we have teamed up with other groups and sabbed the badger cull, fox hunts and pheasant shoots and it's been a great success. We also go walking on a weekly basis in the West Yorkshire area to keep a check on the local wildlife and make sure there isn't anything suspicious littering the fields of the countryside. We have visited a number of hunts across the country, mainly in West and North Yorkshire; this includes the York and Ainsty Hunt and visiting old 'friends' Badsworth and Bramham Moor Hunt. We've also taken trips further west to Sab the Holcombe and the High Peak Harriers. Over the festive period we decided to sab the Colne Valley Beagles where, unfortunately, our van and a sab were attacked. However, most importantly, Colne Valley did not hunt and this was the main objective, after all!

Like many other groups, trips to the badger cull zone had a particular draining effect on our group finances and so in between sabbing we've been out and about raising awareness of what we do and raising much needed funds to keep us on the road and in the field. We'd like to say a massive thank you to Lush Leeds who organised a weekend of charity pot selling on our behalf – they raised £1526 over three days, which I'm sure you'll agree is phenomenal: thanks Lush! Also big thanks to the HSA who helped us out with a grant to keep our vehicle on the road; not forgetting, of course, all the wonderful people who donated hard earned cash to our cause.

Please see our Facebook page for more detailed information on what we've been up to and contact us at if you'd like to get involved.

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South Coast Hunt Sabs numbers have increased thanks to the stupidity of the Badger Cull, hard promotion on social media and making sure new sabs always feel welcome. Through some unknown dynamic we tend to attract (what must be politely called) the more senior sab; not that this distracts from our effectiveness...once we have gathered our wits and found our socks in the morning, we are as good a group as any in the country! We are strengthened, most weeks, by linking with Brighton sabs who complement our experience with youthful enthusiasm. Creaking bones or not, we get out onto our local hunts each week and make sure they are sabbed.

Since last season's violent assault, the Southdown and Eridge hunt has gone to ground; clearly still kennelling away and banning new recruits from even driving past the kennels on hunt mornings. Even so, we have picked them up a couple of times this season to find that the hunt is still employing people who are willing to use violence to protect their blood sport.

This has left us spending more time on the Old Surrey Burstow and West Kent hunt: another violent organisation but, by definition, a hunt's aim is always violent. Headed by a huntsman with multiple convictions, they have been making a big show of laying trails, videoing themselves doing it (by dangerously hanging off the back of a quad bike pulling a rag), then promptly riding in a different direction! The huntsman has some serious mental health issues; smiling and chatting to sabs, then flipping and threatening violence and charges of criminal damage for parking on a verge. We would like to say that the pressure is getting to him...but he has always been like this, so we suspect it is genetic. As the season's progressed this hunt has got more despondent and has resorted to the usual tactics of blocking our vehicle and riding horses at people, which has resulted in a number of injuries; the worst from a horse kicking a sab. Of course, this is the hunt frequented by Nigel Farage on Boxing Day.



We have also not left the Crawley & Horsham Hunt alone, popping over a few times to assist West Sussex sabs during the Christmas period. The C&H seem to be regrouping some new thugs, as the old ones have disappeared. This has resulted in a few tussles over gates, some stand-offs on roads and the traditional road blocking. Our Land Rover seems to spend more time driving down the verges of roads to avoid hunt vehicles then it does on tarmac these days.
Alongside dispatching sabs to the badger cull and the Alston Hare week it's been a busy season so far. So, if you are in our area, come and join us - failing that, some financial assistance is always appreciated!

Grampian Hunt Sabs Report

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Grampian Hunt Sabs have had a good first season so far and have many friends in the other new Scottish sab groups. We started tackling the Fife Foxhounds on November 1st and have been keeping up the pressure ever since.

The biggest incidents to happen so far include: a dig out and the shooting of a fox (which we were unable to prevent), and the pointing of a loaded gun at a sab. Both incidents can be seen on our YouTube channel *Grampian Hunt Sabs*, as well as on *Perthshire Hunt Sabs*. The first is a video showing a fox (being pulled out of a badger sett by the tail) by the hunt's whipper-in whilst a terrier clings to his/her face, then shot and thrown to hounds (we believe whilst still alive).



During the second incident terrier man Iain Dickson snapped a broken gun back into position, pointing it at a sab during the prevention of a dig out (which lasted three hours, until the terrier men left). This event made a regional newspaper.

We have had help from our friends in Sheffield and Manchester this season. We have also visited the Jed Forest hunt briefly and sabbed the Lauderdale. In general the hunt supporters have caused us most of our trouble, blocking roads and swerving at sabs in their vehicles. Their behaviour has seemed less polite than that of the huntsman of the Fife Foxhounds who offered a lone sab a lift back to their vehicle after one particular meet! Though we cannot be sure how genuine his kind offer really was!

We have had a couple of hits with all five Scottish groups together, including our national hit and Boxing Day, which was very successful; no kills. Now they know we mean business the Fife hunt are less chatty and tend to do more running than talking! Thanks to everyone who has supported our group and donated.

Dorset Hunt Sabs

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With our group going from strength to strength, Dorset are back doing what we do best and ruffling feathers left, right and Chelsea!

The South Dorset were our first quarry of the season and, with new and inexperienced hounds combined with poor control from huntsman Dom Jones at their calamitous opening meet, we had an easy time distracting them. Sabs were also somewhat distracted with uncontrollable mirth at a certain hunt groupie's sweatshirt proudly stating 'Hunt Stewards Eat Hunt Sabs for Breakfast'! Well, we like a nice vegan fry-up ourselves, which is what we went home to after packing them up early and being forlornly followed by said groupies for a further hour and a half. A cracking start to the season.

