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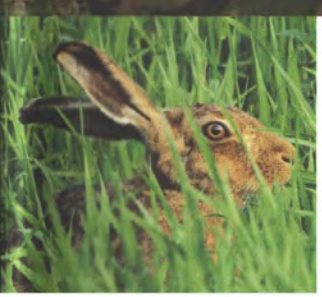


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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR:

At the start of the New Year we are seeing that hunts and hunting have not changed one jot, their present tactic is to cry, 'tradition,' as a way to cover their activities, while making not a single change to the way they act. True, a lot of hunts make the effort to present a drag, supposedly laying a trail, but sabs can tell you that the hounds ignore that scent on most occasions and the hunts, in the main, quickly move off that scent line and hunt as normal. In addition, the laying of trails where foxes are likely to be, such as in kale fields, or saying they have laid trails through areas so thick with undergrowth that only hounds and their quarry can penetrate, shows them up for the liars they are.

Never forget that most hunts' stated intention is keep themselves functioning until such time that the ban is repealed. Taking this into consideration, it should come as no surprise that they are willing to lie about their actions in the here and now.

So hunt saboteurs are as vital as ever, as is your support of them. This season so far has shown that hunt violence is at the same level it has always been. A fuss is made by the Countryside Alliance about sab protecting their identities, conveniently forgetting that many terrier men ride around on Quads in full face balaclavas. The use of spades, staves, horses, whips, quads and knives as weapons is ignored and if any sabs dare to defend themselves they cry foul. The regular attacks on sab vehicles and property shows the constant need for sabs to remain unknown to the hunting community if at all possible. The police reaction to hunt violence is similar to their response to breaches of the hunting act, weak, unfocused and reluctant. To paraphrase the hunters' cries of outrage, 'if this happened in the town the police would do something'. It is time the police started looking at hunt violence as they did with football hooliganism, organised systematic violence connected to one organisation. The difference being that football clubs did their best to distance themselves from the violence, something hunts never do. This is no surprise as hunts' reasons for existence is the infliction of violence on animals. While they exist, we will oppose them.

It's that time of year when I am required by our constitution to remind all members that you can stand for committee. To do so, you need to have been a member of the organisation for at least one year (as of March 2016), during March you need to submit a letter (or email) of intent stating you wish to stand for election and naming your proposer and seconder; both of whom also need to be members. If we receive twelve or more people standing then there will be a postal vote.

The vast majority of the organisations' day to day work is done by the committee, and although there is no requirement to take up a post such as Chair, Membership, Press etc. you are welcome to indicate if there is a particular job you would like to undertake. If there is a conflict between two persons wishing to do the same position this will be resolved at the first committee meeting following the AGM.



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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 seems to be noticeable during our latest sabbing season appears to be an increase in the violence aimed against us. Sabs have been exposed to attacks (including stabbings, GBH and ABH as well as disgraceful scenes at a peaceful Anti-Hunt demonstration). The 'traditional' Boxing Day meet in Lewes High Street by the Southdown and Eridge made national news when local protestors (ie, people who lived in the area and objected to their town being closed off for the morning to accommodate blood junkies, NOT hunt sabs) were knocked to the ground by hunt supporters. The Deputy Mayor of Lewes had written asking for assurance from the hunt that they had no intention of using violence and that the police would be on hand to deal with any issues. The police were there: all two of them...

The good news is that we have an all-time record number of sabs; new groups springing up, keen to get involved and eager to go out with experienced groups until they feel confident to find their own ways... we are meeting them all the time and they are awesome! The Scottish groups are up and running at strength and making a massive difference in some incredibly hard-to-sab areas. Respect.

Alston continues to be a resounding success; just by being organised, keen, and ready to act we have closed down an activity that costs hundreds of lives (see Hare Preservation Trust article). Let's not underestimate how many lives these often covert 'festivals' cost; not just the hunted animals, but the young that are increasingly left behind when a parent animal is killed.

We have observed that hunts are finding it harder and harder to get regular support. We have, to our great delight, seen that sometimes hunt riders are massively outnumbered by sabs; are having to change their hunting calendars (not going out on Saturday can make a huge difference to their following), and many are doing this due to pressure from sabs. As one sab observed of a hunt recently, 'they had so few riders it felt like a funeral and we were glad we were wearing black.'

Whatever you do to help us, whether you sab, buy merchandise, pay for membership or give us information, be assured that it is appreciated and used to the very best advantage for hunted animals everywhere. We do what we can do, and we make the very most of your support.

What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what difference you want to make.
Jane Goodall

Thank you, to all those good people, for deciding to make a difference.



BELEAGUERED BEAGLERS CANCEL ALSTON HARE WEEK

In October 2014 hunt saboteurs decimated the week-long beagling festival known as Alston Hare Week. Three days of relentless sabotage by groups from around the country was enough to persuade the beaglers to abandon their festival halfway through. The week of action was a complete success with not a single hare killed.



For the 2015 event the HSA felt it could do even better - why not try to stop it going ahead altogether?

The festival is organised by Simon Beckett and Elizabeth Thompson of the Weardale & Tees Valley Beagles. They invite visiting packs to hunt their moorland country every October, before the start of the official hunting season. Alston Hare Week's key attraction (its remoteness) is also a major weakness; the area takes some getting to and to stay for a week involves significant outlay and commitment.

We calculated that if we took the very unusual step of going public with our plans to return in 2015, we should be able to force the abandonment of the week; see it from the beagler's point of view... would you book off holiday, pay for accommodation and travel 300 miles if you knew you'd be met by a crew of determined hunt saboteurs?

And if Plan A didn't work, we'd simply revert to the more traditional Plan B: turn up in large numbers and sab the bastards.

Know Your Enemy

The only disappointment of the 2014 week had been our failure to secure a conviction against the Warwickshire Beagles who we had filmed blatantly hunting hare. This was despite a rigorous and committed investigation by Brampton Police's Wildlife Officer. The hunters evaded justice by refusing to cooperate with the police in identifying the huntsman - unusual behaviour for a group that claims to "hunt within the law."

To avoid a repetition of this, the hours of video shot during the week were painstakingly analysed. Almost all key figures in the host and visiting packs were identified. These included masters and staff of the Park, Severn Vale, Stoke Hill and Warwickshire Beagles. Several other ageing but familiar faces emerged: Bob Tucker of the Ytene MH, Gary Corbett of the Northern Counties MH and Peter Hole, leader of defunct extremists the Countryside Action Network. The hunters won't be able to cheat justice again.

It's All Heading South

In February 2015 our Alston campaign received an unexpected boost. In-fighting dating from the messy disbanding of the Wick & District Beagles resulted in the HSA obtaining the fixture list for the Severn Vale Beagles' own Wiltshire-based hare hunting festival.

The week was a massive success for sabs with organiser David Eggbeer getting very sweary, as his festival crumbled around him. However, an added bonus was the surprise presence of "El Presidente" himself: Alston organiser Simon Beckett! The old git - who had travelled 300 miles to be there - was filmed turning purple with rage as sabs stormed the first meet of the week. If he needed any reminder that organising beagling festivals is a bad idea these days then he certainly got it...

Hare Preservation Trust

A few months later, in June 2015, the Hare Preservation Trust bravely came out in support of our Alston campaign. They put their money where their mouth is by donating a substantial sum towards sabbing the festival. Needless to say, they were immediately subjected to online threats and abuse from hunters. They stuck with us, though, and have continued to provide practical and financial help throughout our campaign.

Leveret Hunters Rumbled

Indeed, it was the HPT who provided the next turn of the screw. Just six weeks before Alston was due to start, they discovered that the Christ Church & Farley Hill Beagles had organised a week of leveret hunting in Northumberland. Sabs gathered in the area and promptly sent the student hunters scurrying back to Oxford on the second day of their 'week.' Although unconnected to Alston, news of our action must have got back to Beckett and co. The message was clear: we will stop you hunting hares in Northumberland.

With the leveret week abandoned, sabs spent a useful few days intelligence gathering in and around Alston. An Oscar-worthy bit of acting even allowed us a flick through the Alston House Hotel's bookings log - there was no sign of the big dinner that is the traditional centrepiece of the week.

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Upping the Ante

Also in September a special leaflet - appealing for information on the festival - was produced and distributed to every house in Alston. As with last year, we had a fantastic response from locals anxious to grass up the hunt: all the information received suggested that Alston '15 would not be going ahead. We were also pleased to receive intelligence on big changes at the W&TV Beagles: new masters (Angus Thompson, Mike Richardson), a new Secretary (Sarah-Jane Stoker) and even a new Huntsman (Gary Wingar). Hopefully this lot will realise that continuing the festival will only bring them grief.



