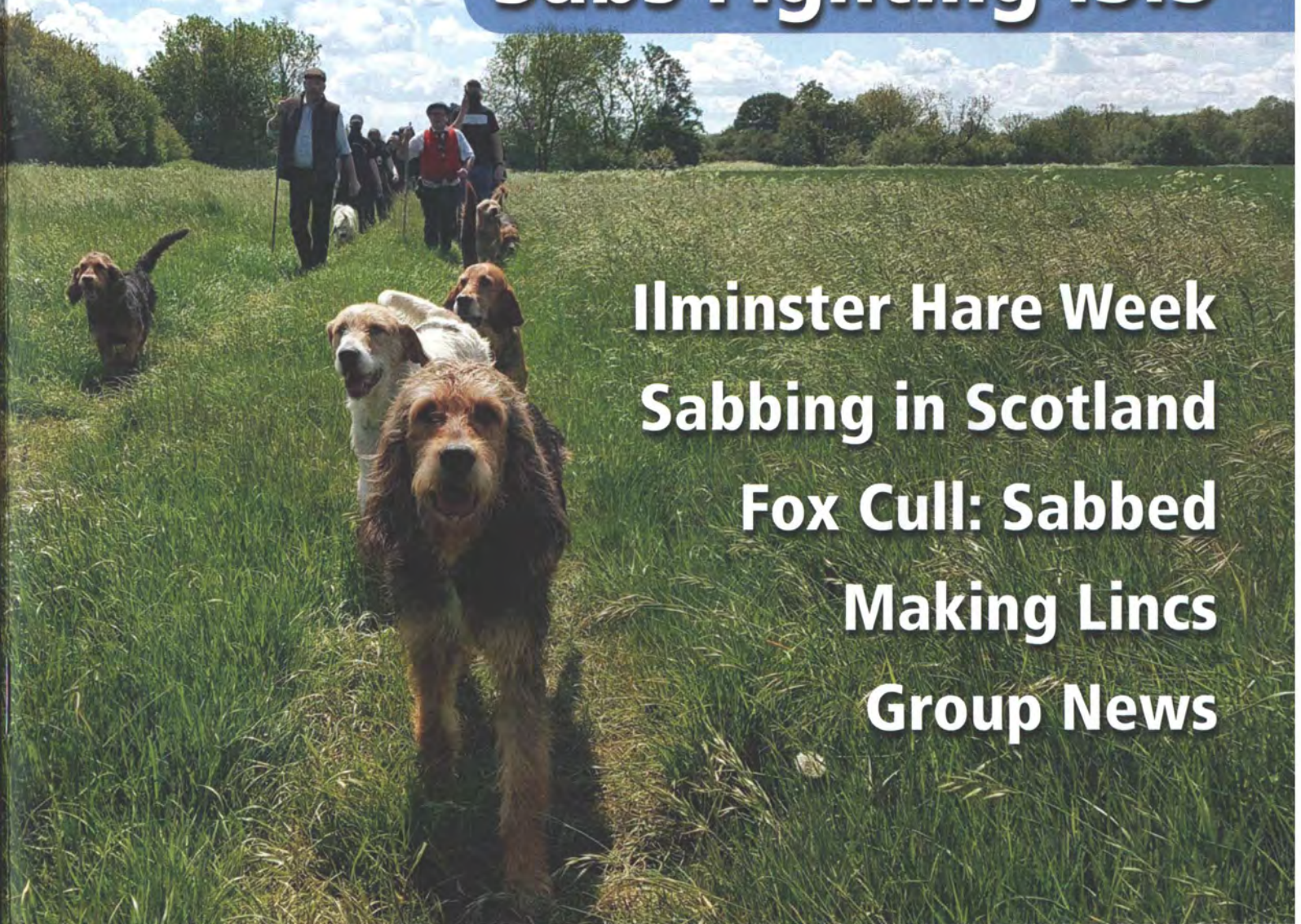
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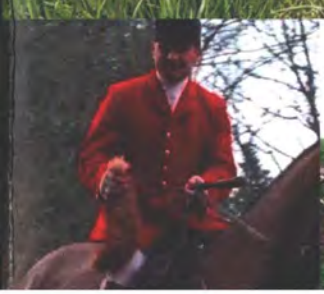
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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR:



**The Hunt Saboteurs Association is now the leading organisation in the anti-hunt movement. Some will say we have always been, others will rightly say what about the League Against Cruel Sports? The HSA was created in 1963 when members of the LACS became dissatisfied with its lack of action, and so the HSA has grown into the vibrant opposition to all forms of hunting it is today. Over the past few years we have doubled our membership.**

The League, of course, has continued as well but recently it has officially changed its stance. Under leadership from outside the wider movement it now describes itself as a welfare organisation, a seismic shift in attitude and philosophy. Why is this important? I would argue that you cannot oppose hunting from a welfare perspective, only from an animal rights perspective. A welfare perspective will look to reduce the impact of hunting on animals, the rights agenda looks to destroy it. The HSA does not look to reduce the impact of hunting on animals, we work to end it.

A welfare perspective can accept the "third way" agenda for licensing hunting, as a way of reducing hunting. That would allow hunting to continue and take the risk that it could grow again at some point in the future. Unfortunately, the League has now moved into the camp with the likes of the RSPCB who think it is acceptable to cull animals and use Larsen traps and the WWF who support trophy hunting. Last year we asked the League to join us in publically opposing the use of Larsen traps by the RSPB after an exposé by the Hunt Investigation Team (HIT), but they outright refused.

The HSA will always stand for the total destruction of hunting and the saving of lives today. Species are of course important but so are the individual animal's lives and we will protect both.

So, when anyone asks you which anti-hunt group they should join or leave a legacy to, tell them there is only one choice: the Hunt Saboteurs Association.

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The Hunt Saboteurs Association has been in existence for over 55 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 (nvda) 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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# EDITORIAL

Welcome to another bumper edition of HOWL, the magazine of the UK's leading anti-hunt organisation. Two things strike me as I thumb through this issue. The first is the incredible vibrancy of our growing movement: in addition to our core work of sabotaging hunts and shoots, we are fighting wildlife culls, winning in the courts, running ground-breaking investigations and - as I write - disrupting those nasty mink hunters.

The second thing that occurs to me is the progress we have made over our fifty-five-year history. In the heat of battle, it's easy to forget the bigger picture, but compare our articles on the Northumberland Beagling Festival and the recent Ilminster Hare Week. The NBF was a huge, well-supported event that took years to defeat (I know, I was there!) while the pathetic, secretive gathering of hare hunters at Ilminster was routed after just two days of determined direct action.

Hunters, shooters and other wildlife abusers are on the backfoot - and it is hunt saboteurs that are leading the charge against them!

Ed Howl



Sabs love hounds, hounds love sabs

HOWL is your magazine and the mouthpiece of active hunt saboteurs everywhere.

Please ensure your voice is heard: send Group News, articles, photos and any other items of interest to howl@huntsabs.org.uk to arrive no later than 1st September 2019.

Please also get in touch if you have ideas for content but are not sure how to proceed. We can't promise to include everything but we'll have a look and, if it's bad enough, we'll publish it.

# MAKING LINCS:
## THE RISE OF A NEW GROUP

In less than two years Lincoln Hunt Sabs have become an essential part of the Midlands sabbing scene. Here is their inspirational story



**From Protest To Resistance**

It all started a couple of years ago, when a few of us who were active in Lincoln animal rights group came to the realisation that there was a distinct lack of a sab presence in our local area, the original Lincoln sab group having folded in the mid 90's. Some of us are from an anarcho-punk background and believe strongly in the principles of praxis...the notion of recognising an issue that needs resolving and acting to remedy said issue...NOT waiting for someone else to do it! Besides, none of us ever felt particularly comfortable engaging with the public on the high street.

Through animal rights and punk rock, we already knew some people who were involved with sabbing so we made contact to tell them of our plans and seek advice, they were very receptive and supportive and we thank them wholeheartedly.

**Sabotage the Hunt**

Our first outing was on November 11th, 2017 as passengers in Nottingham Sabs vehicles. We had a successful day sabbing the Fernie and Westerby Bassets. For most of the season we continued going out with Notts and a couple of times with North Cambs, until a very generous donor - to whom we owe our gratitude and thanks - gave us our own vehicle. We found ourselves unable to afford the insurance straight away, though that was soon rectified by another kind donation. Those who helped us know who they are, so they don't need naming but we thank you.

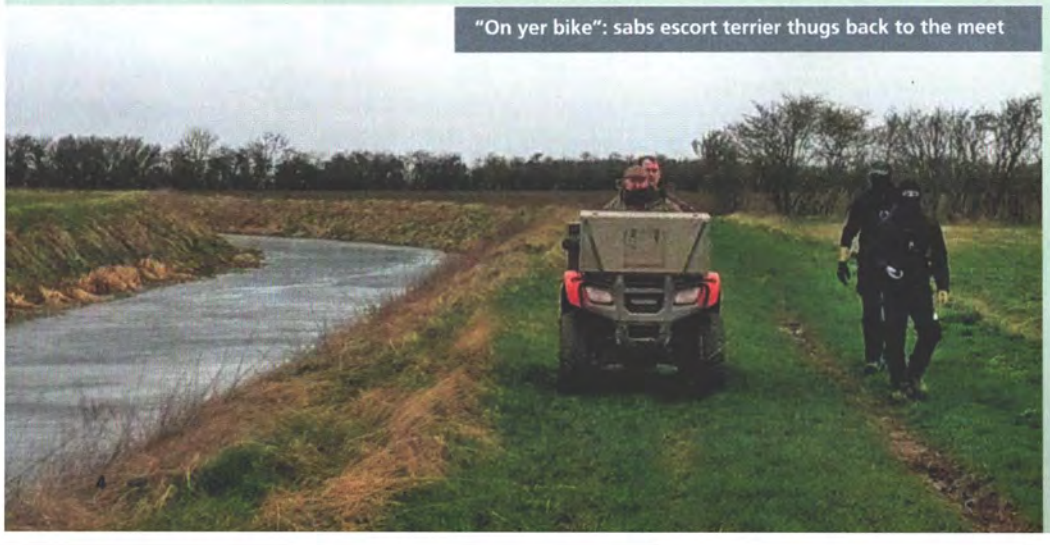
We continued to sab with Notts, paying several visits to both the Belvoir and the Meynell. A highlight for us was getting to sab one of our local hunts, the South Wold, a couple of times. The second occasion was especially memorable as it was their final Saturday of the season and they were out in a blizzard. Our presence ensured that it was a kill-free day, much to their disappointment.

During the summer we worked with other groups sabotaging mink hunts and grouse shoots. We spent a lot of time sett-surveying ahead of the badger cull in Derbyshire, but it didn't go ahead there so we operated in two other zones, where we helped ensure that kill targets weren't met.



Lincs sabs all over the hunt

"On yer bike": sabs escort terrier thugs back to the meet



This past season we've continued to work with more established groups, particularly Notts, who have been fantastic in teaching us so much. On one early season visit to the Meynell, we had such a successful day that the hosting farmer recklessly tipped a tractor bucket of manure over our vehicle! Had his hydraulics failed, it could have easily been fatal but, in hindsight, we look back and laugh...particularly as it garnered national press coverage and earnt the group nearly £200...thanks Doug!

We have also made midweek sabbing a regular thing and treated the Belvoir to a 20 year-overdue midweek visit. This clearly caused upset because the next Saturday that we visited them, the support were particularly excitable, culminating in sabs being assaulted, sabs refusing to retaliate, and the Belvoir being brought into disrepute yet again.

**Increase the Pressure**

Because of the way the Belvoir support behaved that day they ensured that sabs were going to continue to ruin their fun for the rest of the season, which suited both us and Notts down to the ground given the Belvoir country being half way between our two fair cities.



Oh dear...what a shame

The sustained pressure led to them changing meet times and locations in a bid to avoid being sabbed, on one occasion even staying inside the castle grounds...but try as they may all their attempts were futile.

Over the festive period we joined up with Northants, Herts and WildAct to sab the Cottesmore a few times and it was a pleasure making new friends. We re-joined them all for Andrew Osborne's retirement party, but sadly they killed that day: we believe it was probably a bagged fox. On another trip to the Meynell we had the misfortune of seeing their hounds savage a lamb, thankfully sabs called the hounds off and the lamb survived. The farmer showed her gratitude by assaulting sabs, but that's hardly surprising as she turned out to be Angela Jones, whipper-in of the High Peak Harriers!

We've been lucky enough to get to sab some of our other local hunts too this season, the Blankney a few times and the Burton once midweek, which provided the opportunity to work with sabs from Sheffield and West Yorkshire,

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who we have been fortunate to work with again since. Two of these occasions were at the Grove & Rufford, firstly when we had a sab assaulted in an orchestrated attempt by two riders to cause severe injury. The first rider dragged the sab to the floor, the second attempted to trample them. Luckily the sab was able to get free and evade the oncoming rider. That day we also had our vehicle rammed by thuggish support in balaclavas. When we returned the following week, the balaclava-clad support rammed both Manchester and Sheffield's vehicles in a blatant attempt to cause serious harm.

Along with many others we then took part in the traditional end-of-season hit on the Middleton, who moved their Saturday meet to the Friday to try and avoid the inevitable...it didn't work! Quite the opposite, it only made us all go back and do them again on their last meet of season on the Wednesday, where sadly they killed a hare and a Cheshire sab was assaulted.