The Cattistock were next in our sights, and as joint master and huntsman, Will Bryer, is up in court in the New Year on illegal hunting charges, we thought it appropriate to pay them a visit with our pals from Somerset Hunt Saboteur Group. The usual incident-packed day ensued. A hallmark of this hunt is illegally-blocked badger setts and, sure enough, the tell-tale signs were found and reported to the police. Despite the usual attempt at intimidation and violence from hunt support (including a stolen and broken hunting horn), we ensured a kill-free day with foot sabs facilitating the escape of a fox through the tourist attraction of Abbotsbury Swannery. Other hallmarks were also evident with hounds strewn across busy A roads and crops being drawn – all caught on film. Since the cowardly attack on one of our sabs in late summer, we have enjoyed a groundswell of support and have eyes and ears all over the county, it would appear!

Undeterred by growing violence from Dorset's hunting fraternity, we were thrilled to host groups from across the country at the end of November to pay a visit to the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale hunt. This notoriously cowardly hunt is now garnering much unwanted attention from all angles and they don't like it up 'em! The dismayed faces and palpable woe were clear when 80-100 sabs descended on their meet. An affiliated company runs hunting jaunts to the UK for bloodthirsty Americans, so we hope we gave their US buddies a warm welcome as to how we roll in the UK! With over 10 vehicles, sabs were all over the hunt like a rash. Thugs were called in from neighbouring hunts following desperate pleas; but between attempting to block roads, frantic mobile phone calls and attempts to film sabs, the hunt managed very little hunting and were frustrated by use of the gizmo to pull hounds from an imminent kill at the end of the day. Despite support threatening a group of sabs with weapons, it was a successful day for all of us who love and protect wildlife.

An injury to one of us is an injury to us all.



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North Downs have had an eventful season so far. Firstly, we took part in the Alston Beagling Festival *(see page 4)*: one of the best operations the HSA have carried out for years with ten hunts stopped in a week. It was nice to meet the Northern groups and particularly the Scottish groups who seem to have gone from strength to strength.

A Roe deer was savaged by the Surrey Union foxhunt (and had to be put down) on their opening meet and Surrey Police showed their usual bias by arresting four sabs who were trying to save the deer. The sabs were charged with aggravated trespass whilst a pathetic and disgusting press release was issued saying that the deer was killed by "brambles"!

We have, as usual, joined up with Guildford sabs for our campaign against the Surrey Union where we have spent most of our time, but have had away days at the national hit against the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale, the Old Berkley Beagles, the Surrey and Burstow and a wander to do the Ullswater foxhounds, where we indulged in a bit of mountain climbing.

New Year's Eve saw the Surrey Union kill a fox, sabs arrived seconds too late but filmed the dead fox being savaged by hounds. We recovered the body and phoned the police, Surrey police then did another classic press release saying that the kamikaze fox committed suicide by running into the hounds whilst following a false trail! This bullshit prompted hundreds of people to hassle the police, which has resulted in them promising to investigate the incident.

We started the new year with a superb hit on a joint meet of the Surrey Union and Southdown and Eridge hunts at Firle, where old school sabbing saw at least two foxes saved.

Cambridge Hunt Sabs

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There having been a solid presence from Cambridge activists in both the cull zones during 2013/14 badger culls, it was decided to reform a Hunt Saboteur group in Cambridge to help fill a gap in our area. Formally Cambridge Anti-Bloodsports, now Cambridge Hunts Saboteurs, we have one experienced Sab from the old group who has good historical knowledge of the local hunts.

The winter 2014 hunting season has seen us grow in strength in a short time, having been teaming up with NELS, SES, Norfolk and Suffolk, Beds and Bucks and Northampton sabs. This has meant that our new recruits have gained experience and training from our family of seasoned sabs. We also have a vehicle that will soon be roadworthy, currently being worked on by one of our members (who happens to be a mechanic - very handy!)

The group's first outing was at the mass hit of the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale Hunt. This was in response to their huntsman hospitalising a female sab who is a friend of some of our group members. Over 100 sabs attending gave our newer recruits a very good footing into the world of hunt sabbing and the solidarity that is felt between us out in the field.

The Puckeridge Hunt has had a taste of the new Cambridge Sab group this season, with us hitting them multiple times with NELS and SES, keeping this quite slippery hunt on their hooves. On one occasion, the hunt lost control of their pack and they ended up on the busy A120 road. Thankfully, two foxes were helped to safety and no hounds hurt despite the careless and irresponsible huntsman with his relatively unresponsive pack.

We made a visit to the East Essex hunt with SES and NELS keeping them on the run all day. The frustrated huntsman entered into heated conflict with Sabs when a fox that went to ground. Some of our new Sabs were the first to sit in the hole and they were not going to go anywhere. Due to our numbers and determination the red-faced huntsman to call off his terrier men and pack up early.

The Waveney Harriers have had our presence when we joined up with the Norfolk and Suffolk group, which give our new recruits a valuable insight into preventing hare hunting.