They Lie, Hares Die

The leaflet, and our press operation, resulted in several articles appearing in local papers, deliberately generating exactly the kind of publicity the hunters try to avoid. When pressed by the Cumberland Herald to justify Alston Hare Week, a hunt spokeswoman stated that it is simply a social gathering to preserve old hunting songs! This ludicrous claim surely wins the HSA's hotly-contested Crap Excuses for Hunting Award 2015.

By the beginning of October the HSA was increasingly confident that the festival would not be going ahead. However, as a precaution, many groups remained on standby while dedicated local sabs patrolled all known meets and made regular visits to the W&TV kennels. Absolutely no hunt activity was found and, by the end of October, we could confidently say that we had won: Alston Hare Week 2015 had not gone ahead!



Alston Hare Week 2016...?

This was yet another great victory for the HSA - the only organisation with the expertise, commitment and ambition to stop an event like Alston Hare Week. Since we dismantled the Northumberland Beagling Festival in the late 80s/early 90s, Alston had quietly become the biggest event in the beagling calendar. For it to not go ahead - for the first time in over thirty years - is a crushing blow to the hare hunters.

We've left Alston Hare Week in tatters for two years running; our challenge now is to permanently consign it to the dustbin of history.

RISE OF THE SCOTTISH



Go back two years and the hunts of Scotland were free to break the law with no one to challenge them; but a lot has changed over the last two years with the rise of the Scottish Hunt Sabs.

With five active groups now operating across Scotland, the hunts have never had such a tough time of things.

Long gone are the days when they could quietly go off into the countryside and kill for fun, unchallenged.

The rise of Perthshire, Grampian, Glasgow, Fife and Central Scotland and Dundee Hunt Sabs has changed the hunting landscape forever.

With sabs showing that they will oppose and stop the illegal killing of our wildlife, the hunts have had to run to the police to get protection and, sadly, the police in Scotland have decided to protect their masters and show not just bias, but willingness, to threaten, harass and even arrest sabs for things that they have previously told sabs it is okay to do.

The law in Scotland states that hunts can use a pack of hounds to flush a fox to waiting guns, but we can't count the number of occasions where no guns have been seen or where the guns have been in completely the wrong place. Luckily, we have the right to roam and go

HUNT SABS





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where we want, so have no land stewards to attack us, unlike our brave comrades down South who, despite constant attacks, battle on.

Not to be deterred, the Scottish sabs have had many great successes, from scaring all the hunts into trying to protect their meets, to stopping multiple dig outs. In the early days, we even had help from our friends, Sheffield sabs, who came all the way up to tackle the Fife Foxhounds with us.

The Fife FH are a pack we hit regularly and we have had a massive impact on their hunting. They now choose to try and run as much as they can. What the arrival of sabs has proved is that the hunts continue to hunt and break the law; this has been documented numerous times by sabs and LACS.

Working together with numerous agencies, we are exposing what most people thought was an activity that no longer took place.

With numerous cases against the hunt going to court, we are making sure they are not given an easy ride and, when they over step the mark, we are there to make sure they are put back in place.

One big event that took place was the preventing of a dig out. This has happened several more times since but, with sabs refusing to back down, the hunts know we mean business. One case going to trial will be that of the now ex-terrier man from Fife Foxhounds who thought it was a good idea to lunge at a sab, pointing a loaded shot gun at him in the process. Despite his aggressive actions, the hunt failed to kill that day.

Now, hunting is going to be under review by Lord Bonomy. With the mountains of evidence of law breaking we have (along with LACS evidence and the SNP calling for a complete ban) it looks like hunting may well finally be consigned to the history books in Scotland.

So, fingers crossed that within two years the sabbing of fox hunts in Scotland could also be a thing of the past. Until then, we will continue to protect the Scottish wildlife as well as wildlife in the UK as we travel anywhere we need to go to save lives.



The Under Cover Policing Inquiry

This article is to introduce the Pitchford Inquiry into Undercover Policing, why the HSA is getting involved and how you can help to try to get some answers.

Several known undercover police officers have taken part in hunt sabbing, often as an easy way to gain trust with activists working in other areas as well. One lazy cop, Marco Jacobs, claimed to have been sabbing as part of his story, but we think he never actually bothered to get his boots muddy.

Police officers lived and worked among activist groups under names stolen from dead children, using a carefully crafted web of lies to work their way into the trust, friendship and beds of hunt sabs, animal rights activists and many others campaigning for environmental and social justice or other political ends. Very little of their activity seems to have been related to stopping serious crimes, rather a mixture of 'keeping tabs' on those who care, inciting individuals to more extreme actions and just having a good time at a huge expense for the taxpayer.

Many of the undercover officers had sexual relationships with women, leaving a trail of emotional damage. A group of women pursued legal action together against the Metropolitan Police once the more recent cases were discovered. Just recently, in November, the Met finally offered an unreserved apology and financial compensation.

After much work by dedicated people, the government decided to set up a public inquiry into undercover policing. The full remit of the inquiry is on their website but, in summary, they are looking into what has happened, what effects that has had, and what to recommend for future use and regulation of undercover policing. Issues such as whether the officers were effective in preventing crime, how much government knew about what was happening and the effects on individuals will be examined.



The hope (for us) is that the police will be forced to reveal more information about the spies and the spymasters and that the publicity and report will expose the more outrageous practices to public scrutiny, perhaps resulting in some minor improvements. Some people might get convictions overturned if undercovers were involved in their trial without their true role being disclosed.

The HSA successfully applied to be 'core participants' who can suggest (though never impose) questions and lines of inquiry, and make suggestions on the conduct of the inquiry. Part of our rationale was to allow individual sabs and ex-sabs to put forward evidence or questions without having to have full involvement themselves as well as to represent a generic sab angle and to ascertain police interference within the running of the national or local organisation.

So, I'm mainly writing this so you can present your ideas and evidence. We can investigate further, or put things forward for the inquiry team to investigate. You might have something which would lead to specific questions to put to officers or supervisors.

First a note of caution: although the Inquiry does not convict anybody of criminal or civil offences, the police could, so far, use evidence from the Inquiry to do so. Later they may promise not to, but at this stage, the inquiry may also demand that we hand over all information we have. So please don't send in anything you wouldn't want the police to see, or things you wouldn't want read in public hearings. The inquiry may later allow anonymous statements, but there are many decisions still to be made about the procedures of the inquiry.



How well do you really know the people you sab with?

To get you started, here's the names of officers who have been identified as working undercover in hunt saboteur groups (names in inverted commas are the ones used undercover):



Bob Lambert ("Bob Robinson") based in North London in the 1980s.



John Dines ("John Barker") North London, late 1980s.



Jim Boyling ("Jim Sutton") London, late 1990s.



"Rod Richardson" Nottingham, early 2000s.



Possibly Mike Chitty ("Mike Blake"), 1980s.



"Marco Jacobs", mid 2000s, claimed to have been a hunt saboteur as part of his back story, though we believe he did not actually participate.

Did you sab with any of them, or have any dealings with them? Any stories or documents could be useful, but especially things you think they shouldn't have done, or descriptions of their impact on your life. It doesn't have to have been a sexual relationship to have been unjust intrusion into your human rights.

Next, is there someone you suspect of having been an undercover police officer? The classic signs, not completely universal but almost so, are:

- You would probably never have met their family
- They disappear suddenly and completely, often a bit mysteriously.
- They are unlikely to have been 'around' for more than a few years. (Mark Kennedy is the longest known one, which was 7 years)
- Most of them have a 'job' or other excuse to be away for chunks of time (to take time off and have their police officer lives)

We'd take any such questions as possibilities to investigate calmly, not accusations. I cannot stress enough how important it is not to get drawn into throwing accusations around randomly. We can do far more damage ripping our movements apart with paranoia and infighting than police spies ever can.

Please, please don't start accusing anyone publicly. If you have genuine suspicions, you can put them quietly to us to investigate further in confidence but public accusations have awful consequences for individuals and our movement as a whole. Each name on the list of undercovers so far, has been very carefully researched and checked and only released when certain.

There is practically no chance the cover names of any currently deployed officers will be disclosed. Also the inquiry does not cover corporate spies or police informants, who can both also be hugely damaging both in achieving our goals and on people's personal lives.