**Show Us You Care**

We've been overwhelmed by the support from all the other sab groups we've worked with and the HSA; we urge others who are in similar situations to how we were - in areas where there doesn't seem to be much going on - to make something happen! Honestly, through hard work and perseverance YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Over the relatively short time we've been active as a group - only two full seasons - we have attracted more and more people who are eager to get involved and we are now at a point where we need to get a larger vehicle to be able to grow...so, if any readers would like to help us out, they can donate by PayPal lincolnhuntsaboteurs@gmail.com or at www.ko-fi.com/lincssabs




Lincs and friends sab the Middleton's final meet

# ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF...BIRDS?!



## Sheffield Sabs explain how and why they sabbed the RSPB's Fox Cull

**After the Hunt Investigation Team (HIT) highlighted that the RSPB would be culling foxes in the Peak District, we couldn't resist the temptation to get involved! The RSPB say this cull is to allow endangered curlew populations to increase; however, it is only a trial and by the RSPB's own admission, they do not know how many foxes need to be killed to increase curlew populations. The RSPB are carrying out their cull on six reserves: Big Moor (Peak District), Geltsdale (Cumbria), Penmachno (North Wales), Glenwherry (Northern Ireland), Caithness (North Scotland) and South Scotland. With Big Moor right on our doorstep how could we refuse to get involved?**

### Sabbing the Fox Cull

With the Derbyshire badger cull thankfully put off for another year, Sheffield sabs were left all torched-up with no shooters to disrupt! When word of the fox cull reached them, that was it! They were up on the moors as often as possible looking for shooters. After a couple of weeks of perseverance, there he was. A picture of professionalism, sat on the back of his pickup in an office chair, leaning on a dining room table with a bath towel over his gun barrel! Needless to say, he was shocked by the appearance of three sabs with bright torches. He even refused to get down, pack up and leave until two of them had left.



Full beam: sabs shine a spotlight on cruelty

On this first occasion, the shooter parked on the public access track which leads to Barbrook Cottage, the office of the Eastern Moor Partnership, comprised of the National Trust, RSPB and Peak District National Park Authority, who manage Big Moor. He was caught twice more, set up for shooting on a tarmacked track leading from a busy A road! This is despite a large network of vehicle access tracks covering land managed by the EMP. This track may be the best location to shoot from a vehicle which is close to suitable curlew habitat, in the form of an old reservoir.



Startled shooter calls the cops

With simple badger cull style tactics of sitting, waiting and turning on torches proving effective in saving lives, we widened the network of people involved. Joining up with friends and local people, we were able to cover the Big Moor site more regularly, gaining further intelligence on their tactics. On one occasion, a lone sab popping up after work and waving to the contractor (spotted through his night vision scope) was enough to send the shooter packing! While successful in our organisation, there has only been one more encounter with a suspected shooter since. It seems they have changed contractor to someone possibly more used to dealing with 'antis', or maybe just slightly more aggro! Unlike the original shooter, who had to be coaxed off the reserve, this new shooter returned to his vehicle after an hour in the cottage (at 9pm!) to turn his spotlight on the waiting sabs, before driving off and waiting for the police.

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*"Uplands of the future for people and wildlife"* **...unless you are a fox.**

Sabs evaded police attention and hung around to make sure there was no shooting before our new friend locked up and left at around 11.30pm, strengthening the theory that that he has set working hours. Since then there has been no contact with shooters, though the police have certainly taken an increased interest in the gates to the nature reserve! This seeming lack in shooter activity may suggest a change in their tactics, it is possible they are now visiting the site early in the morning.

### Online Campaign

While our focus on the ground has been on preventing shooting, we have angled our online campaign towards supporting better land management practices, which would help curlew populations to increase. The issue of curlew decline is complex, and it is important not to come across as anti-curlew! Intensive land management, such as high-density sheep grazing, is one cause of curlew decline, a fact admitted by the RSPB. In their view, lethal predator control and the use of Larsen traps is a 'last resort' and forms part of an overall curlew population management strategy. We hope our campaign will feed into wider pressure put on the RSPB by their members.

### The Bigger Picture On Big Moor

Big Moor is predominantly moorland habitat and was under grouse moor management until relatively recently. While the RSPB claim predator control is a last resort, they have long used this tactic to support declining species that they favour. The fox cull is an example of this: as HIT uncovered, the contractor on Big Moor was a bloodsports enthusiast. This demonstrates the hold that a legacy of bloodsports still has on our landscape and the conservation sector. When combined with the impact of intensive farming - which favours species such as foxes and crows as they are more suited to scavenging in such a landscape than the highly specialised curlew - is it any wonder a reason for culling can often be found? Big Moor is also across the road from the Barlow Hunt kennels; considering investigations into the Middleton and South Herefordshire Hunt kennels, the reader can draw their own conclusions about the fox population in this area!

The strong links between the bloodsport community and historic land management provide a good case for opposing initiatives such as the RSPB's fox cull not only in support of animal liberation, but for better land management practices which benefit all species. 'Rewilding' advocates practices which support the ecosystem and undo the damage caused by intensive land management. Perhaps opposing culling in support of better land management could open debate around the place of individual animals within the ecosystem and management practices which do not continue traditional bloodsport practices.




**Beautiful RSPB fox badge for sale. All proceeds go to...er...killing foxes.**

### Something To Crow About

In 2018 Big Moor was also home to a corvid control programme. This involved the use of Larsen traps to remove corvids, again to 'protect curlews'. In April 2019 HIT announced this programme had been abandoned in the Peak District, due to pressure from local campaigners, who not only exposed the cruelty of Larsen traps, but also that there was no threat to nesting curlew from corvids. Once again, direct action wins!

### The Future

Sabs are still out, looking for the shooters and gaining intel on their seeming change in tactics. Sources say that the RSPB can stand the wave of negative publicity the fox cull has gained them, but disruption of this round of culling will render the trial useless. We encourage sabs in other areas close to fox cull sites to organise in their communities, stand up for wildlife and oppose bloodsport practice in the management of our landscape. With public engagement being in their best interest, perhaps national parks are the places to kick start this vital debate.

# ONE STRUGGLE, ONE FIGHT



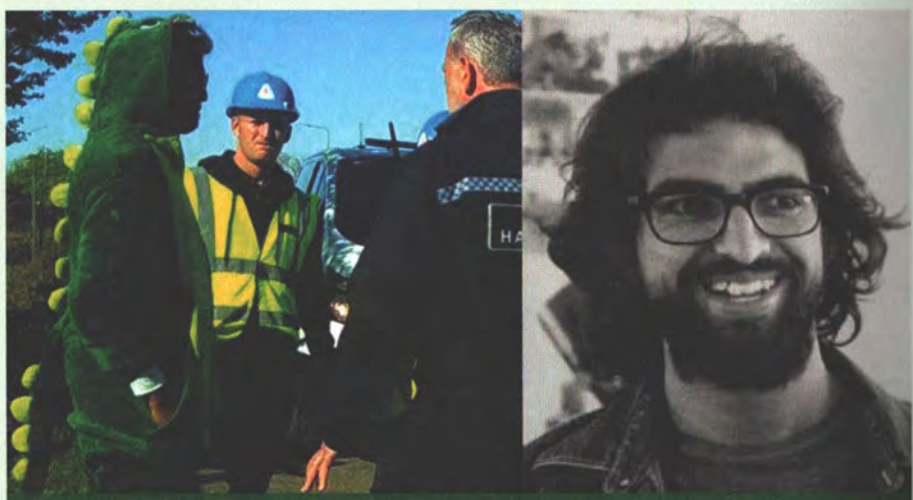

## In this incredible article Charlie Qereçox explains why so many brave hunt saboteurs have travelled to Syria to fight the fascists of ISIS

**In April 2017, Anna Campbell and I became the fifth and sixth Hunt Sabs to travel to North Syria and join the fight against ISIS. The following March, Anna became the first of us to die in that war, hit by a Turkish airstrike as Jihadis overran the region of Afrin. In October, Farid Medjahed ('Waka'), a French Hunt Sab, became the second while advancing through Deir Ez Zour, on the other side of the country.**

It shouldn't be a surprise that Hunt Sabs make up a disproportionate number of the western volunteers who have joined the SDF, a coalition of local militias spearheading the ground war against ISIS. Our movement is made of people who cannot sit idly by and allow injustice to happen. We despise cruelty, and for over half a century we have been putting our bodies on the line to prevent it.

But it wasn't just ISIS that motivated us. Among the bloodiest war of modern times, the people of North Syria had begun to build a new society.

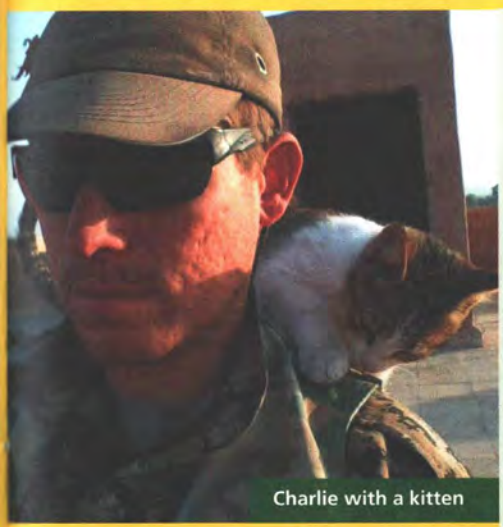

Anna with puppies


I couldn't find pictures of Waka in Syria with cats, but here's one of him dressed as a newt

Growing out of the struggles of the region's heavily oppressed Kurdish population, the TEV-DEM ('Movement for a Democratic Society') quickly transcended ethnic lines to build a broad coalition of Kurds, Arabs, Assyrians, Turkmen and others. The movement refused to compromise on their principles simply because they were fighting against a campaign of annihilation by a genocidal terror group. Under siege from all sides, they have created a functioning grassroots democracy and taken huge steps towards eliminating patriarchy from their society. It was this beautiful but fragile new world that drew us in, and that we were prepared to sacrifice everything for.

There has always been significant crossover between Hunt Sabs and other movements, and this has always brought new strengths and resilience to all those groups, as well as challenges for the individuals involved. Our landie is a supportive, welcoming, antifascist space – to step outside that and join a broader movement can be a daunting task. Challenges to my sexuality and politics were common from the other westerners in Syria, although much less so from the locals. North Syria largely lacks the horrors of industrialised agriculture, but the lesser horrors of localised animal exploitation are far more visible. I also encountered casual animal cruelty at similar levels to those in the UK. But this just makes it more vital to have our voices in those spaces. I saved lives by manning the front lines in Raqqa, but also by arguing with my comrades who wished to harm the packs of semi-feral cats who followed those fronts to scavenge the food we left behind. Anna persuaded at least one local fighter to go vegetarian, by arguing that eating meat was at odds with the egalitarian ideology of the revolution. To shy away from other movements because of the problems they have would mean giving up our ability to address those problems.

There is also a huge opportunity for us to learn from the people of North Syria. I came home with enough first aid skills to go out against the Badger cull confident that I could treat any potentially treatable gunshot wound – but also with new tools for dealing with in-group conflict, finely



Charlie with a kitten

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honed by the four decades of the Kurdistan freedom movement. If our goal is a world without oppression and exploitation, then we will never achieve it without supporting and learning from one another.

Although ISIS no longer hold territory in Syria, peace in the region remains elusive. Turkey, always the power behind ISIS, has now directly occupied a large chunk of Syria (including Afrin, where Ann's body still lies), and is ethnically cleansing it of Kurds, Yazidis, and Armenians. There are many familiar faces among the militias used for this occupation – escaped members of ISIS, Al Qaeda, and other Jihadi groups have all found a safe haven here to practice their brutal way of life. Attempts in Turkish-occupied Kurdistan to build a society similar to that in North Syria have met with huge state repression including the razing of several cities. The Kurdish representative for the peace talks with Turkey is held in solitary confinement, leaving peace talks in both Turkey and Syria in deadlock.



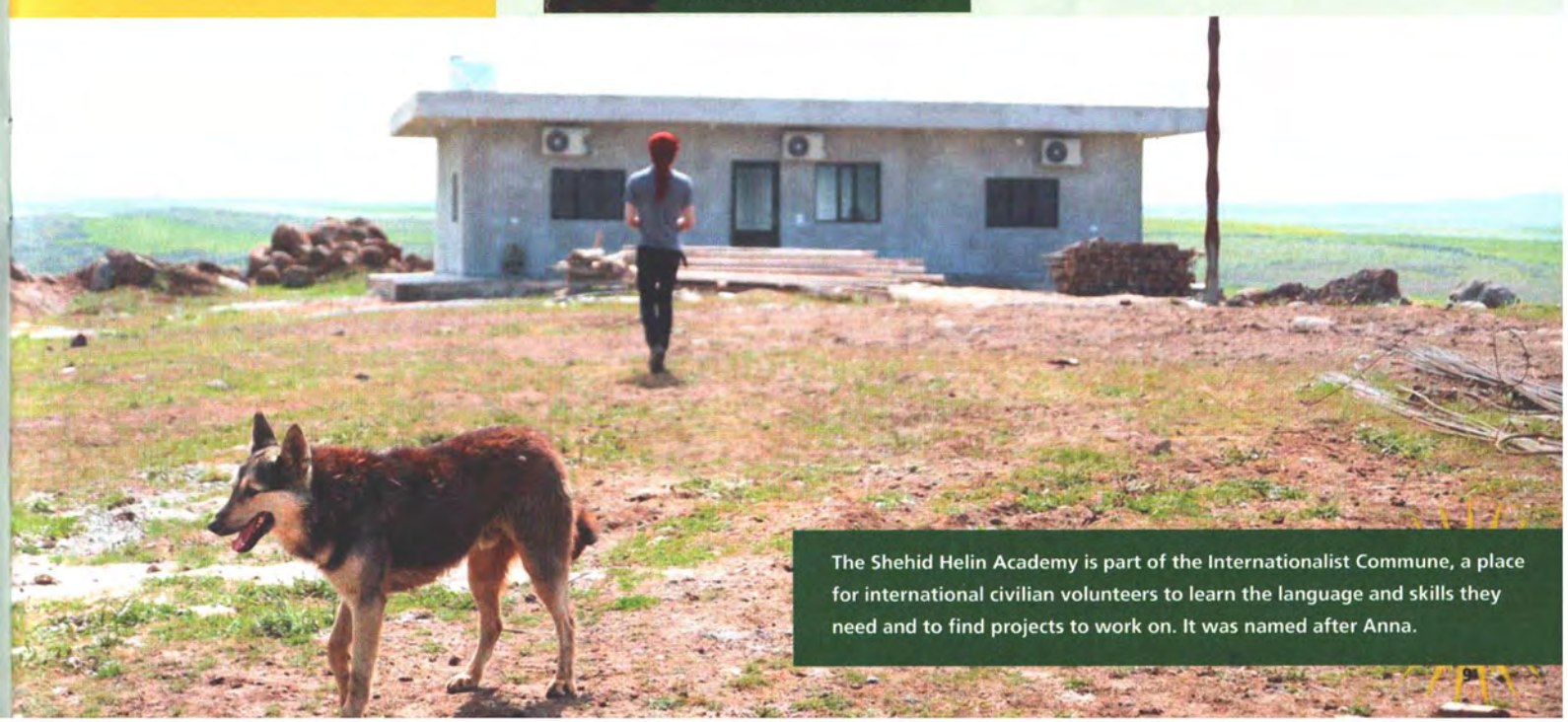
Anna with a bird she rescued




Charlie with HSA helmet

Thousands are currently on hunger strike calling for an end to his isolation, including Imam Şiş in Newport and three others in London. The threat of invasion from north and south is always present, and the country must be rebuilt under total economic embargo. On top of all this, as a local fighter told me in Raqqa, *"after this, the real fight begins; the fight to reform society."*

There's an awfulness to war that's hard to describe or process. But Hunt Sabs have never backed down in the face of horror. Our movement didn't falter at the deaths of Mike Hill, Tom Worby, Jill Phipps or Barry Horne. We keep going, because we know our cause is necessary and just. Because we know animals are relying on us. And because we carry a vision of a beautiful world in our hearts. When I feel overwhelmed (as I often do) by the loss of my friends, I remember the children playing in the fields outside Raqqa, who can now live free and full lives because of what we did and what we sacrificed. And I think of those brave, beautiful cats roaming a rebuilt Raqqa because we were there to argue their case.