Boxing Day saw us team up with SES, NELS, Bed & Bucks and Northampton Sabs to do our local Cambridge & Enfield Hunt. Last year the local paper published an article on their Boxing Day meet saying they had over 200 people turning out to see the hunt off at Eltisley Green so we were not going to stand for that! Out came the old hit reports and our strong combined presence meant they had no peace from sabs all day. The day's sabbing was accompanied by heavy police presence including a helicopter. We picked up our own police escort who was a flurry of comical determination as he tried to keep up with us whilst fumbling about with his little rulebook, haphazardly throwing out inappropriate warnings and trying (and failing) to read his map, whilst the hunt was carrying on with their illegal activities. It was just one of those epic days where sabs continuously took control of the hounds using horns and voice calls and helped four foxes make their escape.

Hitting the ground running has meant that the Cambridge Hunt Sabs have had as much experience as possible this season, with lots to look forward to as we enter 2015 including fundraising events, workshops and increased field training. A message to hunters in our region: **we are back and going to be on your case!**



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In September and October we spent six weeks in the Somerset cull zone and had sabs visit Gloucestershire on several occasions. Out day and night, we had countless encounters with badger shooters and traps – all of which ended with the risk to badger's lives being neutralised. We saw lots of badgers, a number of bored-looking police and many halfwit farmers. Overall, we feel we had a huge amount of success in sabbing the cull and are ready to do it all over again if need be.

Back home, we jumped straight back into sabbing hunts every week and went out nine times in November alone. We have continued to sab the York & Ainsty South FH, which has become awfully boring with the exception of the occasion when one of their supporters smashed our van windscreen with a golf ball: the hunt then paid for the damage!

The High Peak Harriers tried a new one on us on November 5th with a pseudo-legal hunt, using just two hounds and a gunman. Sabs made sure that neither the gunman nor hounds could kill on the day. They haven't tried this hunting method since. We helped five hares and two foxes escape from the hunt in two visits in November and they have since reverted to riding without hounds when we are around.

We have also stopped hunts of the Ecclesfield Beagles and Per Ardua Beagles, travelled up to the Fife Foxhounds to support new Scottish sab groups, helped sab the Badsworth & Bramham Moor FH as well as the Holcombe Harriers.

Kernow Hunt Sabs

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Fresh from the Somerset anti badger-cull campaign, Kernow Sabs were ready for the start of the 2015 foxhunting season. Also ready was our new Land Rover; a fantastic vehicle that we were able to buy due to the generosity of our public supporters and the Hunt Saboteurs Association. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped us purchase the vehicle; it has made a positive difference to our outings and we are very grateful. Successful fund raising has also allowed us to obtain a new gizmo, video camera and waterproof maps; all essential kit.

So far this season we have visited the North Cornwall, Western, Cury, Four Burrow, South Tetcott and Lamerton. We have joined up with our neighbours Devon sabs three times to good effect and travelled to Dorset to assist in the mass sab at the Blackmore & Sparkford Vale. Earlier in autumn 2014 during cubbing, one of the BSV redcoats had ridden their horse at speed into a female sab, knocking her flying; breaking seven ribs and causing serious internal injuries. The mass sab was organised to show the BSV that if they hurt one of our comrades, they can expect to be sabbed, *en masse*, and at any point. Sabs frequently face violence and intimidation from hunts and their support, with cases against the hunt often dropped by the CPS despite good evidence. However, we're not interested in fighting; we want to save the foxes, mink, deer, hare and every other animal that is hunted illegally for blood sport.

Now we are into 2015 we have four more months of Cornish fox hunt sabbing before we can turn our thoughts towards the summer. We shall be working hard towards getting the Tories voted out, the Badger culls stopped in their tracks and the 2004 Hunting Act strengthened, not repealed.

North Tyne Hunt Sabs

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While searching for Blencathra foxhounds Cumbria and North Tyne sabs located the Cumbria Beagles at their Low Dead Crags meet. Fifteen minutes later the hunt was over and the beagles were back in the van, but with both hunt and sabs reluctant to leave the area a two and a half hour standoff ensued until the last of the beaters started their procession of shame. Lancaster set off to the location where the Blencathra had been found and following some mild dummy spitting the Beagles left just after 2pm… it was clear that the Blencathra's day was also over. It just goes to show that the Cumbrian Fells are full of surprises and you never know what you might find…!

North Tyne, Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield sabs visited The York and Ainsty South at their meet near Barlby. Despite the non-stop rain and traipsing through miles of mud, we caught the hunt on several occasions running up hares and even a young deer. The whipper-in did diddly-squat which meant that the sabs had no choice but to intervene to save lives. The lackeys of the hunt support tried one of their "wide boy" tricks by smashing one of the vans windscreens but that backfired when the hunt master apologised and foot the bill! The hunt eventually came to their senses and packed up at 3pm to try and retain any dignity they (thought) they had.

Cumbria, Lancaster and North Tyne hunt sabs teamed up to hit the Melbreak. The early part of the morning was spent searching for the pack; on both occasions we found the hounds out of control worrying sheep and cattle as well as straying everywhere. The Melbreak has no control of their hounds at all which resulted in two foot sabs searching the fells for stray hounds. Liddle, realising that he had nowhere to hide in the fells or at the roadside, called the pack in to attempt to regain control.

A hard slog but a success in saving lives none the less; apart from two foxes we knew about making it to safety, another two were spotted by concerned walkers. Many thanks to these walkers/ tourists for their help on the day; like most members of the public they were disgusted when they found out what was going on.

Boxing Day started with an early morning visit to one of our local hunts, the Tynedale. We scented the Market Square in Corbridge before the start of the meet to remind joint hunt master Charlie Shirley-Beavan that: we are still at large! We could be anywhere! You don't know what we are doing! You don't know how many of us there are!