The Inquiry will not even start until the end of summer 2016, but information would be more useful earlier. In the meantime, let's get on with stopping the senseless slaughter of wild animals. Whoever might be watching, they'll see we're pretty good at it.

Please send any info or questions to legal@huntsabs.org.uk

Official site of the inquiry: www.ucpi.org.uk

Activist group who have been researching undercover policing: http://undercoverresearch.net/

HARE TODAY, GONE TOMORROW?

In 2011 a zoology report by Dr Toni Bunnell (University of York) listed the brown hare as one of our native species most at risk of extinction by 2050. Only in East Anglia is the population at a level to currently prevent that prediction becoming a possible reality.

The brown hare has suffered an overall decline of over 80 per cent since the Ground Game Act of 1880. Even though the wild rabbit population has declined by half (BTO sighting statistics 1995 to 2012), rabbits still outnumber the brown hare by around 20 to one on a national basis.

Even as early as 1892 Parliament had become aware of diminishing numbers and brought in the Hares Preservation Act covering the whole of Britain. The scope of that legislation effectively still outlaws the sale of hare or leveret meat during the months of March to July inclusive. DEFRA ruled for us in 2008 that frozen meat sales come within that banned time frame, regardless of when the hare was actually shot. In 1892 the hare's breeding season was judged to be between those five stipulated months, but global warming has since meant that hare births have actually been recorded all year around, significantly including February (after the close of the game bird season) when mass hare shoots take place, leaving thousands of orphaned leverets to die of starvation. DEFRA's figure for all hare annual shooting has been declared at 390,000, which is at least half of the estimated British population. At a time when the failed EU 1995 Biodiversity Action Plan is still trying to increase the overall brown hare numbers this shows a lack of co-ordination between the government and those who wish to freely shoot, hunt or course this vulnerable animal, an unjustly persecuted icon of our countryside.

Although able to run at up to 45 mph hares can cover up to 5 miles in their efforts to escape from a pack of dogs bred for stamina rather than speed. There are in fact 89 hare hunts, on foot or horseback, in England and Wales, plus around 30 "official" hare coursing clubs whose activities have been largely suspended by the 2004 Hunting Act. Extreme exercise, fuelled by adrenaline, uses up all available sugar (glycogen) in the body which then defaults to other available sources of energy and starts to metabolise protein and fats, indulging in "anaerobic metabolism" as a last resort. This process causes a build-up of lactic acid in the bloodstream which results in a breakdown of tissues, especially the muscles which ironically release chemicals which damage other tissues, especially the kidneys but also the heart muscle. Myopathy may also be displayed in captured or restrained wild animals (such as in "official" hare coursing) as their "fight or flight" reaction is triggered. Severe tissue damage can lead to death within hours if the heart muscle is affected, especially in areas of the country where there is selenium deficiency, as this makes muscle health more critical. More likely the timescale is in days and, for the victim, the end is not a pleasant one with stiffening of the muscles among the disabling symptoms.

Hares, especially young immobile leverets, also have to contend with predators from the animal world. Not being able to retreat to the safety of a burrow, like rabbits, increases the risk of detection and attack from foxes, stoats, corvids and birds of prey, particularly buzzards. Even badgers are known to predate new born leverets, not forgetting the documented threat from prowling cats and domestic dogs, running loose.



Quite apart from all adverse human and predator attention, hares have to contend with killer diseases which can decimate their numbers at various times of the year. An increase in wetter weather, resulting from climate change, increases the incidence of coccidiosos, especially among leverets and young hares before they have time to build up the natural immunity which adults develop. In a wet autumn following a dry summer many young hares will fall victim to the first wave of coccidiosis. Excessive rainfall during the hare's main breeding season of February to September will also produce more leveret fatalities through exposure if the animals' fur is unable to dry out.

Another fatal disease, yersiniosis, quickly strikes down mainly adult hares, often in springtime and, when found, the victims appear to be in good condition, with no apparent cause for their demise. European Brown Hare Syndrome, similar to the imported and usually quickly fatal rabbit viral haemorrhagic disease, is another threat to hares from time to time. Hares can, rarely, also catch myxomatosis, the scourge of the rabbit population, but perhaps because hares do not burrow they avoid the virus-carrying fleas which accumulate in the burrows where the close proximity of the rabbits makes for easy transmission to the inmates. Hares appearing to have contracted myxomatosis are more likely to have dermatitis instead, which exhibits similar symptoms.

Given all the threats to our vulnerable hares as listed above it is pleasantly surprising that we still have a brown hare population at all. The potential extinction forecast is very real and should be taken seriously by everyone involved with this animal.

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Visit www.hare-preservation-trust.co.uk/ for more information

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Because our vehicle is off the road at the moment, a few of our Sabs have been jumping in with other groups, mostly Bristol, but also often joining up with Three Countries, South Wales, Southampton and, now and then, Dorset.

Having driving duties we visited Ross Harriers many times, Berkeley Foxhounds, Banwen Miners Foxhounds, South Dorset Foxhounds, Purbeck & Bovington Beagles and Ledbury Foxhounds.

Being stuck in the Land Rover, it's difficult to report on much of the action; we had the usual block-ins, mostly half hearted. Similarly, the police didn't seem to have increased. In fact, with great work from the foot sabs and a little inspiration from the drivers, most of the hunts packed up before 3pm with all going home by 4pm.

Hopefully we'll have our Land Rover back on the road soon, so we can get everyone out who wants to be out and a little more independence.

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Beds & Bucks Hunt Sabs

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It's been a busy few months here at B&B Towers.

We did the hard yards and the long hours fighting the Badger Cull down in Dorset and no doubt saved many lives, but it's saddening to see that so many were still lost and that the Government are still being driven by the lobbying of the NFU and their desire to eradicate a protected species. On the plus side, it has increased our membership as more people come to see what is wrong and join us in fighting against the destruction of our wildlife.

We've also now got a great new vehicle in the shape of 'Boris' (named by the previous owner). It's a very capable Mitsubishi Delica, full 4 wheel drive, high ground clearance and 8 seats. Boris is fully kitted out with everything we need including; long range radios, charging points and posh aluminium spray bottles for our citronella. Huge thanks go to the HSA for helping out with a grant, we're putting him to good use already and more sabs in the field mean more lives saved.

Speaking of which, we've been a right royal pain in the arse to our local hunts; in particular the Oakley who we believe are really struggling to survive. We've sabbed them so effectively they've resorted to calling in the resident hunt stewards (and Mrs Miggins' Pie Shop enthusiasts!) Of course this won't stop us and we take it as a compliment that the hunts have to resort to such tactics. Our ultimate goal is to get them to fold or merge with another hunt and, judging by the turnouts and the fact that they seem to want to have joint meets all the time that may not be far off.

I guess our coming of age as a group was our first solo hit. The recipients of this splendid day were the Pipewell Foot Beagles. They'd never been sabbed before and, oh boy, did it show! It was almost as if a spacecraft containing green aliens had arrived, given the looks we got when we turned up. It was, to say the least, hilarious, but, more importantly, we scuppered their plans completely and no wildlife died that day.

Berkshire Hunt Sabs

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This year Berkshire sabs received a few interesting tip offs and, consequently, spent time up North to stop a leveretting festival planned by the Christchurch & Farley Hill Beagles in September in Whittingham, Northumberland. This soon became known as the 'Bad Hare Day,' due to the terrible time they had. Following our success of the closure of this festival, our sabs soon started preparing for our next couple of festivals; Alston and Northumberland! With 20 years' worth of Intel to go through, we stayed with local sabs in the area and helped gather local knowledge; this clearly paid off as the festivals didn't go ahead as they had hoped.

Back on our normal turf, our sabs also put a stop to a few local leveretting meets. Both Four Shires Bassets and Sandhurst & Aldershot Beagles planned to hunt for leverets until we ensured they simply went for a nice walk down country lanes. No hares were killed in our presence. The practice of leveretting is no longer the hunting fraternity's dirty little secret and we plan to continue this campaign next season.

Following on from leveretting season, in main season we have continued to monitor our local hunts to ensure that no live hunting takes place. Recently we have seen Old Berkley Beagles, Sandhurst & Aldershot Beagles, North Bucks Beagles, the Surrey Union Fox Hunt and the Crawley & Horsham Fox Hounds, all of whom we filmed illegally hunting. We have also joined up with our local groups North Downs & Guildford sabs, Beds & Bucks sabs, and a great new group South London sabs. We also continue to work with Berkshire Antifa!