The Shehid Helin Academy is part of the Internationalist Commune, a place for international civilian volunteers to learn the language and skills they need and to find projects to work on. It was named after Anna.

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## Bath Hunt Sabs

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Bath sabs have had another good season and are now gearing up for the badger cull.

This season we've not seen one animal killed on our watch, despite the best efforts of many hunts including: RAC Beagles, Vale of the White Horse, Cotswold Vale, Wiltshire & Infantry Beagles, Curre & Llangibby, Silverton, Leadon Vale Bassets, the Mendip Farmers - guests of Jacob Rees-Mogg! Ryeford Chase Rabbit Hounds and Ilminster Beagles and their failed beagling festival, Portman – guests of Lord Rothermere and Guy Ritchie!! And the Royal Artillery. This means we've sabbed in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Devon, Somerset and Dorset. We've continued our trend of new sabs joining and our group of active members expanding. We're now fundraising for a second vehicle to try and fit everyone in! (check out our fundraiser if you'd like to chuck us a few quid towards this, please. www.gofundme.com/bath-hunt-sabs-2nd-vehicle-saving-more-lives)

We've got new merch we've been flogging at vegan fairs; it seems to have gone down a storm thanks to our resident artists designs. We've a few more planned so hopefully by next season we'll be close to having another vehicle. We're planning training days in the off season for all our new people, some of these will coincide with sett surveying as it's very useful for teaching map reading!

We're currently working with Avon Against the Badger Cull to gear up for the cull. We've had some very dedicated members sett surveying for months already and that'll inevitably become all-consuming as the cull draws nearer.

Fingers crossed next season we make our no-kill streak a hat trick.



Hounds love sabs






Beds & Bucks: a constant thorn in the Oakley's side

## Beds and Bucks Hunt Sabs

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It has been a very eventful season. Our main news and something that also made the national media was the successful prosecution of the Thurlow Hunt pair (Chris Amatt and Archie Clifton-Brown) for both Hunting Act offences and assault. To say we are pleased with this is an understatement and that's now our second such prosecution. It was tough for our sabs in court, but they did a sterling job in bringing these criminals to justice. Our evidence is also being used by Suffolk Police as a case study into the requirements for Hunting Act offences.

Closer to home we maintained our focus on the Oakley Hunt and we now know their huntsman (Calamity Jack Harris) is leaving and they don't currently have anyone else. We'd like to think we've had a hand in his decision to leave and as a hunt they are effectively broken. We'll see what happens next season.

Of course, we've had time to hit some other hunts as well and this includes the Fitzwilliam and Fernie with our pals North Cambs plus both the North Bucks and Trinity Foot Beagles. We even managed a cheeky hit on the Kimblewick who claim to be a 'super hunt', whatever that this. They didn't seem so super when we hit them.

We've had some great new sabs join us this season and they are coming along and gaining experience and confidence all the time. We're filling two vehicles every week, and this of course makes us even more effective. Over the summer we'll be raising more funds, hitting the mink hounds and preparing for any future badger culls. The persecution of our wildlife never stops regardless of the time of year, so wherever that happens we'll be there to stand against it!

## Berkshire Hunt Sabs

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Following the start of the new year Berkshire Hunt Sabs have been working alongside friends from Severn Vale Sabs and Surrey Hunt Monitors to hit our usual foes the Old Berks Beagles, Palmer Marlborough Beagles, Sandhurst & Aldershot Beagles, Trinity Foot Beagles, Radley College Beagles, Christchurch & Farley Hill Beagles and the Kimblewick Fox Hunt. We were successful in helping shut down these hunts from taking place with minimal bother from hunt and their supporters. Apart from Mark White, whip of the Sandhurst Beagles, being typically aggressive towards sabs on multiple occasions, and his friend and fellow beagler John Hunt who threatened to visit us at home.

We had great fun in March helping shut down two hunting festivals – Ilminster Hare Week and part of the Purbeck & Bovington Hare Week alongside friends from many other groups. We are now collating our info gathered from these festivals ready for next year.



Berkshire sabs close in on the Palmer Marlborough Beagles

To close the season, we joined up with many other groups to the meet of the Royal Artillery Hunt. With an impressive turnout of sabs and glorious weather we helped keep this hunt moving without hunting all day long. A fantastic day was had by all - the same can't be said for the RA though!

There is no summer break for us though! We are now preparing for the badger cull coming to Berkshire and will be working alongside Berkshire Against the Badger Cull to ensure that we are ready for the cull coming to Berkshire. As well as getting ready to sab some mink hunts!

## Brighton Hunt Sabs

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A traditional rural scene: horses, hounds...and hunt sabs

We've done a lot of traveling towards the end of this season with trips to Devon, the New Forest and Buckinghamshire to support other groups. These trips are important so that hunts know we can pull in more support if any of them escalate to even more cruel and violent ways. It's also good to meet up with new groups and see how they do it!

We've also been keeping an eye on our local hunts though. We've done more mid-week hits this season as we found out some of our hunts are now trying to do their killing then when we struggle to get as many people out.

When the police failed to do anything about the Crawley & Horsham hunt killing a fox a demo was held outside Brighton police station which fifty people turned up to and did some great chanting. It's important the police know how much support we have out there, it's the only thing that stops them persecuting saboteurs more. Who knows maybe one day they'll even enforce the hunting act too?

We also had a lively demo outside the Old Surrey & Burstow hunt ball. The Crowne Plaza Hotel hosted them for the second year in a row: make sure you're not supporting that chain. South Coast Hunt Sabs organised a campaign against the venue of the East Sussex & Romney Marsh hunt ball and the venue pulled out days before they were supposed to host the ball, thanks to everyone who got in touch with the venue. These balls are an important fundraising event for the hunts so the more pressure we put on them the better.

Thoughts turn to fundraising, sorting out equipment and planning for stopping the continuous cruelty in our countryside for the summer, before we get ready for the start of the next hunting season.

## Bristol Hunt Sabs

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A great second half of the season (by far our busiest to date) for Bristol. 2018 ended with us pissing on the RAC Beagles NYE meet, followed up by the VWH fox hunt who were hunting just down the road. The next day we started 2019 in style with a visit to the Mendip Farmers'. They got a few more midweek and Saturday visits throughout the rest of the season (including a meet at Jacob Rees-Mogg's manor!)

Foxes were seen to safety at several Cotswold Vale Farmers' meets, and a few of our sabs managed to get out with the Beaufort and Ledbury for mid-week visits. We sabbed a couple of joint meets, following the Curre & Llangibby down to Devon for their joint with the Silverton, and then again with the Monmouthshire later in the season.

"Oh shit!" Wilts & Infantry huntsman clocks Bristol sabs



This half of the season saw us pay a lot more attention to the hare hunts. We caught the Leadon Vale Basset Hounds several times, once after packing up the RAC Beagles! We were in Somerset for the 'Ilminster Hare Week', sabbing the rarely seen Ryeford Chase Rabbit Hounds and the Ilminster Beagles on the first two days of the 'festival'. We caught up with the Ilminster again in Dorset the following week. The Wiltshire & Infantry Beagles got a couple of visits, including at their closing meet. Both times they legged it upon seeing sabs! We finished the season by joining many other groups on Salisbury Plain with the Royal Artillery Hunt.

Shout out to all the groups we've worked with this season: Bath, Severn Vale, South Wales, Three Counties, Welsh Borders and West Wilts (and anyone else we've missed). 'Til the next time!



Face off at the Cheshire Forest Hunt

## Cheshire Hunt Sabs

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This season our sabs have seen much success and some heartache. We have focused most of our time on the Cheshire Hunt who seem to have missed the memo about hunting being banned, flaunting their illegal activities as if pre-ban.

Our hard work and tactics have seen countless foxes to safety this season with help from our massive influx of members and sister group 'Cheshire Against Bloodsports'. Unfortunately, partly due to the relentless nature of this hunt, we've witnessed the deaths of four foxes this season. However, our sabs have been there to retrieve the bodies or at least film the desperation of the hunts trying to dispose of the them. These foxes haven't died in vain; they've ensured Cheshire is at the public forefront of the anti-hunt movement and caused outrage in the mainstream media.

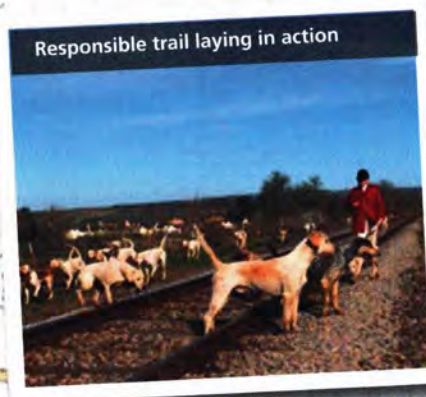
Between our runners staying with the hounds, our more experienced sabs guiding the way with their in-depth knowledge and use of tactics, we can now stay with the hunt all day and effectively sabotage them throughout. You only have to look at the news to see the effect this is having on the Cheshire hunts. The support of locals has been massive; where fear once stood in the way, people have come out of their shells after seeing these criminals for what they are. Where once we would struggle for fifteen sabs on a Saturday, we now flaunt thirty to forty every weekend. The pressure is on in Cheshire and the hunts are showing obvious cracks under the weight of our movement.

## Cirencester Illegal Hunt Watch

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The main fox hunting season is now over until cub hunting starts in the Autumn. The foxes barely have time to recover and rear their young, in fact we witnessed vixens being hunted whilst pregnant.

We have had over 70 outings this season and have welcomed working alongside Three Counties Sabs, Bristol Sabs and National Distrust, as well as some new recruits. We have covered 5000 miles and packs sabbed this season include the Beaufort, the VWH, the Cotswold and the Old Berks. We have made special efforts to monitor when the hunts have been licensed to hunt on NT land. In fact, we sadly filmed the kill of a fox by the Old Berks at Buscot and Coleshill, sent the footage to the National Trail Hunt Manager but, predictably, they haven't taken action and continued to allow them access the Buscot Estate.



Responsible trail laying in action

Other bad behaviour by hunts has been witnessed and reported including digging and shooting into a badger sett, several dig-outs, blocking of badger setts, hounds on main roads and railway lines, common assaults, theft, harassment and homophobic comments. This is a familiar list of crimes witnessed daily by hunt monitors and sabs. However, some of these minor incidents have been followed up rigorously by the police and the offenders reprimanded. We also have several ongoing cases to follow up involving badger crimes in Gloucestershire.

This summer we will continue to survey and document badger setts ready for the 2019 cull and spread the word locally with demos and organising events. The sett information we collate is also vital for when hunting starts again. We will continue to work alongside Gloucester Badger Office and local sab groups during the cull.

If you would like to help please contact us.

## Derby Hunt Sabs

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Over the last year Derby Hunt Saboteurs have had to deal with various legal issues. It seems from Saboteur's experiences that Rural Crime Police have little interest in wildlife crime but are willing to pursue the lies of those harming wildlife and harass those trying to protect it.

We are now hard at work preparing for the Badger Cull coming to Derbyshire.



"On, on, on!" Derby sabs take the pack for a run

## Devon County Hunt Sabs

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Devon County's latest recruit has terriermen on the run!

The Silverton Hunt were pleased to see us, especially master and convicted thug, Phil Saunders, who made multiple attempts at blocking our vehicle and pushing sabs. Their hounds killed a fox in front of sabs on New Year's Day last year, so we kept them on their toes and packed them up early.

The charming Lamerton Hunt were sabbed the week after. The host was none other than Attorney General Geoffrey Cox. We helped four foxes flee to safety and quote of the season was from a female rider who told us *"we haven't hunted illegally for three seasons"* when we asked if any trails had been laid.

The joint meet between the Lamerton and the Cotley Harriers was also sabbed. A hard day for us with lots of aggression from drunken supporters and a camera being stolen. A young fox was helped to safety as it was chased out of the woods by hounds in full cry and a dig out was prevented at the end of the day.

Several visits to the Eggesford Hunt were made and as usual they blatantly hunted foxes, attempted dig outs, and on one occasion, supporters decided to stab our vehicle tyres with a knife and attempted to run down sabs as they drove away.

Some of us joined other groups to sab the Ilminster Hare Week and prevent these amazing animals from being chased and ripped to shreds.

The closing meet of the soon to be disbanded Modbury Harriers was a success for us. After violently assaulting sabs last year at their closing meet, they were on their best behaviour this time. However, our season ended on a real low with sabs having to witness a kill at the Stevenstone Hunt who haven't been sabbed in a long time.

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With a new Hunt Liaison Officer in Kent police, several arrests have been made amongst hunt supporters, in investigations into the violence that occurred at our Boxing Day demos and the shooting down of our drone. We are hoping charges will be brought against them all soon!

The East Kent with West Street FH were visited often, and continued to respond with swapping of meet locations, times and days to try and avoid us. With sabs and cameras present, the hunt often reverted to putting on performances of "trail hunting" for our benefit (i.e. as soon as they see us, the terrier men pull out silly little ropes to drag behind the quad bikes).Their numbers are down again, and they even tried to host their last meet on a Sunday to avoid us...didn't work though and sabs attended. We also discovered that they had booked their Hunt Ball at Kent University - we let the public know and, within days, the venue cancelled!