Looking at the way their faces are twisting in some of the local press pictures (and considering it was their big day) they don't look happy at all.

We then met up with West Yorkshire, Sheffield and Liverpool sabs for the Colne Valley meet at the "Jack of Mitre" inn. Violence erupted before the start of the meet, involving criminal damage to one of our vans and serious assaults on several sabs. Despite this cowardly tactic, the sabs stood their ground and refused to leave the meet. This lead to the arrival of the police and the meet being cancelled.



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Lancaster sabs have been out whenever we have been able – although we have a big enough group it is very difficult for us all to get out as often as we would like. This season we have been mostly sabbing in Cumbria. We have paid visits to the Blencathra hunt, the Melbreak, the Ullswater, the Cumberland beagles, the Ennerdale and Eskdale, and (a bit leftfield), the Flint and Denbigh. We have primarily acted in tandem with Cumbria sabs and on a few occasions with North Tyne, North East, North Wales, Borders and North Downs sabs, and have had what appears to be a devastating effect on foxhunts; particularly the fell packs in Cumbria.

The Cumbrian hunts appear to be avoiding National Trust land when we are present, which leads us to believe that the campaign we have been working on, National Dis-trust, has been successful in that area. Although the National Trust has still issued licences to fell packs, it seems that a shot has been fired across their boughs. This campaign will continue. The outcome of this is that hunts in Cumbria appear to be employing some nasty tactics - this appears to be the result of paranoia, as sabs in the fells are at an advantage, with there being so many walkers. Therefore, sometimes we are dressed as walkers, which confuses the hunts, and this has resulted in certain hunts reacting in an aggressive manner towards genuine walkers, who they perceive to be sabs; not doing much for the public image of already-hated hunts!

There have also been incidents of violence towards sabs. One incident, involving an assault followed by the drawing of a knife from a hunt supporter, is currently under investigation. However it is the sab who is being investigated, although full footage of the incident from beginning to end shows both the assault and the knife being produced. Watch this space.

We are confident that our efforts are creating serious issues for the hunts in Cumbria and we are currently working with other groups on a new technique which we hope will develop into a successful sabbing tool. If you live in the Lancashire and South Lakes area and want to join us, please contact us on the details above

Scottish Borders Hunt Sabs

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Borders Hunt Sabs have been pretty busy since the season started again.

From sabbing a mink/otter hunt down in Essex, to the Blencathra, to the Alston Hare festival, up to the Fife Foxhounds and then the Buccleuch hunt in the Borders. Last, but by no means least, there was an emotional return back to the vile Ullswater. They finished their last season with a kill; this time, because of a large presence from several groups, they did not even unload the hounds!

We formed the Facebook page on the 24th of January 2014 so are now a year old. Massive thanks must go to all the people who genuinely support the page and what we stand for. The greatest of gratitude for all the funding you have given us, not a penny is wasted and not a penny taken for granted. Truly: thank you.

If anyone is interested in sabbing with us then please message us, we will always answer you and really encourage genuine new saboteurs. Scotland has seen a steady rise in hunt saboteurs and we intend to grow and get to even more hunts up here, who at the moment barely know what an "anti" is...

... it's time we let them know!



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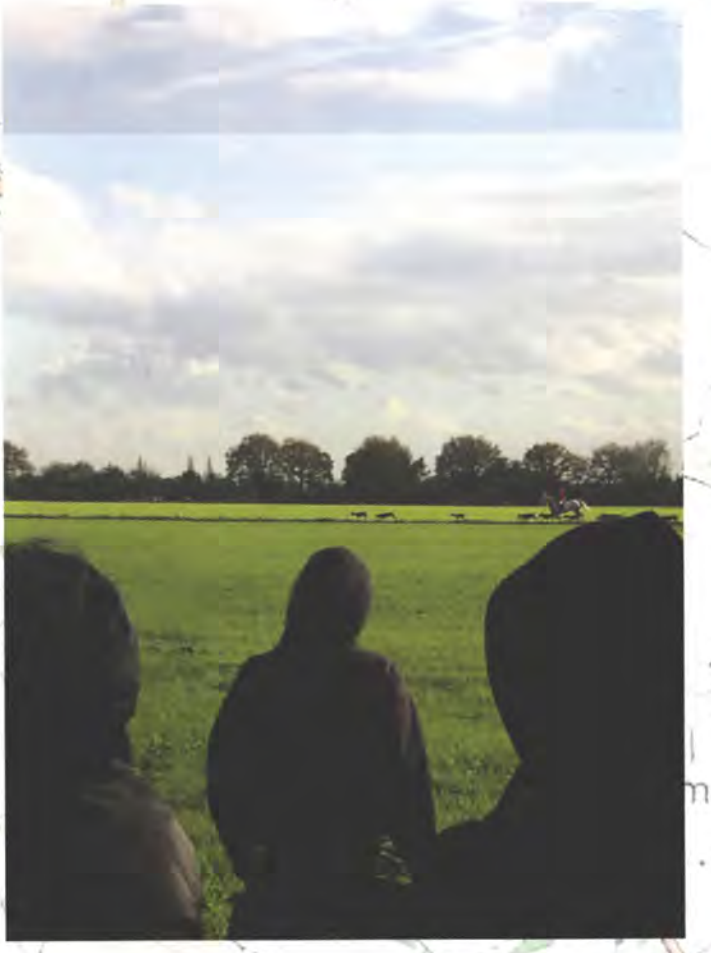
We were back in the badger killing fields for the 2014 cull. Despite the high cost in terms of lack of sleep and personal finances we took comfort in the knowledge that badgers lives were saved by our presence. This year we were so much better organised, equipped and supported. The backup and support of the Badger Office was truly remarkable. They dispatched help, relayed messages and intelligence to neighbouring groups, gave advice on tactics, the law and provided a police liaison. Thank you Badger Office! We had several encounters with shooters but on all occasions they eventually left our area once we made our presence known. It was obvious from early on that the presence of police meant we were likely to see shooters that night. The policing was much improved from last year and we know that people worked hard behind the scenes to achieve this. We are very grateful to them and also to the locals who expressed solidarity with us 'Antis' and who provided fruit, other garden produce and intelligence!