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Our group is making a really good team at the moment, including some great new people. We've been busy sabbing our local hunt.

The last couple of years we have been frustrated at rarely finding the Southdown and Eridge Fox Hunt, who were up to all sorts of tricks to escape us. This season we've managed to get a fantastic group of spotters and spies to help find them, so most weeks we have been there to welcome the new huntsman. (We're taking bets on how long he'll stay...)

He tried running away from us for a few weeks, but we are pretty good at keeping up. The boys tried beating us up and stabbing someone. That kind of thing has never worked before and we just went back more determined. They tried employing professional security to keep us off their land, but we value lives over property rights. Most recently, their supporters decided to flash, assault and rob a Boxing Day demo in Lewes High Street in front of the BBC. What good publicity! With their support shrinking their cash flow must be too.

We have also been over to annoy the Crawley and Horsham, where we had to call off hounds in full cry on a fox. The Burstow hunt made clear their appreciation for not sabbing them much this season by significantly improving the ventilation in our Land Rover when we did visit!

We did all this with much help, as always, from South Coast and Croydon groups, who we love along with all the others who've been over to help us out.



Cirencester Hunt Sabs Illegal Hunt Watch

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This is our third year monitoring the hunts which include the VWH, The Beaufort and the Cotswold. We have been grateful for the support of Three County Hunt Sabs and visiting sabs who have been generous at sharing their expertise. We have built up a good network of support from anti hunt members of the public which provide us with good tips offs.

The future of badgers is now looking grim as the Government/NFU/Countryside Alliance seem to be hell bent on wiping out the Brocks. We were back in the cull zone for a 6 week stretch alongside sabs, GABS and loyal wildlife protector friends. Badger Office support was remarkable. They despatched help, relayed messages and intelligence, gave training on tactics, the law and provided police liaison. We put up with abuse from farmers, stolen equipment and damaged vehicles. Meanwhile, we will continue to monitor setts in our zone as the Hunts are blocking and digging out. Cub hunting started before the cull was over, which made it impossible to properly monitor our artificial earths.

The Beaufort Hunt has become more irritated by our presence this year and we have had 3 assaults so far. The VWH have been harder to find as they cover a huge territory down to the M4 and up to Gloucester their favourite haunt being Cirencester Park on the Earl of Bathurst's Estate. The Beaufort are one of the largest and oldest hunting packs in England - their territories lie in the counties of Gloucestershire and Wiltshire covering 760 sq. miles of countryside!

Our co-ordinator organised a Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard reporter to come out with us and his report was published on December 3rd, 2015.

http://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/14124357.Hunting_the_huntsman__Reporter_spends_day_with_Cirencester_Illegal_Hunt_Watch/

This year we have attended self-defence training.

Many thanks for HSA support and all the best for 2016



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Cubbing started with a visit to The Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent FH, followed by the first of many trips to the Southdown and Eridge. Several weeks saw us visit two hunts, and on one occasion we even sabbed the Wealden Mink hounds along with the Southdown and the Surrey Union.

The main season saw us focus our attention on the Southdown and Eridge, who quickly lost the plot and resorted to violence, thus drawing even more attention on to themselves, although the Burstow have also been receiving some attention from us, including the traditional Boxing Day meet (Billy-No-Mates, aka Nigel Farage, learning his lesson and taking friends with him, this year).

Sadly, our trusty Land Rover suffered a major mechanical problem, although repairs are now underway thanks to some frantic fundraising and help from the HSA.

As usual, we have had the pleasure of sabbing with South Coast, South Downs, West Sussex, Guildford and Southampton, and we were also joined by the new group from Belgium who have achieved a great deal in a short space of time.

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As our group sends hastily scribbled news to the Howl editor for the second time, we feel that this is just the beginning and, unlike many other fads that come and go, saving the lives of beautiful wildlife is not something you can just give up. We know that next year, the year after that and the one after that will see us habitually clicking out our half term news for Howl.

With our sabbing future pinned down then, now seems a good time to go back over the 2015 season so far and dig out any hilarious hunters antics we didn't piss ourselves over enough or tactics gleamed that we should brush up on. It's our way of chucking the traps and spraying the citronella of 2015 into the canal of whatever.

Back at the start of the season, our free sabs were in the cull zone in Gloucestershire which meant we were sadly unable to sab the cubbings. The hunt season then kicked off playing dodge the quad bike or get mowed down - all in jest of course - until the hounds went into cry and the Cottesmore terrier men announced that they "meant it". Unfortunately, on one of these sabs the hunt's chairman rode over a sab and left her unable to walk for weeks.

On treating the Blankney to our presence they came over all flustered and spent most of the day going backwards and forwards over the same corn field, the stamina session will come in handy. It also presented a chance for sabs to display some awesome gizmo trickery that saw the whole hound pack circling in huge loops round the field while the hunt could do nothing but look helplessly on.

But top of the stand ups for the season to date has got to be the Meynell whip's laughable attempts to control his hounds as he covered for the injured huntsman. If this wasn't embarrassing enough, he then became so frustrated he flung himself off his horse and onto the head of a sab. You couldn't make it up.



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Our group repeated last year's feat of maintaining a presence on every night of the badger cull, coordinating more than 20 sabs in the Devon patch of the Somerset zone. Many lives were saved, but with the ongoing rollout this year it looks like badgers will be in the firing line even closer to home.

Fresh from the moonlit fields, we were out in daylight on Hallowe'en to pack up the Britannia Beagles, a rarely-sabbed beagle pack kennelled at the Dartmouth Royal Naval College. Next, we sabbed the opening meet of the East Devon Hunt at The Grange, Broadhembury, home of TV's Kirstie Allsopp. In scenes better suited to 'It's A Knockout' than Kirstie's usual fare, within minutes of the off hounds were terrorising sheep while riders began show-jumping antics nearby and one fell off. The field didn't bother to wait around for the ambulance.

Autumn revealed the Lamerton in real decline; tempers flaring at the Cotley, with one rider threatening female sabs and karate-kicking his horse, and a bewildered Stevenstone Hunt hit after hunting unsabbed in their own country for many years. The Dart Vale, on a joint meet with the Dartmoor, were almost civilised by comparison; packing up early, following words between hunt staff and ever-nervous huntsman Andrew Phillis, who has a previous conviction for hunting. It was all rather different with the Dart Vale two weeks later on a joint meet with the South Devon. We witnessed suspicious terrier activity all day, including a terrier spotted running around with a facial wound and a tracking collar, and culminating in a terrier man unloading a gun into the ground a short distance from sabs.

While Eggesford Whip Ben Lowe assaults female sabs, huntsman Gary Boon spends a lot of his time on the road taking the pack from place to place. Their riders like to gallop on the roads and we have seen a near miss with a van and bloody bits of hoof on the tarmac. While we've been seeing more of the Eggesford recently, the same cannot be said of their terrier men, who mask up in ingenious but troublesome ways. One covers his entire face, one covers his eyes only, but the most entertaining drives around with his hand over his face, sometimes into a ditch.

For Boxing Day we brought Christmas cheer to the East Devon's traditional meet in Honiton. When they weren't bad-mouthing former huntsman Martin Livy, terrier men were busy blocking a large badger sett. Plod was called and the quads made a quick getaway. Devon & Cornwall Police, who the summer before last closed Honiton High Street to let the Culmstock Mink Hounds get away, were their usual corrupt and useless selves once more. Initially saying they would attend, they dawdled endlessly and then a duty sergeant sent a message saying they would not be attending after all, and pointing out that for all we knew those we reported could have been licensed by Natural England. If your county is a cesspit of wildlife crime, just pretend it's all legal!

More illegality on New Year's Day with the Torrington Farmers, not sabbed since the ban, to our knowledge. Hounds chased and caught a roebuck while support looked on. Sabs ensured that the buck got away alive, but, sadly, not without injury. A return visit is surely on the cards.

We'll keep sabbing while they keep hunting, whatever the obstacles we face along the way. Thanks to our friends and supporters.

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East Kent sabs were out early in September (when cub hunting starts in our area) doing kennel watches on our old friends The East Kent with West Street Foxhounds, as well as the Ashford Valley Tickham Hunt and the Blean Beagles...and it really turned into quite a season for us so far!

A few good trouble free weekends out sabbing were had before loads of bad luck arrived, such as the Land Rover being off the road for almost two months. This did not make things easy for us (!), which meant we had to resort to sometimes going out to monitor the hunts mid-week in small numbers. This actually paid off though, and we currently have three hunts under live police investigation for illegal hunting... we will reveal more details when we can.