Sometimes no caption is required...

The Ashford Valley Tickham Hunt was also sabbed frequently, and reverted to swapping meets, but just couldn't shake sabs off. They made national news yet again when our drone was shot out of the sky, fortunately the footage was intact - we cannot comment further as it is a live investigation. Hunt support also resorted to violence: throwing mystery liquids into sabs faces and bangers at their cars were just some of the antics they got up to this year...though further arrests have been made.

The Blean Beagles also got a few visits - a slippery bunch who totally lose the plot when sabs arrive, and turn into the worst actors you have ever seen, accusing sabs of all manner of offences...but hunting always stops, and we hope this pack's days are also numbered.

Our sabs also trudged over to the crappy Crown Plaza venue for the Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent hunt ball demo, and most certainly pissed them off too. An excellent end to the season!

## East Yorkshire Coast Hunt Sabs

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Police withhold the evidence

In the run up to the end of the hunting season, EYCHS started to investigate some hunts who have so far escaped the attention of sabs. Now, even though the season has finished, we are as busy as ever. There is no reprieve for our wildlife, so we are not going to rest either. Our members are still very active, checking out setts and traps, rescuing injured wildlife, meeting new recruits, supporting other wildlife groups, following up reports from the public and carrying out extensive research in a wide range of areas.

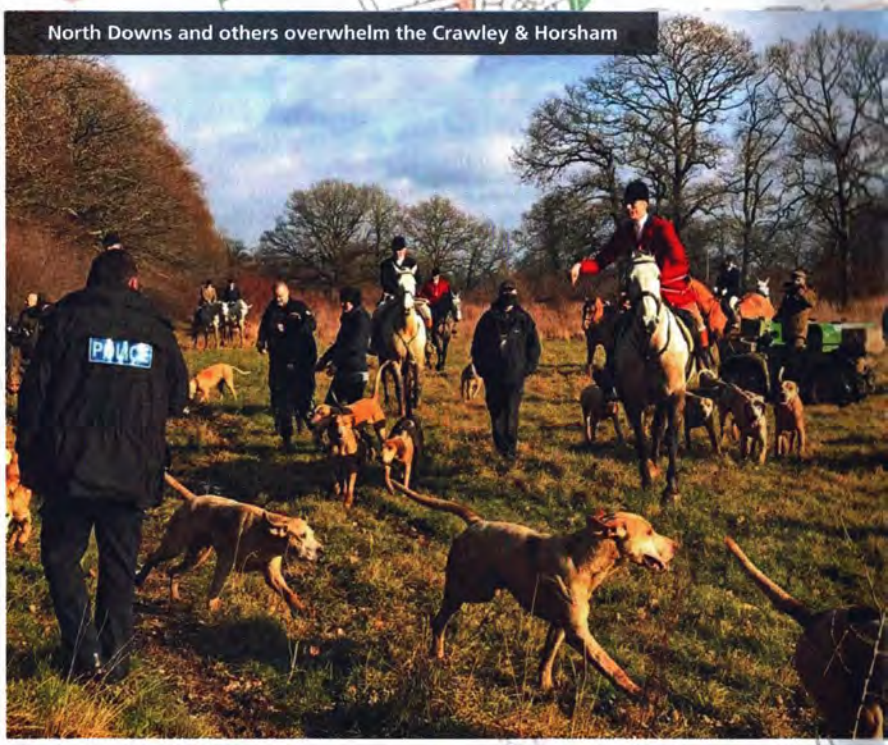
We've also been busy on the fundraising front – we hosted an evening in Scarborough which was very well attended with more than eighty people enjoying a vegan buffet and listening to talks by Sea Shepherd, a wildlife sanctuary and a badger group. It was a fantastic night; everybody was so generous that we were able to donate to the sanctuary as well as receiving some much-needed funds for the group. One fantastic supporter even donated a van to the group which will make an incredible difference to EYCHS in the future.

EYCHS spent the last weekend of April in the York branch of Lush for a Charity Pot fundraising drive in aid of the group. It was such a positive experience which raised in excess of £400 and we found that even people who didn't donate came and expressed their support and told us how much they appreciate what sabs do and we also gave out many HSA cards. It was particularly interesting to talk to several farmers who told us how much they hate the hunts and that we have their full support, too.

We are also holding meetings to discuss how we can be even more effective in the future and planning strategies for the new season and how we will respond if the badger cull ever comes to the area.

## Guildford & North Downs Hunt Sabs

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North Downs and others overwhelm the Crawley & Horsham

As the season comes to an end, it is time to thank all our supporters. Your donations have kept us in the field and have helped us in our campaigns. As usual we teamed up with Guildford, but this season saw us welcome a new group - Reading Sabs. Almost every Saturday we had 3 land rovers out with 20-40 Sabs every time.

We were almost always successful in saving the hunted animals, but on one occasion we weren't. The Surrey Union killed a fox in Peaslake in December. We gained national publicity and led a short campaign that saw the Surrey Union hunt being forced to withdraw their licenses to hunt National Trust land. A major victory!

We were out 79 times, some of which were kennel watching or searching for hunts, but our "tally" of hunts was as follows: Surrey Union 32 times, Old Surrey & Burstow 16 times, Crawley & Horsham 5 times, Chiddingfold 2 times, Hampshire Hunt 8 times, Kimblewick 1 time, Sandhurst Beagles 2 times and Old Berkeley Beagles 1 time. Most of the time we worked with Surrey Hunt Monitors whose information was invaluable, and often we teamed up with Croydon, Brighton, South Coast and West Sussex Sabs.

Please help keep us in the field next season by donating to: www.ko-fi.com/A62094D



Leadon Vale huntsman shows his better side

## Herefordshire Hunt Sabs

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Our group was formed in February last year, but we only became affiliated to the HSA in January. Having now completed our first full season, we've taken the liberty of covering the whole 2018/19 season in this report. Herefordshire has ten hunts whose countries are either wholly or partially within its borders; some have been regularly sabbed over the years while others have totally escaped. We aim to focus mainly on those hunts which have, until now, been able to hunt without sab attention.

We've had a busy first season, hitting our two main target hunts, the North Herefordshire Hunt and the Clifton on Teme Hunt, multiple times. We also encountered the Radnor & West Hereford and the North Ledbury Hunt at joint meets of these two hunts. The Equine Flu outbreak saw us sabbing the elusive Wyre Forest Beagles after a kennel watch. We followed them to their meet in Shropshire, only for them to turn tail and head straight back home again. We've also worked with other groups to disrupt the Leadon Vale Bassets and the Banwen Miners. In January we hopped over the border into Shropshire, to sab the Ludlow FH who, according to one of their supporters were another hunt who 'never see antis.'

Scummer of the season award must go to Tom Stokes, Ledbury Hunt terrierman, who we caught digging out a badger sett a few days into New Year. The publicity which followed resulted in the farmer on whose land this incident occurred saying the hunt are no longer allowed on his land. Result!

We've ended the season with a strong core group who have grown in experience and started to work well as a team. We are currently sett-surveying in preparation for the likely roll out of the badger cull to a new zone in Herefordshire and will continue to do so all summer. Our thanks go out to everyone who has supported us, financially and with information about hunts and meets. We couldn't do it without you.

## Hertfordshire Hunt Sabs

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The fox hunting season has now come to an end. Feb 16th the Cottesmore Hunt killed a beautiful fox that sabs were an arm's length away from- sabs were able to retrieve the body. The police took the body and bagged it under section 19 PACE. After numerous assaults, damage to vehicles, having our camera stolen and equipment broken you'd think why do we carry on? But it's not about us, it's about the animals.

We are currently sett surveying areas in preparation for the roll out of the badger cull, Whist doing so we come across lots of hidden nastiness that won't every trap or kill wildlife again.

Now and then we do online campaigns against places that fund or host illegal fox hunting. Gates Garden Centre in Leicestershire supported the Cottesmore Pony Club. Pony Clubs are an essential part of fox hunting, not only providing financial support, but for generations of riders chasing and killing of wildlife. The other was against the Puckeridge hunt ball being hosted at Burloeshall in Royston, Hertfordshire.



In safe hands: Herts sabs liberate a trapped magpie

A big thank you if you joined in with the online campaigns. Also, a huge thank you for the ongoing support, though sales and donations we've finally bought a landy and she is getting sorted in the time running up to next season.

We will continue fundraising in the months to come for next season – a massive thank you to everyone who has donated to us.



Sprays at the ready on the Four Burrow Hunt

## Kernow Hunt Sabs

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It's been an interesting 2018/19 season for the Kernow team, gaining some very keen recruits who have shown great determination and initiative; we're proud to have them on board.

A horrible incident in November saw Four Burrow Hunt lose 6 hounds down a mine shaft and leave them there for 4 days before Search & Rescue were asked to get them out. Sadly 2 of the hounds died, and rather than take responsibility, hunt staff lied and contradicted themselves in local press, typical behaviour for their breed. All season we have also witnessed FBH huntswoman Nikki Hancock continually lose control of her hounds with split packs and strays all over.

We started and ended our local season with Cury Hunt's opening and closing meets, and the difference was astounding. Opening meet saw the hunt procession headed by a truck with flashing lights and a large field following. However, closing meet saw a field of only 13, half of which were children. Other meets had also been poorly attended, one of which saw only 4 riders including hunt staff. We discovered that the huntsman James Pearson and whipper in Chris Spurgeon are both leaving and learned that Cury are so desperate they are trawling stables trying to recruit young riders, hence the high percentage of children in the field.

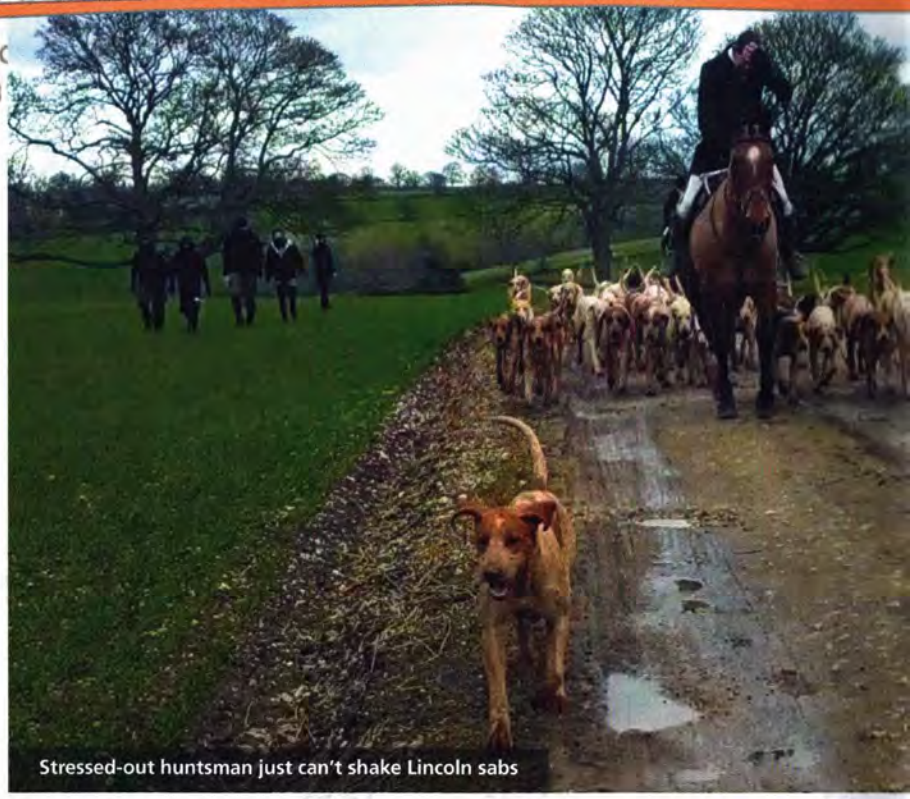
We finished on 6th April helping Devon County, Weymouth and North Dorset sab the Stevenstone Hunt, nice to see some old friends.

A wonderful Cornish band, Dusk at Dawn's, put on a charity gig to help raise us some funds and we finally got a line of merchandise with our awesome new logo. The team is continually out sett surveying for this year's badger culls and we're bracing ourselves for an additional zone.

## Lincoln Hunt Sabs

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We have been extremely busy since New Year, our main target was the Belvoir Hunt and along with our pals at Nottingham Hunt Sabs we managed to hit them twice a week most weeks. Their inability to kill wildlife led them to hire private security who groped and assaulted female sabs but did little to prevent us from sabbing the hunt.



Stressed-out huntsman just can't shake Lincoln sabs

It was a great season for working with new groups, we spent a fair bit of time with Northants, Herts and Wild Act at the vile Cottesmore Hunt whose violence towards sabs had got out of hand. They are the first hunt that have killed whilst we were present which was heart-breaking. Of course, we also focused on our local hunts, hitting the Blankney Hunt several times and paying a long overdue first visit to the Burton Hunt.

The violence escalated towards the end of the season; we hit the Grove & Rufford Hunt twice in a week with various groups which led to our vehicle being rammed and another three sab vehicles being badly damaged in extremely dangerous acts of violence. We ended the season by hitting the Middleton Hunt twice with a very large number of sabs, again it ended in violence from the hunt with a hare being killed and a sab being knocked out.

As a group we have grown massively and have received overwhelming support. The local punk scene has been amazing as always by helping with benefit shows. We are now in the position where we are fundraising for a larger vehicle to be more effective. In the meantime, we will be back out in the fields surveying in preparation for the badger cull.

## Melbourne Hunt Sabs (Australia)

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Oaklands Hunt bumpkin befuddled by new technology

Well, back against an old foe that is the aggressive and violent Oaklands Hunt Club.

Now, these prolific animal abusers haven't moved the location of their opening hunt since...well since they started their bloodlust. Today was a game changer: the Oaklands moved their opening hunt out to a property that we are rather familiar with...So, after establishing they had moved the hounds, off we went. Upon arrival, we were met with a very angry and aggressive hunt. Sadly, this saw a male and female saboteur assaulted, and a GoPro stolen and destroyed by the hunt. Undeterred, sabs were able to keep eyes on the hunt from vantage points. However, with the hunting property covering a few 1,000 acres of hilly, inaccessible terrain. The hunting pack was able to slip us with minor interruption.