We will carry on monitoring our setts and while we hope the cull will not return this year, we'll be there again if it does.

The group had its first experience of cub-hunting last year when we visited the Cotswold Hunt in early September with West Midland Hunt Saboteurs. This was also a good chance to learn from working with experienced sabs. We were shocked and sickened by the sinister sight of this hunt at first light who were clearly intending a 'traditional' cub-hunt.

Our first visit to the Vale of White Horse Hunt was in early November and we caught up with our other local, the Beaufort Hunt, for their first time this season the week after. We continue to visit these two on a regular basis. We have also added more visits to the Cotswold Hunt to our list of objectives as we feel sure they'd be pleased to see us again.

Another first for us this season was a Boxing Day visit, in atrocious weather conditions, to the Royal Agricultural College Beagle Pack. To see the beautiful, elegant, harmless hares running around in chaos was truly shocking and distressing. With hunting, you enter a twilight zone - a parallel reality. While most people take walks, ride bikes or go shopping to enjoy their holiday, others like to find where beautiful and vulnerable wild animals live and use dogs to chase them to exhaustion then rip them apart. We will never understand it and will continue to do our best to try to help the hunted.



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We had sabs stationed in Gloucester for the full six weeks of the badger cull this year. Working closely with local people and Wounded Badger Patrol proved a great success, with the cull failing hopelessly. We'll be back in 2015 if need be. For a video summary of our expolits please see http://youtu.be/Z3qKHSDIyQI.

With the badger culls finished, Manchester sabs re-grouped and got stuck into sabbing fox hunts, hare hunts and the occasional shoot. The York and Ainsty South FH, the Badsworth and Bramham Moor FH, the Holcombe Harriers and the High Peak Harriers have all received regular attention with kill-free days whenever sabs have been there.

The High Peak Harriers on one occasion even tried the 'flushing to guns' exemption, using just two hounds and a waiting shooter. Sabs stayed with the lone gunman all over the moors, making it impossible for him to shoot even if the hounds had flushed anything out - which they didn't. Needless to say, the hunt haven't tried this again, preferring to stay put in the kennels or not bring the hounds out at all when sabs are present.

Horizontal rain, endless mud, occasional hunt violence... none of this deters us. Please donate to keep us at it. Thanks to everyone who has already donated especially, during the six week badger cull; we couldn't have done it without your support.

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The early mornings began in August this year for Bristol Hunt Sabs with the start of cub hunting. With some of our sabs in the Somerset badger cull zone, others were having a lot of success sabbing the Berkeley Hunt most weekends throughout autumn. Many foxes were helped to safety, hounds were becoming very receptive to sab horn and voice calls and members of the hunt were getting increasingly frustrated with us turning up and finding them Saturday after Saturday!

For the start of the season proper we went to the Tedworth Hunt for their opening meet along with Southampton Sabs, returning the following weekend and again recently for their Christmas meet, where we also stopped a pheasant shoot. As well as this we have had good days at the Monmouthshire Hunt with pals South Wales, popped in to visit the new huntsman at the Cotswold Vale Farmers' Hunt and travelled down to the big hit at the Blackmore & Sparkford Vale as a show of solidarity for the sab seriously injured by a hunt rider early on in the season.

We have also visited a couple of the local foot packs, starting with the Woolaston Bassets (their first season hunting and first time with sabs for company). They mainly stuck to a trail; no doubt due to our presence. The Royal Agricultural College Beagles were forced to pack up after a bit of a run around and some very blatant hare hunting, which we put a stop to.

A good first half of the season, all in all; we'll see what 2015 brings! A message to any hunters in the region who may be reading this - we can turn up anywhere; just because you can't see us it doesn't mean we aren't watching!

Norfolk & Suffolk Hunt Sabs

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The beginning of the 2014/2015 season has certainly proved an interesting one for the Norfolk & Suffolk Sabs. Most interesting is that, since the opening meet on 25th October 2014, we now have a very high police presence out with us every week; whereas for the majority of years since the ban we have had none out with us at all. So...what has changed? Who knows? One thing for sure is that we have changed as a group quite drastically and, no doubt, the hunt doesn't like it. We now have a far greater number of sabs out there on the fields every week (some weeks there are more than a dozen of us) and we are better equipped than we ever were before. It's a great shame the cops are now obsessing about faulty car brake lights, face masks and whether or not we step off a footpath rather the illegal hunting that is taking place.



For the majority of weeks we have sabbed the Waveney Harriers with great success. They seem to be losing meets as we find ourselves back at the same meets time after time. We know the areas much better than the new huntsman does and he doesn't seem to know where to go to avoid us. Having extra sabs in the fields makes such a difference; when one of the hunt masters says, "I am sick to death of the lot of you," you know you are getting something right!