We have also seen a serious rise in violence from one hunt in particular, but again, we cannot comment on this at the moment, due to police involvement.

On the positive side though, repairs on the Land Rover are now done, and we have a few new members itching to go out again, so fingers crossed for the New Year! We also had a very successful demo at the Boxing Day meet of the East Kent (which even the hunt seemed impressed by - must have been the live band we had playing)!

Many thanks to all our supporters who got us through some hard times...onwards and upwards.



Grampian Hunt Sabs

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The summer started with us attending the demo against The Repeal of the Hunting Act, as well as targeting the Northumberland Hare Festival, where we worked with several groups to send the hare killers home after one day.

We started the season early with the Kincardineshire Foxhounds who begin cubbing in July. With several visits paid over the course of July and August, the pack didn't make any moves to leave the kennels any time sabs were in attendance. We later learned that the hunt have changed their hunting day from Saturdays to Mondays, in the hope of avoiding us.

After the massive success sabbing the Fife Foxhounds last season we were back and ready to make sure this gang of organised criminals didn't kill any cubs. The hunt have been very paranoid and become less friendly this season, working with the police to come up with ridiculous complaints and biased policing, with threats and harassment towards sabs.

On their first meet, they got into the woods only to find sabs already in the area and waiting for them. We also got to meet the mad new terrier man who enjoys nothing more than running in circles and doing model poses for our cameras! The quick actions of sabs in the woods that day saved two cubs from the hounds and, with no guns in place, they were caught breaking the law. The police were called and the Wildlife Crime Officer revealed his true intentions; to ignore the illegal hunting going on behind him and to target, threaten and harass the sabs who were doing the job the police should be doing. Not to be deterred, sabs continued targeting the Fife.

Once the full season got underway the weather stopped meets again and on one day sabs stopped the hunt after 1 hour and 15 minutes, when the hunt headed home... but not before we caught and reported the huntsman for using his phone at the wheel! After they had gone, we paid a visit to a shoot and, after walking through a few woods trying to greet the birds inside, they all flew away... much to the dismay of the shooters who planned to beat the wood for shooting! With no woods left to beat, the shoot called it a day and sabs went on home.

On another meet we once again caught the Fife illegally hunting. We had to intervene after the hounds nearly caught up with a fox. After the hounds decided to visit the sabs, the huntsman, Robert Howarth, was less than pleased and attempted to ride down a sab. Both incidents were passed to the police.

One sab was arrested and being charged with 3 section 38s for supposedly wearing a face mask (despite this not being illegal) and even though the hunt have gun men on busy roads outside holiday camps masked up with rifles and shotguns. The police have even tried to use terror laws against us and nearly sent out armed cops one day, until it was called off at the last minute.

The Boxing Day meet was a terrible day for the hunt with a very low turn-out and, again, sabs were on hand to save a fox. Along with this there is finally to be a review by the Scottish Government into fox hunting, with the prospects of hunting being completely banned within two years.



Guildford and North Downs Hunt Sabs

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It's been a good start to the season for North Downs and Guildford sabs, sabbing a few cub-hunts of the Surrey Union Hunt who mostly seemed to be keen on hiding their illegal activities and packing up as soon as they were aware of our presence. The opening meet was an excellent day; it felt good to get to the wood where they killed a deer last year before forcing them to abandon the area, after that we pursued them until the arrival of the Croydon sabs which ensured they packed up early.

The old trusty Land Rover died a death and went to sab heaven and so we brought a new shiny one (thanks to the HSA and some generous supporters) and also gained some keen new members, enabling us to grow in to an even more effective group, mainly sabbing the Surrey Union or Crawley and Horsham.

One of the best days' sabbing saw us joined by Berkshire Sabs and most of the sab groups in the South East at the Crawley and Horsham Hunt at Dragons Green Shipley. The hunt were hell bent on illegal hunting and very fast moving; only the effective co-ordination of all the sabs prevented them from killing.

Boxing Day saw the usual drunken behaviour from the hunt supporters with insults galore, but no real trouble.
We look forward to growing as a group in 2016.

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Kernow Sabs, tired from the 6 week badger cull in Somerset 2015, nevertheless tightened the old boot straps and started sabbing fox hunts as soon as we got back to Cornwall. So far we have seen the Western cubbing, the Cury NOT trail hunting and the Four Burrow doing what they usually do, which is waiting for us to leave before hunting properly.

Our supporters have been generous as ever and deserve a mention as we couldn't sab without your help. We are extremely grateful, thank you.

This year we have hidden monitors out as well as the sabs in the trusty Land Rover; so watch out Cornish Hunts. We are watching you.



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After six weeks of defending badgers in Gloucestershire we turned our attention to fox hunts, beagle and harrier packs with The Holcombe Harriers, Meynell and South Staffs FH and the Airedale beagles all getting regular attention.

Flooding throughout the north of England is still causing a huge amount of hunt cancellations - a bittersweet three cheers for global warming! At the meets that aren't waterlogged widespread flouting of the hunting ban remains the order of the day for all the hunts we visit. Some change tack once they spot us, suddenly laying a trail to follow, others just carry on regardless. Two visits to the Airedale beagles have resulted in them refusing to even leave the kennels - which is always nice!

As ever we are eternally grateful for all the support - financial and otherwise that we receive from so many. Thanks - we really couldn't do it without you.

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Full season started with a two in one day, hitting the Cottesmore's last cubbing meet in the morning then heading over to the Pytchley for their opening meet; a day that ended with Cambridge sabs having all their tyres slashed. We also paid visits to the Cottesmore and the Oakley for their opening meets the following two weeks, with friends from Beds & Bucks and Cambridge.

A successful day down in Essex to support Suffolk and Essex sabs, along with four other groups, after an attack the previous week.

It's been great to welcome and work with two new groups into the area, North Cambridgeshire Sabs and South Cambridgeshire Sabs!

End of December saw us hitting the Fernie a couple of times and, on Boxing Day, successfully packing up the Cottesmore early at 2.30.

We've had some amazing new sabs join us recently but always welcome more, we hold tactics and legal training days for new people which are always well received, so get in touch and get involved.

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NELS first few weeks of the season were quite eventful with some run-ins with aggressive terrier men. On one occasion, sabs were punched and kicked protecting a fox that had gone to ground. Police are currently reviewing footage to see if any of the terrier men can be charged.

A new tactic used by the Suffolk police this season is the use of Section 35 (Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) orders to temporarily impound vehicles and force sabs out of the area. NELS has been a little quiet in terms of members coming out in the field this season but is expecting more members attending in the New Year.

A shout out to Suffolk and Essex Hunt Sabs for standing beside us in the field in spite of the aggressive hunt behaviour and police corruption we have seen already this season.





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Norfolk & Suffolk Sabs have been active in the fields since 29th August 2015 when the cubbing season started on our patch. For cubbing, we stuck mainly with what we know (but don't love) the Waveney Harriers. The Waveney never seem very pleased to see us and this is especially true in the cubbing season when they would much rather the training of the new hounds go ahead unheeded. Shame, hey?! This year's wonderful Norwich Veggie Fayre was held in September rather than earlier in the year (when it is usually held) and so our sabs were up at 2.45 am, sabbed the cubbing meet and then hot-footed it up to Norwich, and did all day on a sab stall.

The Waveney's opening meet was on 17th October at the infamous Ilketshall Hall and since then we have either been out with them or the Easton Harriers. One weekend we even managed to sab both the Easton and the Waveney in one day!

This year, the Waveney have had yet another new huntsman, in the form of Reuben Kench (ex-whipper-in with the East Essex Hunts). Will Reuben be another one season wonder? He certainly has no control over the hounds and can only manage one style of horn blowing. Reuben has come from another fox pack so despite the fact that they are called the Waveney Harriers, we are back in fox / deer /hare hunting mode and so we have quite varied Saturdays. Some weekends the number of animals chased by the hounds has been in double figures. Thankfully, due to sabs, the kill rate has been very low indeed.

This season we have had several new sabs join us which makes a heck of a difference to our effectiveness. Anyone who is interested in joining us, please get in touch.

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After a relaxing summer of fundraising, sett surveying and sabbing the odd mink hunt, autumn started with the infernal badger cull. As usual, we were an integral part of the fight in Gloucestershire, maintaining a constant presence there throughout the six week cull. Despite the unremitting grimness of the culls, the amazing people we are fortunate enough to meet and work with never fails to inspire us, and we are always deeply grateful for the amount of financial support we receive from those who can't get out there themselves.