Is this the last resort for Oaklands? Abandoning their home ground to hunt in hiding, protected by a vast inaccessible landscape, aggressive followers and a police force at their disposal?

We always need your help to keep us in the field, replacing our destroyed GoPro is paramount to documenting these hunts.

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Well-positioned Manchester sabs await the hunt

## Manchester Hunt Sabs

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With an influx of new recruits we are happy to say we have been busier than usual this season! January saw us chucking our new sabs in at the deep end with hits on the North Staffs FH, Holcombe Harriers, Cumberland FH, and our old pals the Meynell. It was a crash course in sabbing for our newbies but, credit to them, they have picked it up quickly and stuck with it for the rest of the season, even managing to sab a good number of midweek hunts, which in the past has been unusual for us.

On the anniversary of hunt saboteur Mike Hill's death, we paid a visit to the hunt that killed him - the Cheshire Beagles - along with multiple other groups. We made sure they did not leave the kennels that day.

In March we were on the receiving end of a violent attack by supporters of the Grove & Rufford Hunt. Throughout the day a 4x4 filled with hunt supporters made multiple attempts to intimidate us into leaving the area...but we are not intimidated easily. Frustrated that we refused to leave, they decided to ram both Sheffield and Manchester vehicles. The support, knowing they had gone too far, quickly fled the scene of their crime. Police were already in the area when it happened, but, unsurprisingly, cared more about dispersing sabs than dealing with the assault. Despite our vehicle being a write-off, we still managed to get out for the last couple of hits of the season, visiting the Middleton twice in one week... someone had to be there to say goodbye to Charles 'Shagger' Carter! We will be busy sett-surveying and organising training days over the coming months.

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We finished the season working with both Hertfordshire saboteurs and Wildact, boosting numbers and taking extra vehicles into the field. With new people joining every week, it's important to ensure that people are supported, trained and encouraged. This has included training people to use the horn, whip and to navigate effectively.

Supporting new sabs was particularly important due to challenging conditions both on road and in the field. Sabs have kept alert to hunt support who try to prevent us sabbing. However, this hasn't deterred our members who have targeted the Cottesmore Hunt every week.

At the end of the season we turned our hand to prevent another type of hunting; hare hunting. With hares declining in the UK, challenged by modern farming practices and hare coursing, these beautiful wild animals are forced to the edge of extinction in many areas. Therefore, our penultimate intervention took us to a triple meet in Leicestershire. It was a dry day which hindered the beagles in picking up the scent. Using classic techniques, including ensuring we kept close and just behind the pack, so that no mistakes were made pushing any hares to hounds or dispersing the hounds. As in fox hunting, trusty citronella spray came in handy and we were successfully able to cover the scent of at least two hares.



Beaglers travelled a long way to spend the day with Northants Hunt Sabs!

As we continue to grow, we hope to become stronger as a group and more prepared to tackle challenges we will face in the coming months. A big thanks to all our supporters and we look forward to continued support throughout the year.

## North Cambs Hunt Sabs

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Since the turn of the new year, and our last group news update, North Cambs have been hard at work making life miserable for the Fernie Hunt in Leicestershire. With seven visits to the Fernie between January and March, and after having a tyre slashed on our land cruiser in the process, we were flattered to discover on the final day of the season that a private security firm had been employed to keep us at bay! We shall see whether the Fernie bigwigs feel they got enough value out of this lot (basically, a local sheep farmer and four of his mates wearing black bomber jackets and armbands...) to ask them back next season.

There were a few red faces, too, at the Fitzwilliam Hunt, where after spending an estimated £150,000 in an attempt to obtain a flimsily-worded injunction against us, we still turned up and sabbed them at a midweek meet, in a move that was described by scummers online as "fake news". The huntsman of the Fitz can confirm we were definitely there!

North Cambs have welcomed several new members since our last update, and although compared to many groups around the UK we are still relatively new, we regularly deliver two vehicles of sabs to hunts unlucky enough to be in our striking distance.

2019 also saw some of our group brush their hair and shine their shoes, before heading off to court in Ipswich to take part in the trial and conviction of the huntsman and whipper in of the Thurlow Hunt who were in the dock for killing a fox on Boxing Day 2017. After a five-day trial they were both found guilty thanks to evidence from hunt sabs. The wheels of justice certainly turn very slowly when it comes to hunting offences...

AGL/ Fernie rent-a-thug.
Fascist scum also available for hire






The sun sets on another long day for North Dorset Hunt Sabs

## North Dorset Hunt Sabs

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With April being the end of a long and arduous first hunting season as a new group, the last seven months seem like a distant blur. Out sabbing every week since August, most of our attention was focused on the Portman Hunt. For the first season in many, this hunt have had their first proper sabbing. After being acquitted in court in March 2018 and despite damning evidence of illegal hunting filmed by Kevin Hill, this season saw Evo Shirley hunting even more brazenly than ever; visibly hunting on hounds week after week with no fear of what repercussions it might bring, his frustrations with us grew ever more evident as the season went on. Although unable to stop them from making a kill in January, we were able to recover the body, the news of Evo's illegal hunting in the national news once again. This, together with the tireless work of other groups in Dorset had a massive impact on the gleaming reputation of the Portman, so much so the National Trust revoked their license for the remainder of the season.

We have proudly worked alongside many other groups this season, even going as far as Devon to visit the Silverstone Hunt. Without a moment to take a breath, we are already preparing for our fifth year of the badger cull here in North Dorset. It's hard to imagine there are any badgers left on our patch given the cull and constant interference from members of the hunt. The continued support from the HSA, the public and other groups throughout the South have allowed us to grow into the strong, powerful family that we are today. Good luck in August, Tom Lyles, new MFH of the Portman Hunt. You're gonna need it.



Hunt violence is on the rise in Norfolk

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The second half of the 2018/19 season saw the Easton Harriers and Waveney Harriers becoming increasingly rattled by our presence and whereas previously both hunts had been harmless, we saw a sharp upturn in the level of violence that both hunts handed out. The Waveneys also appeared to have the Police on constant re-dial, with Norfolk Police mustering 10 vehicles at the closing meet (and we thought the Police were short of money)! It has been business as usual for both hunts, so we attempted to split our time evenly between the Waveneys and the Eastons. On the one hand we wanted to keep an eye on the Easton Harriers who, year in, year out, we witness killing hares, but we also didn't want the Waveney Harriers to get a free ride and we wanted to say farewell to their huntsman Reuben Kench who is off to pastures new (rumour has it, to the High Peak Harriers).

With news fresh in of Suffolk Police's first conviction under the Hunting Act (against the Thurlow Hunt – well done to Beds & Bucks and North Cambs!) we were hopeful of a more proactive stance by Suffolk Police against the hunts on our patch. Sadly, one of the officers responsible for taking the Thurlow case to Court, season was seen running onto the field to stop Norfolk & Suffolk Sabs from intervening in a hare chase in the final weeks of the 2018/19.

With the season at an end, we would like to say a massive thank you to all our wonderful supporters. We have received some amazing information and support this season. We cannot thank everyone enough for helping us to help the wildlife.

## North East London Hunt Sabs (NELS)

*(Sincere apologies to NELS for leaving out their report from the last HOWL: here it is - Ed.)*

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After the summer a few of our sabs joined Suffolk & Essex Sabs (SES), Cambridge Sabs, South Cambridge Sabs and Norwich Sabs to help sab pre-season cubbing.




Another great argument for hunting: *Save a child...kill a fox.*

By the end of cubbing season we visited Essex Hunt where they killed a fox near a busy road. A police car was passing but cops just laughed at a sab holding dead fox. Soon after more Essex police arrived just to tell us they won't do anything... when the season started, we visited Essex Hunt again. Members of the hunt rode very aggressively causing their horses obvious distress, viciously kicking and striking sabs as they passed and charging at them. The terrier boys were incredibly aggressive right from the start, they ran into a sab on their quad and threw a female sab to the floor. Later they made an even more aggressive appearance, attacking sabs, stealing a radio, ramming a group of sabs and one even stabbing someone in the face with his keys, narrowly missing his eye. No wildlife harmed though.

The rest of the time we focused on Puckeridge Hunt and we are glad that some of our sabs joined South Cambs, Cambs and Norwich in midweeks usually hitting Thurlow Hunt. The Thurlow is known for high number of kills even though they keep pretending that they trail hunt.

Lately our group has faced some difficulties, but we were out in the fields till the end of the season with Suffolk & Essex crew.

## Nottingham Hunt Sabs

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After a visit to the Meynell at the start of the year we focused our energies on the increasingly desperate Belvoir. After switching their meets around and even meeting early to try and avoid us they eventually hired security thugs to try and thwart us. This had little impact apart from a slight emptying of the Belvoir's admittedly deep pockets. It only made us more determined so as well as hitting them on Saturdays we also got to as many of their midweek hunts as work commitments allowed.



Notts sabs keep up with the hunt

A happy bonus of the Belvoir shifting one Saturday and us failing to find them was a fortuitous call from the HSA tip-off line telling us a beagle pack had been spotted in our manor. Imagine our delight when we checked our maps to discover they were a matter of minutes away. Off we went straight into the middle of the Oakley Foot Beagles meet who were just about to head off to kill some hares. They took one look at our motley crew and legged it back to kennels leaving us free to join our comrades from other groups at the Cottesmore.

A similar incident occurred in March when several groups converged on the Meynell's final meet. They'd also switched meets but whilst looking for them we stumbled upon the elusive DNS Beagles who hightailed it back to kennels, leading us right past the Meynell in the process. A good afternoon's sabbing culminated in the infamous lamb-savaging incident by the hounds which led to widespread condemnation in the national media.

We also squeezed in visits to the Quorn, Blankney, Middleton and Grove & Rufford. Special mention to Lincoln sabs who despite their "special" odour are a delight to sab with. See us in a field somewhere over the summer surveying ahead of the badger cull and sabbing mink packs.




Bite back! A classic design from Norwich Hunt Sabs

## Norwich Hunt Sabs

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This was Norwich Hunt Sabs first season...sort of. Borrowing our name and logo from the old '80s and '90s group, we even have some of the same sabs from back in the day! Whilst our newer sabs learnt the ropes we stuck with more experienced local groups, and particularly we need to thank Suffolk/Essex Hunt Sabs, South Cambs Hunt Sabs, Cambridge Hunt Sabs and North East London Sabs for letting us tag along with them.

We hit a range of hunts – large and small, fox and hare, from the North Norfolk coast all the way down to Hertfordshire and Essex. Great teamwork between all the above-mentioned groups meant that wherever we went, hunts had a rough time of it. Unfortunately, we weren't always able to put a stop to their activities, and we won't forget kills made by the Essex Fox Hounds and the Thurlow Hunt during cubbing season.

We won't be resting this summer and will have our eyes and ears open for local mink hunters. We also intend to continue building our numbers into next season and start making a nuisance of ourselves in the local area!

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The end of the fox hunting season seems a long time ago now, but these days there is no down time, with sett surveying taking place in preparation for the unethical, unnecessary and unscientific badger cull.

We will also be spending the summer looking for a new sab vehicle thanks to the generosity of our supporters and the HSA. The need for a new vehicle is the result of our Land Rover being stolen and burnt out. That was followed by the ramming and writing-off of one of our member's own vehicles by supporters of the Grove & Rufford Hunt. Will these idiots ever learn that their actions will never put us off, but will instead make us more determined to keep coming back?

One of the lowest points of the last season was the collapse of the trial against members of the Middleton Hunt for assault and affray. A result that was a little less surprising when we discovered that the CPS prosecutor works for the same law firm as Lord Middleton's son! Corrupt? What do you think? Looking back, some highlights certainly stand out, though. It's always nice to give a two-fingered goodbye to huntsmen who have had enough and so we must mention Kevin Murray ex-Barlow and Chares 'Shagger' Carter ex-Middleton. Neither will be greatly missed, and we look forward to seeing off their successors.

It also seems that the trial amalgamation of the York & Ainsty South and Badsworth & Bramham Moor Hunts is to be made permanent. One had no land, one had no money and neither had any popular support! We will do our best next season to make sure that the new hunt is no more successful than the previous incarnations were.

No doubt the summer will be filled with visiting any mink hunts we get info on and more sett surveying.



The British countryside is awash with cruelty

## Severn Vale Hunt Sabs

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Our season has been focused on stopping hare hunting foot packs. Most beagle and basset packs only attract a few followers although the RAC Beagles from the Royal Agricultural University call out to their peers to join them when sabs are present. It is highly effective to sab the foot packs as they are struggling for support and money so we can add to that pressure. With hare populations struggling in some parts of the country it is vital we protect these beautiful creatures.



Job done: Severn Vale escort the RAC back to kennels

We travelled to stop the Palmer Marlborough Beagles and the Sandhurst & Aldershot Beagles several times.

On a couple of occasions, we shut down two hunts in one day. We scared off Eton College Beagles and found the Christchurch & Farley Hill Beagles up to no good. We caught the Leadon Vale Basset Hounds hunting hares several times and sent them packing. We went for a walk along the road with the RAC Beagles who couldn't illegally hunt under our watchful eyes so decided to go home. The Radley College Beagles were stopped in their tracks by us and, although they were breaking the law and trespassing on National Trust land, they called the police who dutifully attended to escort them home.

We investigated a gamekeeper and badger killing farmer who was working as a director at Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust and with help from public pressure, forced his resignation. Please make sure you have signed our Change.org petition to *'Ban the Berkeley Hunt from Thornbury'* where they meet on Boxing Day. It is currently pinned at the top of our Facebook page. We have caught the hunt using artificial earth's and damaging badger setts.

We'd like as always to thank the HSA, the groups we have worked with, Berkshire Hunt Sabs and the public for their support.

**Deadline for next Howl Group News submissions is 1st September 2019.**
**Please email 300 words or less to howl@huntsabs.org.uk**

**Please try to include at least one photo of something vaguely interesting - preferably sabbing!**



## South Cambs Hunt Sabs

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We have had the pleasure of successfully working alongside some fantastic groups this season, including SES, NELS, Cambridge and Norwich. It has been fantastic to see several local hunts, for example the Thurlow, stop hunting on Saturdays. Not only is this great news for wildlife but it shows the real impact of sab presence.