As well as sabbing the Waveney Harriers (who are now mainly foxhunting), we sabbed a joint Waveney/Dunston Harrier meet. We have also fitted in a couple of visits to the Easton Harriers, who packed up at 1.10 pm when we visited them as they didn't know where to go to escape; so we went back and sabbed the Waveney later the same day! Five of us also managed an impromptu Boxing Day demo in Bungay Town Centre! We have been lucky enough to be joined by the brilliant Essex Sabs (for our opening meet) and just before Christmas we had a visit from the newly formed Cambridge Sab group. Many thanks for your support guys!

Anyone who wants to join us is very welcome. The more hunt sabs we have, the more lives we save.

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Living in blood sports central with twenty hunts on your doorstep can be tough, but we've been boosted this season by some wonderful new sabs who joined us for the badger cull. Back before that though, summer began with hits on mink hunts and laborious sett surveying, and, as the nights lengthened, we turned nocturnal once more, maintaining a presence in the Somerset cull zone on every night of the cull.

One of our farms blocked up its sett, only to get away with it when police paid a visit but were mysteriously unable to find anything... despite a ten-figure grid reference. Also on our patch were assorted fenn traps, Larsen traps, shooting towers and other tools of death; dealt with in the same way as the badger cages. It was a pleasure to work with many non-sabs out protecting badgers, and our thanks go to them and all our benefactors who helped with petrol money, equipment, and delicious vegan cupcakes.

Back in Devon, with cubbing underway, we were instrumental in persuading major organic farmers Riverford to ban hunting on their Devon land. A bit of publicity works wonders!

The Eggesford were the first to be paid a visit during the season proper. It wasn't much trouble to take the pack off huntsman Gary Boon, but his hounds cowering in fear of human contact were a distressing sight, balanced only by the knowledge we saved several bagged foxes that day.

The Tiverton were next on our list, followed by the ultra-scummy Lamerton with friends from Kernow Hunt Sabs. In support of our neighbours in Dorset, we joined the national hit on the Blackmore and Sparkford Vale, where inspiring sabbing met appalling policing. One copper said we were "obviously not from the countryside," and in the evening gloom it was hard to tell him apart from the surrounding terrier boys.

Cornish colleagues were present once more for a joint meet of the Cury and the South Tetcott. Comedy prevailed when the huntsman realised he had company during his speech and promptly began bleating about trails. The following week, during a bizarre day amongst business parks and an airport on the busy outskirts of Exeter, the East Devon were caught red-handed putting up two foxes right outside a Cats Protection shelter, so they sent a quad round to lay a trail, long after the hunt had gone!

Boxing Day was spent once more with the South Devon at spectacular but rainy Haytor, and on New Year's Day we were back with the East Devon, ending the year as we started it.



Liverpool Hunt Sabs

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Back home after the Badger cull, Liverpool Hunt Sabs have been getting out and about as much as possible this season. Teaming up with our usual northern comrades Manchester, Sheffield and West Yorkshire we have already visited many hunts this season including the York & Ainsty South (YAS), Badsworth & Bramham Moor Hunt (BBMH), Holcombe Harriers, High Peak Harriers and the Colne Valley Beagles.

We have been visiting the Holcombe Harriers more this season as last year, while they were trail hunting, some hounds broke off and killed a hare. They do usually trail hunt when sabs are around but at times sabs have still had to intervene when the hounds have rioted and the huntsman could not control them. A very incompetent hunt that we will be keeping our eye on over the coming months!

We have had some interesting outings with the High Peak Harriers. One mid-week visit they decided to bring out just two hounds and made a big deal about their plan to flush out wildlife to a hired gunman. They didn't have much luck as we stuck close to the gunman and hounds all day ensuring the 5 hares and fox we saw got away safely. On the other two occasions we have visited them they have decided not to take any hounds out at all.

As well as visiting the YAS a number of times this season we have also been turning our attention to the Badsworth and Bramham Moor Hunt. On one visit while searching for them, as they had changed their meet at short notice, we came across a shoot. We made sure they packed up before heading on to the hunt. The hunt was found and sabs stuck with them for the remainder of the day ensuring no kills. We did have some bother with a few of their supporters and the very drunk whipper-in, but it was nothing that we couldn't handle and they left us alone once they realised their violence was not going to deter us.

On Boxing Day we paid a decided to pay a visit to the Colne Valley Beagles. The hunt responded by calling in supporters who proceeded to attack our vans and the saboteurs inside. There is a police investigation underway so hopefully we will see the people responsible prosecuted.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated towards our van's maintenance costs. More sabs are always welcome, so please get in touch.

SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS



Please write cards or letters to the following prisoners. Even if you just send a card with a brief message, receiving a message of support from the outside world can make a huge difference to the prisoner. Remember all correspondence is read by prison staff. Also don't expect a reply as there is a limit to the number of letters each prisoner can write.

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In July 2014,Adriano Antonacci received a sentence of 3 years and 8 months in prison after he was suspected of involvement in actions against a fur store, banks, the Eni oil company and the Enel power company.

Walter Edmund Bond, 37096-013
USP Marion CMU, PO Box 1000, Marion IL 62959, USA
Walter Bond is serving a total of 12 years for his actions as the ALF Lone Wolf. www.SupportWalter.org
Birthday:16th April

Karl Häggroth
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In June 2014, Karl was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison, for actions against the fur industry.