Once the cull was over we cracked straight on with our day job of annoying fox and hare hunts in our region. As with last season, our regular focus has been the Meynell and South Staffs and the Cottesmore but we haven't neglected the others and have also lavished our attentions on the Barlow, Blankney and Quorn foxhounds as well as the Westerby Bassets and the DNS Beagles.

They are all so delighted to see us it saddens us that we can't visit them all more often but we'll certainly try our best to spread our love about in the second half of the season! We've particularly enjoyed our mid-week visits to the Quorn (who no longer hunt Saturdays) and will certainly make these a regular part of our activities.

Whilst on the Quorn we've had a couple of nice chats with Ollie Finnigan, the former Atherstone huntsman, who was infamously evicted from his home by the hunt whilst his wife was heavily pregnant. He's positively gleeful about the amount of attention the Atherstone are receiving from our colleagues at West Midlands. It gives us such a warm feeling when they all fall out amongst themselves!

If you want to get involved, you know the score. Details above.



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North East Hunt Sabs have had quite a busy season up to now, namely being involved in the complete shutting down of this year's Alston Beagle Festival in October. Activists travelled up to Alston in Cumbria on a daily basis at the beginning of the festival week to ensure no hare hunting was taking place in the area; evidence being that the local hotels 'guests' had cancelled their bookings, so North East Sabs, Teesside and Cleveland sabs teamed up with Lancaster and a few local people to ensure all eyes were watching everywhere in case of movement, which culminated in... not a dickie bird!! All the signs were that this was a huge success this year! Well done to all those involved.

Other North East Hunt sabs activities included, last month, a staged protest against Ramside Hall in Durham City for hosting this seasons Braes of Derwent Hunt Ball. North East Hunt Sabs descended on the exclusive club early evening with members of Northern Animal Welfare Cooperative and had a noisy (but peaceful) protest, promising to return if Ramside Hall continued to host this event in the future.

In other news, our local hunts seem to be getting more violent and underhand of late. So far this season there have been three unprovoked assaults on sabs from our group; two are under current investigation by the police. We continue to sab these hunts and our group is growing bigger all the time. We will not be put off or intimidated and, hopefully, by the next issue we can update you further on the outcomes.

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This season we made the conscious decision to focus on the Southdown & Eridge fox hunt. Last season they became very secretive and we had trouble locating them and, when we did, they were violent; leading us to the obvious conclusion that they had lots to hide. On top of this they had shipped in a new Huntsman/ Master Oliver (Olly) Hill, late of the United Pack and Newcastle & District beagles. He had punched one of our sabs back in the 1990's, so was well remembered. We started the season knowing that we would experience resistance; we just didn't know how extreme that resistance would be.

Initially, Olly had no idea what to do and, during cubbing, either refused to take his hounds out and rode around or just did not turn up leaving another master to take the 'ride of shame.' Riders were heard to complain and on one occasion he was heard shouting at both field and supporters in anger at sabs' presence. We managed to keep up the pressure by using a network of local supporters at the meets and also a number of spotter vehicles searching for horse boxes, while sab Land Rovers focused on the kennels. They blocked our vehicles in and drove at us but still, each week, we managed to locate them. Violence in the field was still there but usual low level aggression and single punches.

Then it all changed. During a meet in October, around 12 terrier men attacked a small group of sabs seriously injuring one with a fractured jaw just as another group of sabs turned up. A stand-off occurred and then another attack was launched and this time a sab was stabbed in the hand, which resulted in 10 stiches and 3 hours of surgery. Police are investigating and one hunt employee has been arrested, which will hopefully end in a court case.

We continued to sab them and, to add insult, a demo was held during their Boxing Day meet in Lewes at which they used violence against demonstrators; seems they just will not learn. We, of course, will continue to sab them.

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The 2015/16 season has, so far, seen so much new blood join Southampton Sabs we could... do something with it. Seriously, though, we're extremely happy to have our new boots on the ground, and bodies in the landy. This social media shit might just catch on.

As a group, we've been spending a lot of time supporting other sab groups around the south, banding together like the away-day football firm one anti-sab Facebook group so kindly likened us to.

To the north-west, we've done a lot of work supporting Bristol, South Wales and Three Counties (AKA the 'Super-Best-Friends Club').

We also hit the Ross Harriers. This is a hunt that spends half its time spinning, punch drunk – waiting for the knockout blow. They're draining the resources of a local beagle pack for their kennels and look set to be refused planning permission for a new build. Each week they have a smaller and smaller field. At the beginning of January, we spent two hours in a convoy while they went on a dog walk with just one paying supporter. Pitiful. We're going to end them.

To the bottom right we've been supporting South Coast and Brighton Sabs with sustained hits on the Southdown and Eridge, Crawley and Horsham, and occasionally the Old Surrey and Burstow.

As we're a tight-knit community, we can assume that everyone is aware of the 'festivities' that occurred at the South Down and Eridge in the middle of November 2015. The week following that bloody spectacle, we returned in numbers with other groups to the most over-the-top show of police support you could imagine. Five panda cars and six meat wagons all parked up at the hunt's meet. Every Dibble that fancied some sweet, sweet overtime was making a nuisance of themselves. What's worse, nobody brought cake. Raise your game, sabs!

Boxing Day saw our, now traditional, mass exodus to other ends of the country; we'd like to extend our gratitude to those who were willing to take charge of someone from the nation's gooch for the day, and keep them fed, watered and safe.

The second half of the season will hopefully see more new faces willing to learn the ancient and noble art of the sab, and to undertake our inauguration ritual of downing five cans of Polish lager through a horn. Our trusty landy has so far been less of a headache than last year and long may that continue. We are now getting to the point where less than 50% of our hit reports contain the word 'GoFundMe,' which is a bonus.
So; rain or shine, ban or no ban (ha!), we'll be there, telling crap jokes on channel and stealing all your cake.

Love and rage,
Southampton Sabs.

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We finished working on the badger cull in mid-October and were pretty much straight out into the hunting fields.

We've been working very closely with colleagues from Bristol, occasionally Southampton and Three Counties too. Together we've focused on the Ross Harriers who have been having a terrible season.

Their new huntsman is uninspired (we hear he's fed up with the Harriers already and thinking to leave) and the hunt don't appear to be all that keen on him either. They seem to be having trouble with access to land too, as more and more landowners want nothing to do with them. With that, and the very wet conditions, the Harriers spend a lot of time plodding along the road, trudging from one kale field to the next, several minutes away.

We've been very successful in keeping foot sabs both with the hunt and in front of them, ready to intercept and disrupt any hunting of hares or foxes – many lives have been saved this season so far.

Our persistent presence is clearly adding to the troubles of the damp and dismal Ross Harriers – they're losing access to land, their support is dwindling and those who continue to hunt with them are looking more and more dejected every time we turn up. And we will continue to turn up – until they stop.



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As we write, sabs have just returned from Boxing Day hunts. It has been a busy few days with the Ledbury killing a fox in Tirley on Christmas Eve, huntsman Mark Meladay riding away with the body. They seem to have a high turnover of terrier men and we're seeing different faces almost every week. We've caught some in the act recently, one tripping over himself to catch Nell, the terrier who was marking a fox in a drain at the time. They see us twice a week, most weeks.

One of our regulars, the Ross Harriers, struggling with loss of land and support now have more sabs to deal with as Bristol and South Wales have joined us. Unfortunately a hound, Arrow, was killed by a lorry on the A40 half an hour after setting off from the opening meet in October. Much-talked-about footage has never materialised from hunt support claiming the four of us out were to blame; Arrow and the poor lorry driver forgotten by many in their efforts to pass the buck.

We're visiting the South Herefordshire more and had the pleasure of meeting the Crawley & Horsham on a joint meet recently. Marking to ground in a covert, an attempted flush from a drain and a suspected bagged fox... all during one meet!

We've seen slightly less of the Cotswold Vale so far this season, but managed to gather footage of hunt staff halloaing a fox and the hounds, as usual, paying more attention to a deer. We've also managed a visit to the Beaufort Hunt, who our good friends Cirencester Illegal Hunt Watch keep an eye on, and who left two foxes alone due to the presence of our cameras.

We also visited the Leadon Vale Bassets whose hounds paid as much attention to us as they did to the hunt staff; hounds were filmed vaguely lolloping after a fox... definitely a new experience for us!