We have secured a conviction against the Oakley Hunt supporter who drove his vehicle into ours, causing hundreds of pounds of damage. He now must pay us compensation, which essentially means a Hunt Supporter will be funding our fuel next season!

Some of our sabs, along with Beds & Bucks, have been back in court after the end of this season for the retrial of the case against the Fitzwilliam Hunt for their killing of a fox on New Year's Day 2016. Happily the court upheld the conviction! We will be holding regular stalls in the local area as well as fundraising events over the summer, so if you are interested in joining or helping us, look out for these.



Overwatch: South Cambs keep the pack in sight



Fun and games at the OSBWK hunt ball!

## South Coast Hunt Sabs

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We've been trying to go out twice weekly with our unfaltering core members and have successfully sabbed our usual hunts over the varying terrains of marshes and Downs.

ESRM started to meet earlier to try and avoid us. With our campaign and public pressure two venues cancelled hosting their hunt ball. They are generally despised by the local community having been served a noise abatement order at their kennels.

The OSBWK hunt ball demo we organised outside the Crowne Plaza was again high-spirited and cathartic for the anti-hunt mob yelling justified abuse at the hunt scum and their lackies. Throughout the season they'd become more frustrated at our presence. One rider told us that the hunt were just giving up.

We also travelled further afield to assist friends in Hampshire and the South West to sab some right shoddy outfits. We spent several days disrupting the Ilminster Hare Festival and saw the most frightening of hunt support: blood thirsty little old granny types.

Two of our lot were arrested for criminal damage when sabbing the Kimblewick. This hunt were caught throwing a live fox to hounds in January. Polly Portwin from CA and Conservative Life Peer John Gardiner are associated with them. No wonder riot vans, unmarked cop cars and police helicopters were present throughout.

As usual, we've constantly seen blatant hunting, bagged foxes released, sabs assaulted, been ridden, driven or catapulted at, received racist, homophobic and sexist abuse from the animal abusers and the police bias from all counties continues to be a shameful embarrassment. More positively, news was received that the Pevensey Marsh Beagles have disbanded! It's been a ruddy good season for us, and we'll now be focusing on fundraising and preparing for the badger cull.

## Solent Hunt Sabs (formerly Southampton)

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We have continued to pay weekly visits to Dorset and Somerset hunts, with each week escalating in hunt violence and their continued persecution of wildlife. The hunt, hunt support, and hired thugs a plenty showing zero remorse for harm to animals and humans. Business as usual.This season also saw a return to sab the New Forest Hounds, who haven't been sabbed in around 7 years. We were joined by groups from across the south, and the day was a success for sabs and wildlife alike. No kills.

The majority of the 18/19 season has seen us sabbing the notorious South Dorset Hunt. This collection of law breakers, be it mounted in red coats or hired thugs hanging off the back of illegally driven quads, have proved to be nothing but a disgrace to both humanity and wildlife again this season. Each week they arrive with more 'men' with balaclavas and tools as weapons, and for this season also disguises. On 16.03.19 South Dorset thugs attacked and assaulted several of our sabs whilst dressed in clothing aimed to mimic sabs, complete with whips and sprays, leaving one sab with a broken nose. On 09.02.19 sabs witnessed the Blackmore & Sparkford Vale kill a fox; hunt violence ensued as sabs tried to recover the body and continued throughout the day.



Solent sabs swarm on the Royal Artillery Hunt

We saw the season to a close with another visit to the Royal Artillery Hunt alongside other groups. To end the season, and in a move to represent the reach of our sab group, we have now become Solent Hunt Sabs. To many, the heritage of Southampton Sabs will remain, including several of those with us now. Absolute respect to many of those who dedicated their lives to what came before.

To all groups and monitors we have worked with, and to those who continue to support our work, we thank you.



SDAR joined the fun at Ilminster Hare Week

## South Devon Animal Rights

The 2018-19 hunting season was a challenging one for us: several hundred pounds stolen from our PayPal account, libellous comments published about us, and our Facebook Page hijacked and closed. "South Hams, Oppose the Badger Cull" graciously gave us a temporary Facebook presence and now we have a new Facebook account of our own.

As hitherto, we were active during the last badger cull and continue to be. Sometimes sabbing hunts alone and occasionally teaming up with our friends Devon County Hunt Saboteurs we are now concentrating on fundraising and recruiting.

We have not been alone in our troubles. This season has seen the merger of two more hunts in Devon - the Dart Vale & South Pool merged with the Modbury to become the Dart Vale, South Pool & Modbury Harriers. Historically, the Haldon Harriers merged with the Dart Vale to become the Dart Vale & Haldon Harriers; several years later they merged with the South Pool to become the Dart Vale & South Pool Harriers. Under huntsman Gilmore Lewis they hunted fox on Tuesdays and Saturdays and hare on alternate Thursdays. Following Gilmore's retirement, the new (later disgraced with two convictions for illegal hunting) huntsman Andrew Phillis dropped Thursday hare hunting, simply hunting fox on Tuesdays and Saturdays. His successor Emlyn Jones also disgraced himself by donning a face mask and riding down one of our sabs while his terrierman George Bailey beat another sab unconscious after which Emlyn skulked off to hunt the Isle of Wight FH. This latest merger means that there is now one where formerly there were four.

The Stoke Hill Beagles amalgamated with the North Dartmoor Beagles in 2011 so, if claims by hunters are true that their sport is more popular than ever, hunts in Devon are bucking the trend. Or could they be telling porkies? Surely, not . . .

## South London Wildlife Group (Croydon, Kingston, Brixton and Hook Hunt Sabs)

Our old advasure to sab this season.The erratic behaviour of the local hunts continued into the second half of the season, with the Old Surrey and Burstow, Southdown & Eridge and even the usually predictable Crawley & Horsham seeming to shy off Saturdays, which allowed the group to pay a couple of visits to the East Sussex & Romney Marsh and even head over to Hampshire. We also managed to increase the frequency of our midweek sabbing, which seemed to upset the local hunt community greatly.



The Knuckle Brothers on the Royal Artillery Hunt

As usual, we had the pleasure of sabbing with South Coast, South Downs, Guildford and West Sussex sabs and hosted a large contingent from AVA, the French sabs. As the season ended, the group headed off on long haul, and were subjected to some vile behaviour from the Royal Artillery. This is currently under investigation, so more later.

Our trusted scout car died at the end of the season, so with more sabs than our Landy can hold, our summer will need to focus on fundraising, as well as sett surveying and trying to find the elusive local mink pack.

## Three Counties Hunt Sabs

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Three Counties sabs saved this beautiful winter fox

This has been another busy season with sabs out at around 100 hunt meets yet again. We also dealt with the longest badger culling period yet known – seven months in the West Gloucestershire zone - alongside our friends in West Glos Sabs and Cirencester Illegal Hunt Watch - while also fighting culls in the North Cots, South Cots and North Wilts zones. We have had the pleasure of working alongside 'Somerset Wildlife Crime', Bristol, Bath, Hereford, Hertfordshire and independent hunt sabs and monitors!

We've stopped dig-outs, filmed and intervened in fox chases, unblocked countless badger setts (and on two occasions watched as foxes later escape into them whilst being hunted) and staked out artificial earths. Hunts in our area have largely given up on blocking which is a great achievement as it impacts on their hunting. A fellow sab and friend were kidnapped by the Heythop Hunt at New Year, sabs have been assaulted by hunt staff and supporters, some of whom are being investigated, and vehicles have been vandalised.

Intel is pouring in, much that we can't make public but can still act on, and we couldn't do as much as we do without our amazing supporters - thank you! We have sabbed the Worcestershire, Croome and West Warwickshire, Ledbury, Cotswold Vale Farmers', North Cotswold, Heythrop, Cotswold, Old Berks, Beaufort and VWH this year and have numerous projects on the go as we write. Please support us if you can by donating / 'liking' us on social media and sharing our posts / providing information / coming out with us. See you in the fields!

## North Wales Hunt Sabs

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To the bitter end: Jeremy Reed sabbed at his last meet

It's the end of the season here as far as fox hunts go, and what a successful season it was. We'll continue from where we left off last time and our court case after North Wales Police colluded with the Flint & Denbigh Hunt to stitch up two of our sabs. The police and hunt were unsuccessful in stitching us up with a restraining order and we discovered not long after that this was the final straw for master and huntsman Jeremy Reed who announced his retirement. Word be that he can no longer hunt due to sabs. A massive well done and thank you to all that have helped us stop the Flint & Denbigh over the past eight years.

Once Jeremy hung up his horn at the end of February, we were able to switch our focus, joining many other groups to hit hunts in Cheshire and Shropshire, this included the Ludlow hunt who weren't very pleased to meet us for the first time. We turned up at numerous lasts hunts of the season and our success even saw hunts cancelling meets to avoid us. Welsh Borders sabs were successful in suing North Wales Police for wrongful arrests in 2015 after a bodged dispersal order. This has not stopped North Wales Police targeting us though; as we write they are currently harassing sabs again. There needs to be a full review into policing of hunts in North Wales. Over the summer months we'll be cracking on with numerous other projects including preparation for this year's badger cull. Thanks again for all your support and until next time...

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2019 started on a high, working with a great new local group - Gower Against Bloodsports, who were protesting at the Banwen Miners New Year's Day meet. The Banwen spent the day with sabs, monitors and fed up members of the public on all sides, so no hunting. Great stuff.

The rest of the season was spent with the assorted unpleasants from the Vale of Clettwr, the Banwen Miners, the Curre & Llangibby (on an away day to the Silverton, we assume our invitation got lost in the post), the Tredegar Farmers (who caused so much trouble at their own New Year's Day meet, it's been taken off them), the Monmouth, the Leadon Vale Bassets and the Ystrad Taf Fechan.



Leadon Vale Bassets are shown the way home

We also took great pleasure in working with friends to stomp all over an attempted hare hunting festival, hosted by the Ilminster Beagles in Somerset. The Ryeford Chase Rabbit Hounds and the Ilminster Beagles were prevented from hunting on two consecutive days and other travelling packs who had been intending to show up, decided not to. An outraged gaggle of rural criminals unable to hunt is always a beautiful sight.

As usual, we've worked with the usual suspects from other sab groups - always a pleasure comrades! And it's been great to see our new sabs growing in confidence and skills and not being put off by either the hills or that well known Welsh meteorological phenomenon - "sideways ice rain".

Now it's back to the hedges and woods (including an always improbable amount of blackthorn), as we get busy sett surveying ready for this year's badger culls. Diolch yn fawr to all our supporters - we appreciate each and every one of you.

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They can run but they can't hide...

Firstly, a huge thank you to Brighton, Reading, North Downs, Croydon, Guildford and South Coast Hunt Sabs for your never-ending support to protect the wildlife of West Sussex. The Crawley & Horsham Hunt have continued to illegally hunt foxes, and Sussex Police have continued to ignore our complaints. Overall, we had a good season and know we saved many fox lives, though it's never easy with the C&H. Sabs and monitors have had to endure harassment and assaults, vehicles have been damaged, and equipment taken.

In February due to other hunts cancelling meets, up 50 sabs attended a meet of the C&H making this a very safe day for foxes.

Also, in February one of our sabs attended Lewis Crown Court for a five-day trial on two charges of Serious Stalking. These charges were brought against her by the terrier man who was at the time employed by the C&H, and his partner. It was suggested a couple of times that should she accept a restraining order she would not have to attend court and would not have a criminal record. She declined this offer knowing this would have serious implications for all groups. On Friday 8th February after five gruelling days the Jury took just 40 minutes to find her not guilty of both charges. The prosecution then asked the Judge for a post-trial restraining order, but this was refused. We also took a couple of trips to monitor the Chid & Lech's activities. The summer will busy as we check for mink hunts and evil snares and traps around the countryside. Cubbing starts in August if you want to help save fox cubs get in touch.

Have a good summer.


"Come ...come!" WYHS pull the Staintondale hounds out of covert

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We have gone from strength to strength this season. We focused on getting our members skilled up rather than recruiting lots of new people and we have been taking collective responsibility for the group without hierarchy.

In Autumn, we had a small autonomous presence in the Shropshire/Staffordshire cull zone. This was an important learning experience for us where we challenged ourselves in new roles. We were also able to get out and sab cub hunts on a regular basis.

Working closely with our comrades Sheffield Hunt Sabs we strategically focused on a few hunts. The Grove & Rufford have been one of our main targets which has set them on the warpath. Sheffield and Manchester sabs experienced a vehicle-ramming attack by Grove hunt support in what could be described as attempted murder, whilst our van 'Betty' has taken a battering more than once. As hunt violence continues to go unchecked, we are reminded of the failure of police and criminal courts to deliver justice. A low point in the season came when Makin, Tierney et al of The Middleton assault case were acquitted despite overwhelming evidence against them. Trial by social media seems to be the only alternative so far.

Hailing from different parts of the country has enabled us to sab hunts ranging from Foxhound packs in the North East down to Harrier packs in East Anglia. We've had the privilege of working with several different sab groups which has brought about a cross-pollination of ideas and tactics.

Another success of this season has been our ability to get out and sab midweek. We are continuing to think strategically and will be targeting mink hunts this Summer, as well as monitoring our local moorlands and preparing for the upcoming badger cull.



Declaring W.A.R. on the New Forest Fox Hounds

## Weymouth Animal Rights

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With the final meet of the year being a joint hit on the Royal Artillery hunt on Salisbury Plain, what a finale that was! We have had a busy and eventful season. Joined again by our friends Solent Sabs, we have really made an impact on the South Dorset Hunt whose master Tobias "Juggers" Cole is probably still wondering how on earth we managed to be ready and waiting for him the moment he took his horse from the horsebox! Trying to avoid our attention he changed the times of meets (we were there), changed the venue (we were there), and even changed the days and, yes, we were there!

Due to constant pressure from us, going out twice and often three times a week, and the growing support from locals who don't want hunting in their back yard, the areas that Juggers can hunt on are getting smaller and so is the size of his field. Saturday meets are down to no more than 20-30 riders and week days only managing to scrape together a handful most of which work for the SD in some way. Even the faithful support (dribblers) are finding more interesting things to do than try and find where Juggers and co are hiding from us! With Terrier 'boys' leaving the sinking SD ship and whip Steve Barrow legging it, seems Juggers isn't Mr Popular!