Gianluca Iacovacci
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In July 2014, Gianluca Iacovacci was sentenced to six years in prison after he was suspected of involvement in actions against a fur store, banks, the Eni oil company and the Enel power company.

Kevin Johnson #4565
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Kevin was arrested in rural Illinois for "possession of burglary tools." In January 2014, Kevin was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison.

Richard Klinsmeister
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Marius Jacob Mason (formerly Marie Jeanette Mason, 04672-061)
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Marius was sentenced on 5th February 2009 to an outrageous 21 years and 10 months imprisonment for ELF/ALF actions. www.facebook.com/supportmariusmason/ and http://supportmariusmason.org, In July 2014, Marius announced that he would no longer be using the name Marie, and will be using male pronouns. Until his name is legally changed, mail sent to Marius in prison will need to be addressed to "Marie Mason."

Ebba Olausson
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In April 2014, Ebba was sentenced to two years and six months in prison for actions against the fur industry.
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Rebecca Rubin #98290-011
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In January 2014, Rebecca was sentenced to five years in prison after pleading guilty to arson, attempted arson and conspiracy charges.

Justin Solondz #98291-011
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If you move house please tell us. The HSA has a disproportionate number of returned envelopes due to unknown addresses, this inevitably means wasted funds.

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HELP SAVE A LIFE AFTER YOUR DEATH

REMEMBER THE HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION IN YOUR WILL

You may think that it is not worth your while making a Will but you may be surprised at how much you are worth, especially if you own your own home. Most people in this country die without making a Will and that means that the government gets more than their fair share. Making a Will need not be complicated or time consuming and it could save your loved ones a lot of unnecessary heartache. If you do not have a Will when you die there is no guarantee that those closest to you will benefit from your wealth and property. In addition, many people like to know that the organisations they support whilst alive will continue to benefit after their death.

The Hunt Saboteurs Association relies entirely on the generosity of its membership to function. As the organisation strives to function on minimal running costs more of the money coming in can be put to good use where it counts most – in the hunting field. Leaving a gift to the H.S.A. in your Will helps to ensure that the good work carried out by active hunt saboteurs can continue. With a ban now in place, and so many hunts blatantly flouting it, the role of sabs has never been more important, so your gift will still be put to good use – the HSA will continue until no sentient creatures are abused in the name of sport.

A Will is a legally binding document and needs to be prepared properly. The services of a solicitor should be employed. A solicitor is the only person who can give professionally qualified advice. Have a look in Yellow Pages (under 'Solicitors') or call the Law Society on *020 7242 1222*. If you already have a Will you can include a gift to the H.S.A. by adding an amendment (known as a 'codicil') – you will need to consult your solicitor about this.

If you are able to remember the H.S.A. in your Will it would help if you could let us know.

I plan to / have already prepared a Will and have remembered the Hunt Saboteurs Association as follows (please tick as appropriate):

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Organisations such as the Countryside Alliance are backed by some of the richest people in Britain, and can spend millions on advertising and paid campaigners. Their wealth and power gives them a stranglehold over most of the media and some of the most influential people in government.

The Hunt Saboteurs Association, in comparison, runs solely on funds from you, the public, who keep the organisation afloat with donations and membership. It depends on the small band of volunteers who give over their spare time to keep the HSA running smoothly, who produce leaflets and adverts and salesgoods, who staff stalls, who give advice to other sabs and deal with the press. And most importantly of all it depends on the dedication of the men and women who, week in, week out, defy the hunts on their own turf, and in the face of increasing violence and police powers, *still* manage to save the lives of thousands of hunted animals every year.

There are several ways you can help the HSA.

- Get in touch with your local sab group (details from the office) and either go sabbing yourself or help in other ways such as fundraising or mechanics.
- If you are not already a member of the HSA, please join now by using the form below - it only takes a few minutes to fill in and return to us.
- If you are already a HSA member then please photocopy the form and pass it on to someone else you think may like to join us.
- Ask the office for back copies of HOWL to leave in places where they can be read by members of the public (ie. doctors waiting rooms). If you are still at school or college why not leave a copy in the library reference section?
- Support us by buying HSA T-shirts and other merchandise. Contact us if you don't already have a salesgoods order form.
- Let the hunters know what you think! Write to your local newspaper's letters page and write to your MP to let them know your views on Government plans either regarding hunting or hunt saboteurs. Your MP's address will be House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA



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Sea Shepherd
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Richmond-Upon-Thames, Surrey, TW9 2JN
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SPEAK Campaigns
PO Box 6712, Northampton, NN2 6XR
0845 330 7985 07906 497317 info@speakcampaigns.org
www.speakcampaigns.org

Stop the Cull
www.badger-killers.co.uk

Vegan Prisoner Support Group (VPSG)
BM 2107, London, WC1N 3XX info@vpsg.org www.vpsg.org

The Vegan Society
Donald Watson House, 21 Hylton Street, Hockley, Birmingham,
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info@vegansociety.com www.vegansociety.com