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Towards the end of the year the Atherstone Hunt hounds caught kennel cough, meaning they had to be quarantined and that the Atherstone wouldn't be able to use their own hounds to go hunting. On Boxing Day they still gathered in Market Bosworth to parade around the town centre and then go on a fun ride. We held a peaceful demonstration to challenge the traditional picturesque image of hunting on Boxing Day. Around 30 people turned up for the demonstration and the hunt were booed as they rode into the square. After we made an alternative Boxing Day speech listing all the things the Atherstone had done over the past year, the hunt's speech was completely drowned out with the noise from the demonstration. The hunt were filmed chanting, "we will not stop!" blatantly admitting to what they do.

After the success of Boxing Day we held another demonstration on New Years' Day in Atherstone town square. The hunt's speech was again drowned out. The hunt, obviously angry after their Boxing Day was ruined, were more confrontational and one supporter ended up with a £90 fine for throwing things at demonstrators. The police had to have words with several of them (using death threats and trying to start fights) and one supporter, in particular, threatened to run a sab over and used extremely sexually derogatory language.

After the demonstration, we went down to Norton Lindsey to find the Warwickshire Beagles. It didn't take too long to find them and they packed up not long after we arrived.

On the 21st December Atherstone Hunt supporter Laura Caines was found guilty of two counts of assault by beating and sentenced to 12 weeks in prison suspended for 12 months as well as a £700 fine, which included compensation to the two sabs that she attacked. The Countryside Alliance then contacted the HSA stating that she wasn't an Atherstone Hunt supporter and asked for all material online referring to her as an Atherstone hunt supporter to be taken down! This lie was exposed after screenshots of her Facebook profile were taken, where she herself said she was out with the Atherstone.

Whilst the Atherstone have been out of action, we've been down to the fox-feeding North Cotswold Hunt.

If people wish to donate to us please use the links below.
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https://www.paypal.me/westmidlandhuntsabs



West Sussex Hunt Sabs

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West Sussex hunt sabs have been active during the cub hunting season and tried to find hunts by waiting up in the early hours of the morning. This has paid dividends and on occasions we have turned up to find riders of the Crawley and Horsham Hunt surrounding small woods at 7am with the riders banging their saddles and making shrieking noises to frighten the fox cubs back into the jaws of the hounds. The hunt has looked shocked when seeing us and abandoned their illegal activities immediately. This has led to a more violent reception, and police are investigating two common assault cases. Our group has obtained evidence of potentially illegal hunting on more than one occasion and Sussex police are taking statements relating to two Sussex hunts from the footage obtained in December.

We have linked up with other local sab groups to visit the Southdown and Eridge where one of our group was punched in the face by a terrier-man, who was then arrested and bailed not to attend any hunt in Sussex, meaning investigations are on-going into the New Year.

We have also helped to stop a mink hunt and have been visiting the Isle of Wight hunt, when funds allow. Our covert evidence of cub hunting in Hampshire is also to feature in a Channel 4 documentary scheduled for TV in March and some of our group are pioneering the world's best hidden camera technology – which we feel may ultimately be the best tool to sabotage hunts for good; particularly with the new ultra-high definition cameras, which are easily concealed and run for hours on supplementary battery packs. This does not mean we have done away with the old sabbing tools; far from it, and we are certain lives have been saved by our presence.

This season we have largely seen an end to terrier work at both the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Foxhounds, as well as at Crawley and Horsham Hunts. This success arose from group members catching hunt terrier men with a terrier in a badger sett over two years ago and, as sabs know, concentrating on the hunts' terrier activity is paramount.

Finally, rock legends Hawkwind kindly let our group hold a stall for the HSA at their Southampton gig to celebrate winter solstice, and we have been using this fund-raising to upgrade our four wheel drive to a larger Land Rover. This is due to significant interest from new members.

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Gems McCormick, the joint-master of the Cottesmore hunt died after she fell from her horse sustaining a head injury.

The retired helicopter pilot, 44, had been at the Fitzwilliam's hunt opening meet at Milton Hall, near Peterborough when she came a cropper.

Bow hunter Robert Carter Jr. was found dead about five miles north of Highway 43 in the Big Hole National Battlefield Area. Carter, an avid outdoorsman was well-trained in wilderness survival tactics.

It took eight days for his body to be discovered, partly due to the exceptional hunting camouflage he was wearing. The cause of death remains unknown.

Country music singer Craig Strickland and his friend Chase Morland have been found dead after they went missing in a powerful winter storm, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said. Strickland was duck hunting with Morland at Oklahoma's Kaw Lake as a fierce storm descended. Morland acknowledged the danger in a tweet on December 26:

"In case we don't come back, @BackroadCRAIG and I are going right through Winter Storm Goliath to kill ducks in Oklahoma. #IntoTheStorm."

Stricklands' dog 'Sam' was discovered alive and well.

An East Texas man was taken to hospital after a bullet he fired at an armadillo ricocheted back at his head according to KLTV.

Cass County officials reported that the man shot at the animal after seeing the armadillo on the freeway in Marietta, Texas. Apparently forgetting about the 'armor' which makes up the hard shell of the armadillo, the man was injured after the bullet bounced back, striking him in the head.

In September 2015, Rick Harkins died of a suspected heart attack aged 41. Harkins was hunting with Friends in Routt County, Colorado, when he went missing. The avid bow hunting enthusiast was found dead after three days of searching.

A woman in the US state of Indiana is recovering after being shot by her dog in a bizarre hunting accident, an environment official says. The woman, named as Allie Carter, 25, was hunting waterfowl in the north of the state, Jonathon Boyd, an Indiana conservation officer said.

She put down her 12-gauge shotgun but her chocolate Labrador stepped on it, shooting her in the foot.

To add insult to injury, the dog was named Trigger.



West Midlands Hunt Sabs are behind the "Prosecute the Atherstone Hunt" campaign gathering incriminating evidence against both the hunt and Police acting illegally

A successful campaign over the summer to get two Police Information Notices (PINs) overturned that had been issued to two saboteurs resulted in an apology from Leicestershire Police, who said the harassment notices should never have been issued in the first place. We were a bit shocked then when one of the same saboteurs was issued with a second PIN, again based purely on false allegations.

A formal complaint has been made to Leicestershire Police as we continue to fight to get this second PIN overturned. During the cubbing season one of the Atherstone hunt stewards was filmed joking about with a dead Canadian goose and even simulating sex with it.

This made it into several of the national newspapers. The hunt were forced to issue a statement where they denied that this person was anything to do with the hunt and that he wouldn't be welcome to attend any of their events in the future. Not a very clever move as photos and video footage showed him to have been one of the more regular riders last season even acting as Whipper-In at times. He was also later allowed back out in a balaclava in the hope that he wouldn't be recognised.

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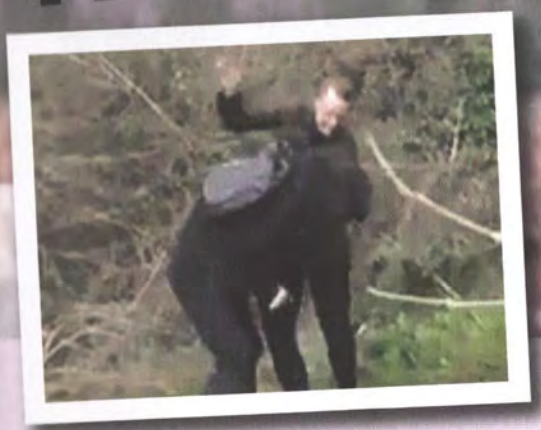
After these stewards were banned from the hunt, the Atherstone had to call in help from outside which resulted in nine masked men coming and assaulting three female sabs as well as using sexually derogatory language. This incident is currently being investigated by Leicestershire Police. One of the stewards, Shaun Stacey, ended up in a fight with an Atherstone hunt supporter and hasn't been back since. The other stewards regularly assault the female saboteurs and have even stolen their property.

Whilst in a wood that is access land (right to roam) and used a lot by dog walkers, the hounds ended up chasing a dog walker's dog. Despite being obviously distressed and upset by this incident the hunt blocked the man from looking for his dog, refused to tell him which hunt they were and ended up being very rude to him, finding the whole incident funny. Saboteurs offered to help him find his dog which was eventually found by a local farmer.