By attending local vegan fayre, we have gained a lot of interest and support from all ages.

We have also continued our work with National Dis-Trust with our peaceful protests at National Trust's Kingston Lacy House where the Portman had a license to 'trail' hunt.

With pressure from other Dorset groups and our information given to the shocked visitors, their licence has now been cancelled. We will keep an eye on them though.

So now once again it's time to focus on our badgers and to organise Camp Badger West Dorset for the fourth year.

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**Walter Edmund Bond, #37096-013**
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Walter Bond is serving a total of 12 years for his actions as the ALF Lone Wolf.
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Birthday:16th April

**Joseph Dibee #812133**
Multnomah County Detention Center, 11540 NE Inverness Drive, Portland, OR 97220, USA.
Joseph Dibee was arrested in August 2018. He is facing several charges, including conspiracy to commit arson, related to actions claimed by the Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front between 1996 and 2001. Joseph has pleaded not guilty.

**Sven van Hasselt A3021ED**
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Sven was sentenced to 5 years in prison for 'Conspiracy to Blackmail', accused of attempting to close down a notorious animal testing laboratory in the UK, Huntingdon Life Sciences (now rebranded Envigo).

**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."

**Brian Vaillancourt #M42889**
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In February 2014, Brian was sentenced to 9 years in prison for a McDonald's arson.



# ILLMINSTER HARE WEEK

# SABBED!



## Bristol Hunt Sabs on the decimation of yet another hare hunting festival

**Back in March hunt saboteurs from across the South & West took action to shut down a planned week-long hare hunting festival in Somerset, known as 'Ilminster Hare Week'.**

A number of these so-called festivals take place across the country each season, usually with the local beagle or basset pack hosting and other packs travelling to hunt in the area. In recent years hunt sabs have acted against a couple of such festivals, notably shutting down the prestigious Alston Hare Week in 2014 and the Severn Vale Hare Hunting Festival in 2015. However, beagling tends to be far more secretive than other forms of hunting, the festivals even more so and are therefore rarely sabbed.

Despite this level of secrecy, the HSA received information that one such hare killing spree was due to take place in Somerset during the first week of March, hosted by the Ilminster Beagles. With only a couple of weeks' notice, plans were made in earnest. Groups were contacted, maps scrutinised, meets plotted and intelligence gathered.

Opening the festival were the Ryeford Chase Rabbit Hounds, a private pack of Griffon Vendeen bassets hunted by Nick Valentine based near Ross-on-Wye in Herefordshire. This lot are rarely sabbed and tend to pull a big crowd wherever they travel, something that had to be taken into consideration when planning the day.



Ill manners from the Ilminster Beagles



Ryeford Chase chased back to the meet!

When spotters gave the word that the hunt were indeed at the meet (Lower Street Farm, Beercrocombe, Somerset) the main group of sabs, numbering around 50, sprang into action. Arriving in convoy it was straight over the gate and across a couple of fields to where the main group of supporters, about equal in number, were gathered. Some sabs were already with them and were getting some hassle, however upon the arrival of the larger group their game was up.

The huntsman took the pack back to the meet at some speed with sabs in tow. The hunt, their supporters and sabs stood around whilst the hounds were boxed up and contingency plans were made.

Over an hour later, several police cars arrived, and the hound van was given an escort away, with sab vehicles positioned on surrounding roads to follow on. When it was confirmed that the hunt had left the area and we were satisfied they weren't coming back, we regrouped for a debrief before heading for home. A decisive start to the week!

We had heard that the Monmouthshire Beagles were due to be hunting on the second day of the festival, but after the bad start to the week it soon became apparent that they weren't up for risking the journey down only to be sabbed. When sabs arrived at Aller Court, Aller, Somerset we were met by the hosts of the festival, the Ilminster Beagles, who clearly felt they owed it to their supporters to put on a show and stand in for the travelling pack who had dropped out.

But with sabs positioned all around the meet, there was to be no such show! We followed close behind as they walked around the droves and tracks before returning to the meet and once again leaving with a police escort. Job done!

Sabs were in place for the rest of the week, keeping eyes on other meets, packs due to travel and the Ilminster Beagles kennels at Henlade (which they share with the Taunton Vale FH).

However, it soon became clear that plans for the week had been thrown into disarray and other packs were unwilling to travel down. Sabs had shut down a whole week of hunting, saving the lives of countless hares!

"It soon became clear that plans for the week had been thrown into disarray and other packs were unwilling to travel down. Sabs had shut down a whole week of hunting, saving the lives of countless hares!"

But this was not all... Throughout the week, irked hunt supporters keen to get one up on sabs had been boasting about another hare hunting festival taking place, and that it didn't matter that this one had been ruined. So, we got to work to find out more!

We discovered that the Ilminster were due to be hunting at a similar festival hosted by the Purbeck & Bovington Beagles in Dorset the following week. Sabs also attended that meet and stopped any hunting from taking place, simply by turning up! It's safe to say that the Ilminster are no longer in the beagling good books...

Shout out to all the groups and individuals involved, those who travelled and put in the work to make it happen.

This past season has seen a spike in beagle packs being sabbed, the once secretive hare hunts now firmly in our spotlights! We're already building our intelligence picture on the Ilminster Beagles to make sure we're ready if the festival goes ahead next year.

With the brown hare population in decline in the UK and the species further threatened by diseases such as myxomatosis and RHDV2, now is the time to confine the sickening sport of 'beagling' to the history books!

If you're a sab, find out about your local beagle or basset pack; most are out at least once a week and they can kill multiple times at each meet.

If you aren't a sab, we need more info on beagle & basset packs! If you're out in the countryside and see a group of people on foot, usually dressed in green jackets with a pack of small hounds, then let us know. Pass info on ASAP to the HSA Tip-Off Line; *07443148426* or via the HSA website. Beaglers beware!

**Mud, sweat and hunter's tears at Ilminster Hare Week**





# SABBING IN SCOTLAND

Kate Louise Powell of Fife & Central Scotland Hunt Sabs explains how hunting - and sabbing - works in Scotland.

**Hunting in Scotland differs to the rest of the UK, so it follows that sabbing up here comes with its unique perks and challenges.**

There are only three fully fledged sab groups (Fife & Central Scotland, Glasgow, and Grampian) to cover the entire country as best we can, but this mean that we all know each other well; each time we collaborate as groups, the strengths of particular sabs are well-known, and the support system is tight.

The terrain is vast and varied, with plenty of steep valleys and unforgiving hills, but thanks to Scottish access rights, we have freedom to roam, and don't have to worry about quite as much *"gerroff my land"* harassment. The presence of gunmen is bittersweet: if we lose the hunt at any point, spotting one positioned on a distant hill is a sure way of finding them (unless they're being used as a decoy), but in other ways, they are the hunt's perfect Get Out of Jail Free Card.

**So how is hunting different up here?**

Sab supporters hear so much about the laughable farce that is "trail hunting" – the brazen false alibi used to mask traditional fox hunting – but "trail hunting" doesn't happen here in Scotland. On our hit reports, when we share images of foxes we were unable to save, we get a lot of well-meaning comments saying *"This is proof of trail hunt lies!" "Doesn't look like trail hunting to me!" "There's a dead fox, how is that not enough for a conviction?"* – but in Scotland, it's more complicated than that. To this day, hunts are STILL allowed to use a pack of hounds to locate and flush foxes out of cover, as long as the poor animal is then shot. If the legal version of this process isn't cruel enough, as you can imagine, that's not how it tends to go down in the field.

The current law essentially means that hunts can continue to kill with impunity as they did before 2002, as long as they have a few gunmen standing around like lemons so they can conveniently claim every fox body we see being hurled about was "legally shot". Half the time, gunmen are miles away from the hunt, in the opposite direction from where the hounds are moving, and it isn't uncommon for them to be in full cry without a single gun in sight. When this is happening, do you stand back and capture incriminating footage, but potentially watch the hounds catch the fox right in front of you? Or, do you

Sabs get into position on the hills



A sorry sight: just eight riders at the Lanarkshire & Renfrewshire Hunt



abandon the prospect of filming illegal activity, and instead intervene to save a life? For us, the choice is clear. On our hit reports, we have some pro-hunt regulars who love to comment *"Aha! There's nothing illeeeeeegal happening in this video!"*, but we don't set out on a Saturday with hopes of capturing the elusive perfect footage that would hold up in a court of law – we are there to save the fox. (Even clear evidence of illegal activity is no guarantee that there will be consequences for the hunt, which makes the option of standing back to record even less favourable).



Painfully thin hound

When we go out to sab in Scotland, we're acutely aware that the hunt are openly and unashamedly there to kill animals; there's no "trail hunt" pantomime, and foxes are frenziedly demonised as "pests" that the hunt tell themselves they are entitled to destroy. A kill during a hunt does not have all the same damning implications and consequences that there might be in England in Wales (where in theory, they are not supposed to be killing at all). In Scotland, the legislative license to kill gives hunts a smug determination, where instead of "trail hunting" being their alibi, "Pest control!" is incessantly bleated by terriermen, huntsmen, and the Scottish CA in an attempt to excuse their bloodlust.

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Just by looking at hit reports, you can notice some dissimilarities between English and Scottish hunts that aren't strictly related to law, one of these being the sheer difference in the scale of fox hunting up here. Sure, with a much smaller population it's expected that there'd be fewer packs (the Scottish fox hunting community is a shadow of what it is in England in Wales, with only around 10 active packs in the entire country) there are weeks when a field of 20 riders can feel like a lot compared to other times, for example, when we visited the Lanarkshire & Renfrewshire this season and an abysmal total of 8 riders were out. I don't think the hunts we've visited in Scotland could ever dream of hitting even half of the numbers that some down south do.

Towards the end of the season, we were tipped off about one of Fife Foxhound's most secretive meets, where they hunt the walled estate of Kinnaird Castle. All sabs were on foot that day, with some of us totaling 32,000+ steps. The day started in alarming fashion, with a terrierman jumping off his quad to assault one of us, and then at the end of the day, with no confirmed kills, the huntsman attempted to taunt us by waving around what we highly suspect was an old fox tail trophy. This childish jab is easy enough to shrug off, but the escalating violence shown by certain members of hunts is something to keep an eye on. We generally haven't seen the same level of hunt-on-sab violence that English sabs have to deal with, but as the ▷

Fife Foxhounds huntsman taunts sabs with a fox tail



▷ Scottish hunt's frustrations continue to grow, so too does the risk of them physically lashing out at us.

This season ended on a horrible note – right at the end of the hunting day at Fife's closing meet, the hounds suddenly picked up on a fox in some gorse. For several minutes she was running back and forth in the cover, at one point breaking out from the gorse to try and shake the hounds, before slipping back in when they followed her.



Huntsman uses horse to crush fox's skull



Fox hunting in Scotland, 2019

The thick gorse and scattered hounds made it difficult to save her: it was all-but impossible to know which direction the animals were running in, so it would have been careless to charge into the gorse blindly, using the gizmo was out of question, and so voice calls had to be relied on. A shot was fired, but multiple people saw her running terrified and unhindered for minutes afterwards. Eventually the hounds caught up: we filmed her body being ragged, before the huntsman approached and used his horse to crush her skull, and then the terrierman brought out his dog purely to let them have a go at her body, before dragging her to a 4x4 and throwing her into the boot.

Upon reviewing the footage, we suspect she could have been a lactating vixen. It was doubly distressing for us: not only had we failed to save the vixen, but with the absence of her body and the possibility of doing a post-mortem, the hunt can arrogantly claim their actions were fully legal.

Conveniently for Scottish hunts, the current law leaves room for them to kill using hounds, claim that the fox was shot (or that the death-by-hounds was accidental), and expect freedom from punishment. This is what we, and the foxes, are up against.

With a Scottish sab recently being convicted despite an overwhelming lack of evidence, and the increasing aggression being shown by the hunt, it's going to be interesting to see how next season plays out. One thing is for certain though, no amount of threatening hunt behaviour will deter us coming out, and with the second annual Hunt Sab Training Camp expected to see the introduction of dozens of brand new members, our numbers are going to be stronger than ever before.

Scottish sabs are on the rise






# THE TIMMY

The coveted Tim Bonner 'Timmy' awarded for the most shite excuse for illegal hunting

**Once again, HOWL has been inundated with nominations for the Timmy - the Tim Bonner Award for the most ridiculous excuse for illegal hunting.**

This issue's winners are the North Warwickshire Beagles. On being approached by West Mids Sabs at Walton-Upon-Trent, the hunt explained that they were simply conducting a "hare count". This highly scientific procedure involves using a pack of beagles to "teach the hares to run in circles" as they are counted. The hunt went on to explain that this was vital training for the hares, especially for when "gyppos with their lurcher dogs come here at night."

The Timmy judging panel explained their decision: *"This is an outstanding effort by the North Warwickshire Beagles. They have come up with an excuse so ridiculous that it actually constitutes an admission of illegal hunting. For this highly original approach they are awarded this issue's Timmy."*



Leading experts in the science of hare counting. Or something.

Please send your nominations (including photos) for next issue's Timmy to: howl@huntsabs.org.uk

BACK IN THE DAY PRESENTS...

# HARE WARS



A long time ago in a county far, far away...

### THE FORCE AWAKENS

September 1987, Newcastle Riverside, the first National Hunt Saboteurs Ball. There's a big bearded guy, looks ancient to me, probably in his mid-30s, wandering around with a pint; what's he doing at a punk gig? A few days later, Central Station, 8am, we jump into the back of a land rover he's driving and an hour later we're ejected onto Wark Common in the wilds of Northumberland.

I'm asked by a sab what I've got in my pocket. It's a football sock with a bag of wet sand in the end, we've both got them: Durham Hunt Sabs are prepared for anyone on horseback wanting to have a go at us. We are politely told that for starters, hunt sabs don't attack people, secondly, this is a beagle pack hunting on foot and, finally, there's people here who won't like hearing us using the verb to "twat" someone. Ok, all points duly taken on board.