Veggies Animal Rights Calendar
www.veggies.org.uk/arc

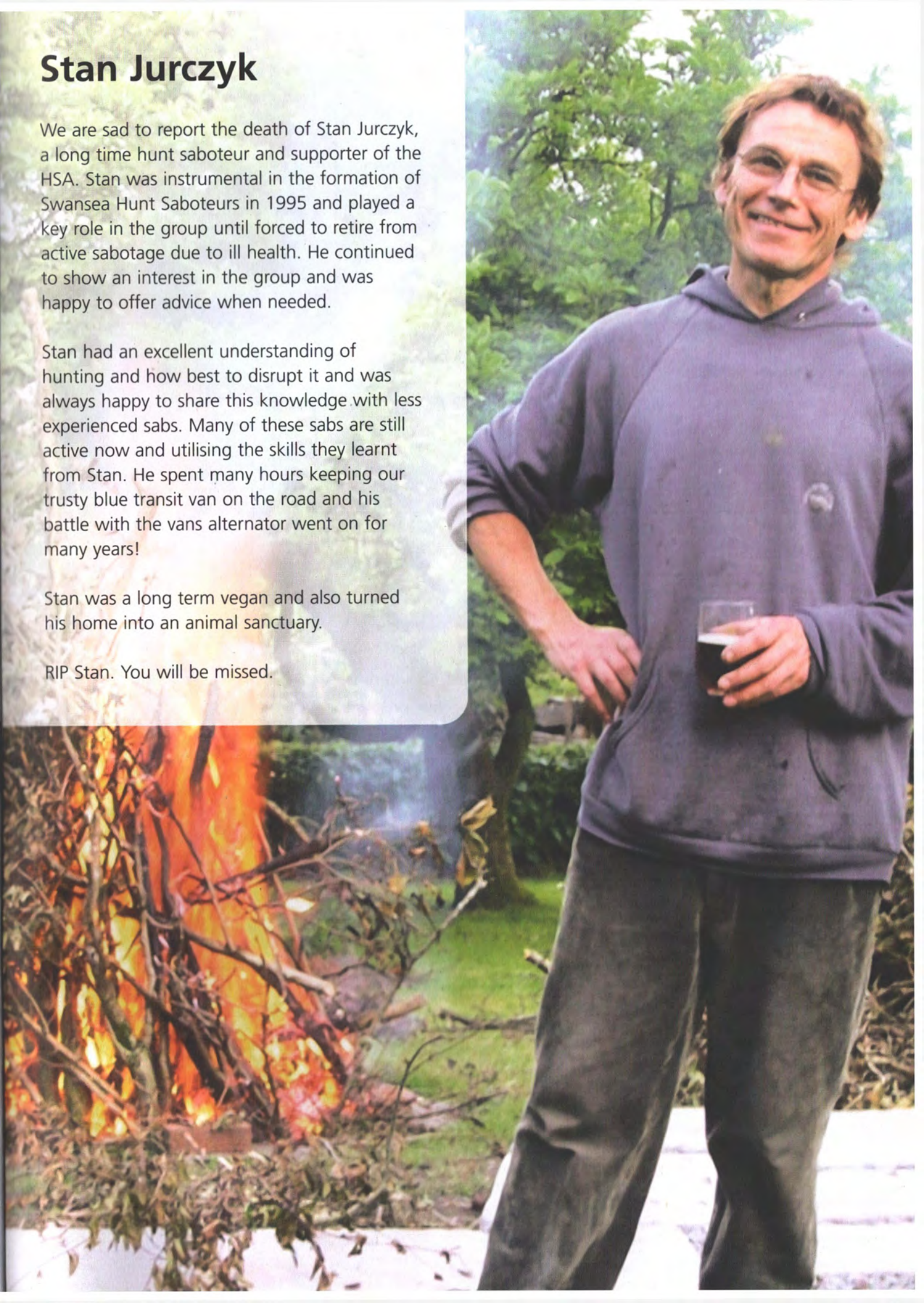
Stan Jurczyk

We are sad to report the death of Stan Jurczyk, a long time hunt saboteur and supporter of the HSA. Stan was instrumental in the formation of Swansea Hunt Saboteurs in 1995 and played a key role in the group until forced to retire from active sabotage due to ill health. He continued to show an interest in the group and was happy to offer advice when needed.

Stan had an excellent understanding of hunting and how best to disrupt it and was always happy to share this knowledge with less experienced sabs. Many of these sabs are still active now and utilising the skills they learnt from Stan. He spent many hours keeping our trusty blue transit van on the road and his battle with the vans alternator went on for many years!

Stan was a long term vegan and also turned his home into an animal sanctuary.

RIP Stan. You will be missed.



HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Our AGM this year will be held at:
Jacksons Lane, 269a Archway Road, London N6 5AA
www.jacksonslane.org.uk/
on
23rd May 2015

We are, of course, as always, looking for people to stand as committee members; to do this you need to do the following:

- Be a member of at least one year's standing
- During March you notify us by letter or email of at least two Members proposing you for election, these need to be exclusive of other candidates for election to the Executive Committee or Members proposing any other candidate for election to the Executive Committee

If more than 12 people stand for election then there will be postal vote held.

Although there is no requirement on committee members to do anything but attend meetings during the year, historically the bulk of the HSA's work is done by the committee; from merchandise, to press, to stuffing envelopes. We do have some co-opted non-voting members who do specific tasks but, in the main, the work is done by committee members.

All expenses caused by committee work is reimbursed.

At this time we are particularly looking for people willing to take on Legal, Social Media (Twitter) and Fund Raising. All of these positions could be full committee members or co-opted non-voting members. You can, of course, ask to take on positions already held by current committee members and that would be decided at the first full committee.

So if you have new ideas, love the HSA, want to help us promote hunt sabotage and help local sab groups, please stand for committee; we can't claim it's all fun, but it is interesting and it is vital in the fight against blood sports.