The hounds are regularly out of control, often on busy main roads and are more like a pack of wild dogs. After huntsman Stuart Barton lost control of the hounds

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as they chased a fox across a busy road, he then blew his horn from the other side of the road causing the hounds to re-cross the road. This resulted in several cars doing emergency stops. In a similar incident the hounds went off after a fox next to the A42 (one junction away from the M42).

The Atherstone ended up in the national press again after they were filmed chasing and then killing a fox which was then slung across the back of the huntsman from the Dove Valley Mink Hounds horse who then quickly rode off with the body. The fox looked to its left and right and saw that it had no escape from the hounds.

One of the Atherstone's regular supporters, John Morton, was in court on the 30th November on racism charges after he was filmed using racist language towards a saboteur. Two other hunt supporters should also have been on trial with him, Alan Whelband and his brother Robert Whelband, who was charged with assault by beating.



Warwickshire Police were given authority to charge them on the 14th May 2015, however they waited until 24th August 2015 before charging anyone, meaning all of these charges were outside the six month time limit for summary only offences. Morton was found not guilty despite the video evidence.

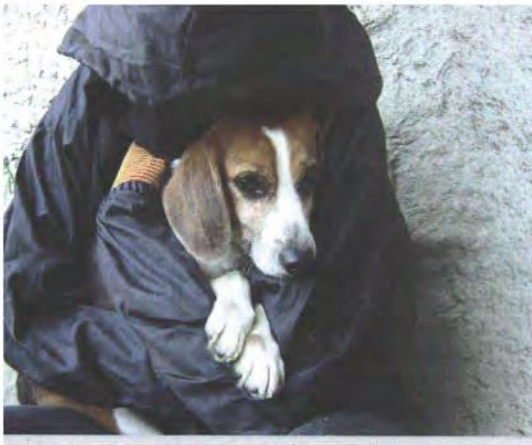
The Atherstone ended up in the national press for a third time after a second trial took place a few weeks later involving another Atherstone supporter, Laura Caines, who was found guilty of two counts of assault by beating (above left) at Loughbourgh Magistrates Court. The incident which happened on the 28th February 2015 was captured on film and shows a fox being chased and illegally hunted by hounds in front of huntsman Stuart Barton and hunt saboteurs. Barton immediately rides his horse into the nearest saboteur pinning them against a wall. Caines then attacks two saboteurs and tries to steal their cameras. No action was taken against Barton for illegal hunting or assault despite the clear evidence.

The North Warwickshire Beagles huntsman and regular Atherstone supporter Brett Parker was outed as a serving police officer with Warwickshire Police and based at Bedworth Police Station. This may explain some of difficulties we have experienced with the police and makes you wonder how many other serving police officers ride with this hunt or other hunts.

We've been doing stalls in towns located in the hunt's heartlands to give members of the public the chance to meet us and see what we are really like. We've been surprised by the amount of support we have received and just how much the hunt is hated. We plan to do more in the New Year.

Prosecute the Atherstone Hunt petition: www.change.org/p/crown-prosecution-service-prosecute-the-atherstone-hunt

Prosecute the Atherstone Hunt Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1509872899304228/



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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.

UK Prisoners

Debbie Vincent #A5819DE
HMP Send, Ripley road, Woking, GU23 7LJ
Debbie was sentenced to 6 years in prison followed by a 5 year ASBO for allegedly conspiring to blackmail people connected to HLS. The prosecution did not claim that Debbie carried out the blackmail, merely that she must have known about it. Debbie was further sentenced to 1 year in prison, to run concurrently with her previous sentence, for 'interfering with a contractual relationship,' again in relation to 'animal testing companies.' Debbie welcomes letters, but please remember that all correspondence can be read by prison staff.
Debbie's birthday is 12 January

Overseas Prisoners

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

Kevin Johnson #47353-424
MCC Chicago, Metropolitan Correctional Center, 71 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, IL 60605 USA.
Kevin Johnson (Kevin Olliff) was arrested in August 2013 in rural Illinois on charges of "possession of burglary tools." In January 2014, Kevin was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison.





Marius Jacob Mason (formerly Marie Jeanette Mason, 04672-061)
FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA.
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."

Rebecca Rubin #98290-011
FCI Dublin, 5701 8th Street - Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568, USA
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
FCI Loretto, Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 1000, Loretto, PA 15940, USA
In March 2012, Justin was sentenced to seven years in prison for arson and conspiracy charges related to actions in the U.S. claimed by the ELF/ALF.
www.supportjustin.org
Birthday:3rd October

Brian Vaillancourt #M42889
Danville Correctional Center, 3820 East Main Street, Danville, IL 61834, USA
In February 2014, Brian was sentenced to nine years in prison for a McDonald's arson.



Outfoxed Take Two

by Mike Huskisson

Outfoxed Take Two by Mike Huskisson tells the story of his activities as a Hunt Saboteur in the 1970s and then as a ground breaking undercover investigator in the early 1980s, who revealed the shocking truth behind hunting's glossy facade.

Our main objection to the various forms of hunting with hounds is that they inflict deliberate and needless cruelty on foxes, deer, hares and mink – cruelty which, when you know about it, is shocking and impossible to defend. Hunt supporters present themselves and their pastimes with a veneer of respectability and construct many arguments designed to cloud the cruelty issues. Until the early years of the 1980s, despite occasional news headlines about the activities of Hunt Saboteurs, outrage when hounds killed a pet or an uncooperative hunted creature ran into somewhere public, little was known about how extensive animal abuse was in the name of 'sport'.

Then Mike Huskisson blew everything out of the water. Huskisson was employed by the League Against Cruel Sports to expose hunting with hounds, warts and all, in a two year project that followed in the footsteps of previous investigators – but he delved further and more intimately into the dark and secret world of blood sports than anyone had done before.

Mike Huskisson is clearly a prolific record keeper and cameraman of note. His ground-breaking undercover investigations used early-Eighties state-of-the-art equipment to prove beyond any doubt the depravity of hunting wild animals with hounds, and that such premeditated cruelty has no justification in a modern, enlightened society.

In effect the original Outfoxed, published in 1983, was seminal. Twenty-one years later the activities which Huskisson exposed, and that shocked our nation, were banned. And here's why it's so important that people read Outfoxed Take Two: because, aided by cynical subterfuge, false alibis and an establishment which shows little will to enforce the law, hunters are still abusing wildlife. In fact, they're putting every effort into repealing the Hunting Act which, at present, technically makes hunting wild animals with hounds illegal. Given their way, every horror story you read about in Outfoxed Take Two could come back (if indeed they ever went away).

So the struggle continues. Mike Huskisson knows this. That's why he's revised and updated the original book. His accounts of the atrocities dealt on foxes, deer, hares and mink by so-called sportsmen (and women) have never been seriously challenged by those he names and shames. The cruelty he describes remains, fundamentally, what the current political battle is all about – to repeal the Hunting Act or make it stronger; to permit or prohibit abusing animals for entertainment.

As a historical document and point of reference for anyone with even a passing interest in the hunt and the anti-hunt, Outfoxed Take Two makes vital reading. As a devastating expose of how cruel hunting with hounds really is, Chapters 7, 8, 9 and 10 are second to none. At this dangerous time your MP especially needs to be informed. Please buy a copy and spread the news.

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Cheques payable to 'AWIS' please.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP END BLOODSPORTS

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, produce leaflets and salesgoods, staff stalls, manage websites/social media 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, mechanics or donating financially.
- If you are not already a member of the HSA, please join now by using the form below - or join online at www.huntsabs.org.uk/index.php/get-involved/join-the-hsa
- 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 - see enclosed salesgoods catalogue or visit www.huntsabs.org.uk/index.php/merchandise
- Let the hunters know what you think! Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, contact your local newspaper's letters page and your MP to let them know your views on Government plans either regarding hunting or hunt saboteurs.



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I enclose my membership subscription of: (*tick one*)

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❒ I enclose a donation of £..... to help fund the HSA's work

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The National Anti-Snaring Campaign (NASC)
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National Fox Welfare Society
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POWA (Protect Our Wild Animals)
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SPEAK Campaigns
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Stop the Cull
www.badger-killers.co.uk

Vegan Prisoner Support Group (VPSG)
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The Vegan Society
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info@vegansociety.com www.vegansociety.com

Veggies Animal Rights Calendar
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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.

Please make sure we have your current address!





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):

☐ **Residual Legacy** - a percentage of my estate once my family and friends have been provided for.

☐ **Pecuniary Legacy** - a cash gift of £.....

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Name.....

Address.....

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Signature.....

Date.....

"They had so few riders it felt like a funeral and we were glad we were wearing black."



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