**"Ollie Hill, the NDB huntsman stood alone near Matfen with no hounds to distract him from the wafting hunting horn playing the Laurel & Hardy theme tune, a mocking appraisal of his inability to control his pack; he threw his cap on the ground in despair."**

Tyneside Hunt Saboteurs were targeting the Northumberland Beagling Festival, organised by the Newcastle & District Beagles (NDB). On local TV news I'd watched a sab getting punched by a drunken farmer. The Tynedale FH had brought in Ashington and Newbiggin dog fighters to attack sabs at the hunt and at home; there was a court case pending and the Tynedale were out of bounds. So, the foxhunt's use of violence and the legendary bias of Hexham police meant that the beagles now had the sab's full attention.

The festival in '87 lasted several weeks with two hunts each day. Regular visiting packs included the Bolebroke, Wick & District, Newmarket and Trinity Foot, so it was a national affair. A hundred hares could be killed. Meets were mostly across the North Tyne, Tynedale, and Border FH countries but also stretched into the West Percy and Morpeth, and as far north as Rothbury.

### ATTACK OF THE CLONES

Beagle packs differed in lots of ways from foxhunts. You were less likely to have anyone with a scythe (Bramham Moor FH) or hammer (Cumberland FH) attack you, but you were up close and personal with the huntsmen and support all day. We soon learned their names and while I never liked the personality status some huntsmen acquire - they're all the same to me, I don't like them, and you can't make me like them - the NDB provided a Royston Vasey-like line up that was a gift to the wits and wind-up merchants of the HSA.



## THE REBEL ALLIANCE

It was the first national week of action and many groups attended. West London sabs were demonstrating the hunting on tactic and it was devastating. Sabs from Tunbridge Wells, Bath, Bristol, Scotland and across the north were there. With one notable exception, sabs stayed in local people's homes and lifelong friendships were formed. The festival became a mustering point and an important part of the sab calendar.

The second year saw average numbers of 40+ sabs targeting early morning cub hunting meets of the Braes of Derwent and Tynedale as well as the beagles. Ollie Hill, the NDB huntsman stood alone near Matfen with no hounds to distract him from the wafting hunting horn playing the Laurel & Hardy theme tune, a mocking appraisal of his inability to control his pack; he threw his cap on the ground in despair.

There was also a mass arrest at Otterburn leading to 29 sabs being bound over and fined under section 5 of the POA. Hexham magistrates court was chosen by Norris McWhirter and Rodney Atkinson (Rowan's brother) to launch their Misprision of Treason case against the British government over Maastricht...it's not the sort of bench you really expect to win at, and we didn't.

But we were not deterred and the next year we saw no kills, dwindling numbers of hunters, fewer meets and less visiting packs. We also used to phone them up. One NDB whip's father was full of information *("Ian has metal plates in his legs, they keep setting off the alarm in the library... the thin bald saboteur tried to run him over today!")* while Hickey couldn't keep his mouth shut whenever 'Sarah from the Newmarket Beagles' called him, *"It's late and I'm a bit gushy I'm afraid, wahwahaha"*. Hickey told 'Sarah' about clandestine affairs, bedroom shenanigans and we first heard the myth of "Shithouse Constance" who became a legendary presence in my late teenage dreams.

## THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

Tyneside sabs had to deal with the anger of the hunting fraternity and police after the festival ended.

The police had always been the biggest problem. We expected two or three riot vans, the unmentionable Inspector in his land rover, two or three motorcycle police including one scrambler bike and typically four police cars. We sometimes had the SPG from Sunderland. They once sang *Bright Eyes* to us after a kill, while the hunt guffawed behind them. At a fox hunt meet a few weeks after the '87 festival ended, the convoy of police cars who'd been with us for the festival (an overkill to deal with eleven young sabs and a burly guy with a beard?) suddenly disappeared. Expecting a kicking, we grouped together on the road.



The terrierman drove across the field next to us and in front of all the support and mounted field, dropped a fox out of the box on his quad bike. The hounds ripped it up in front of us, the hunt went crazy, screaming and roaring with delight and all of Hexham's finest came back along the road laughing, waving and blowing kisses at us.

Next time: **A NEW HOPE** and other tenuous *Star Wars* references

**The wonderful photos that accompany this article were taken by veteran Tyneside hunt sab Iain Brown. HOWL was extremely saddened to hear of the recent loss of Iain's son, Ewan. We dedicate this article to Ewan's memory.**



# MEET YOUR COMMITTEE: THE PRESS OFFICER



**At 56 the HSA is the world's oldest direct-action organisation. Other groups have come and gone or grown so bloated they have lost sight of their original aims. In contrast, the HSA has stayed to true to its cause of direct action against all bloodsports. In keeping with our grassroots ethos, the HSA is run by a 100% volunteer committee of twelve people. In this new series we'll meet some of those involved...**

**How did you get involved in sabbing and animal rights?**

When I was at university I got involved in environmental campaigns and through that into animal rights and sabbing. I was extremely fortunate to join a great local group and learnt quickly about what was involved. Sabbing was something I took to rapidly and so felt like I was making a positive impact.

**Do you remember your first sab? What happened?**

I'm not sure if it was my first but early on, I recall a late season sab where the hunt killed a pregnant vixen. We managed to retrieve the body and there were two dead cubs hanging out of her. This was pre-ban and before social media so we didn't publicise the incident, but it drove home to me how barbaric this "sport" was.

**Why did you want to get involved in helping to run the HSA?**

I wanted to be involved in an organisation that was actively supporting sabs in the field. The great thing about the HSA is that it's run by sabs, for sabs. There are no paid staff, yet we achieve a huge amount and are the most effective anti-hunting organisation in the country. When I joined the committee, over 10 years ago, the organisation was far less healthy than it is today. We struggled to have enough committee members to be quorate and we didn't have much money. Now we're going from strength to strength. We're financially healthy which is great because most of our money is given out to local groups to keep them active in the field. The more money we've got the more we can give out.

**Tell us about the role of HSA Press Officer.**

I used to write press releases for groups and then send them out to national media. With the rise in social media this model has changed as many groups are now far more proficient in dealing with the media themselves and media outlets scan social media looking for stories. This is great as it's far better for groups to be skilled up in these areas rather than relying on the HSA doing the press. That said I'm more than happy to continue to issue releases for groups when they want me to. I also deal directly with queries from journalists who are researching stories and, like everyone else on Committee, help with whatever needs doing in the day to day running of the HSA. I'm always open to new ideas so if you've got any suggestions please get in touch.

**What's the best thing about the role?**

The buzz of getting our story out there and publicising the atrocities that the hunting community want to keep secret. Also, the fact that we have a far better media machine than the Countryside Alliance despite the fact they have paid staff and we're all volunteers. I guess having the truth on our side makes our job much easier than the CA having to try and spin disaster after disaster.

**And the worst?**

After many years of doing this job still being endlessly confused by what the press consider newsworthy. Stories I think will definitely get coverage don't and entirely random stories get picked up. A couple of years ago the story about Tesco's selling a children's fox hunting costume received press coverage in America after a sab group made a fuss about it on their Facebook page. I guess the lesson is – If in doubt get the story out there and see if the press pick it up.




**Any final words?**

The HSA is your organisation. It's as effective as we all make it. No one's in charge and we have no paid staff, we're just active sabs trying our best. More involvement from sabs/members will make the organisation even more awesome than it is already!

# Obituary

## Leanne Bridgewater

December 1989 - March 2019



Leanne became involved in her local hunt saboteur group whilst she was at University in Manchester. She loved wildlife and the outdoors and hated all forms of cruelty to animals. Back in the Midlands she became involved in fighting the badger cull and in recent years was part of West Midlands Hunt Saboteurs.

Leanne loved badgers and had been involved in fighting the badger cull from the start in the original Gloucestershire cull zone. When it became apparent the badger cull would in most likelihood be coming to Warwickshire she put all of her energy into preparing for it. She was one of the founding members of Warwickshire Against The Cull and the detailed knowledge we now have of badger setts in Warwickshire is in part thanks to her dedication and commitment.

She was a dedicated and valued member of West Midlands Hunt Saboteurs who was out every Saturday and Thursday. She was a generous, selfless, quirky individual. She was a friend.

She was loved by all of us and will be greatly missed.
Thank You Leanne.

Apart from wildlife and animals Leanne's other passion in life was poetry and had several of her books published.

Below is a poem written by Leanne about the badger cull coming to Warwickshire

*As day passes and night falls*
*The badgers, unaware of culls*
*Scratching trees and playing with their pals*
*Learning to explore as young*
*Wild beauties, with their setts older than you and I,*
*It's horrible to know some will die*
*And never enter again their setts,*
*Never will again explore*
*The persecution of the badgers in Warwickshire, an immoral war.*
*Science knows it's useless*
*Most of the public too.*
*The wild beautiful badger calls for you*
*To watch over their neighbours*

# Tell Eurotunnel: Stop transporting gamebirds

## An HSA Investigation



**After P&O Ferries, Brittany Ferries and DFDS recently stopped allowing pheasant and partridge chicks on board their ships, we were determined to find out which route the game farmers were using to transport day old chicks from French farms to British shooting estates.**

We hit the jackpot after we discovered a French court document showing that Eurotunnel is the last remaining company transporting day old gamebird chicks from France to the UK. Brittany Ferries and DFDS are still transporting hatching eggs, although P&O, to their credit, have taken the step to no longer allow either hatching eggs nor chicks on board their vessels.

According to DEFRA, around half of all gamebirds released in the UK are from French factory farms. This estimate is confirmed by a question asked in parliament, the answer to which was that 15,513,447 pheasant and partridge hatching eggs and chicks were imported from France in 2015. Of these, 5,811,323 were pheasant chicks and 278,638 were partridge chicks. It's hard to get your head around such huge numbers but as this cruel industry has grown considerably over the last few years, the numbers of eggs and chicks imported is likely to be even higher now.



Dead pheasant with cruel plastic "mask"

Our previous exposés of British game farms showed just how awful these birds' lives are in conditions that have already been made illegal for chickens. Pheasants are confined to barren wire cages, one male to eight females, in order to produce cheap hatching eggs that will later provide 'sport' for wealthy shooters.

Footage taken at the start of April on numerous French game farms supplying the UK market showed that these horrific methods of farming gamebirds are the same in France but take place on a far greater scale. Row upon row of wire cages house these birds as they peck at each other due to overcrowding. Birds are fitted with plastic 'masks' in an attempt to stop feathering pecking.

As seen on British farms, these French farms also contain male pheasants housed in solitary confinement in tiny cages. These birds, who will replace those killed in breeding cages, also suffer from 'scalping', an industry term used to describe the wounds on their head caused by multiple attempts to escape. As well as this, these birds were seen to display stereotypical behaviour such as repetitive head movements, indicating that they have been driven mad by their unnatural environment.

The two large game farm co-operatives, and L' Envol de Retz, are situated in villages near Nantes, meaning that day old chicks are forced to travel for up to ten hours before reaching the Eurotunnel in Calais. Each co-operative represents dozens of farms.

### THESE BIRDS NEED YOUR HELP

The transportation of their chicks and hatching eggs must end as a matter of urgency as the majority of them will cross the Channel over the next few months.

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They want to live



Birds are driven mad by captivity

We are on the cusp of a historic victory. Stopping the importation of chicks and hatching eggs will mean that the number of gamebirds released each year will be hugely decreased and so millions fewer gamebirds will be shot in the UK.

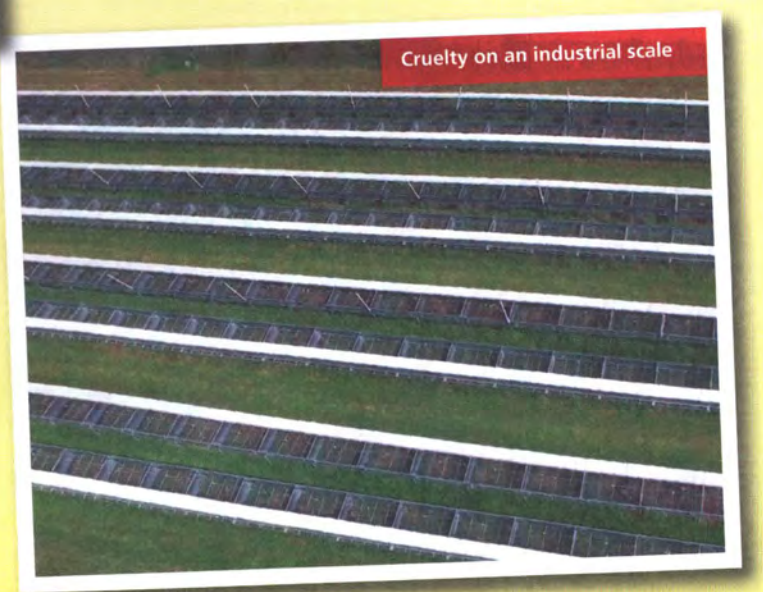
At the time of writing, Eurotunnel have been deadly silent over their transportation of these chicks, stating only that enquires from members of the publc over this shady business have been 'noted'. We were even informed by a source within Eurotunnel that their customer service team were told to send 'Response Version 1' 10 days after each email complaint made over their transportation of gamebirds. Well, if they think that we'll accept stock replies, they are wrong!




**If you haven't already (and even if you have!) please contact Eurotunnel to ask them to stop transporting gamebird chicks and hatching eggs:**

**Telephone:**
**01303 282061**

**Email:**
**jacques.gounon@eurotunnel.com (CEO)**
**customer.relations@eurotunnel.com**



Cruelty on an industrial scale

# PLEASE JOIN THE HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION

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## Still need convincing?

Tim Bonner of the Countryside Alliance recently described hunt sabs as the "primary concern" for most hunts!

## HSA MEMBERSHIP / DONATION FORM

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# USEFUL CONTACTS

**Most of the groups below can also be found on Facebook and Twitter**

**Accidental Activist**
www.morethanjustbadgers.net

**Animal Justice Project**
www.animaljusticeproject.com

**Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group (ALF SG)** www.alfsg.org.uk
PO Box 1107, Northampton, NN7 9BT

**Animal Welfare Information Service**
PO Box 8, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 0JL
www.acigawis.org.uk acig@btinternet.com
(publishers of Outfoxed Take Two and Outfoxed Again)

**Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT)** www.caft.org.uk

**Fox Project**
www.foxproject.org.uk

**Hare Preservation Trust**
www.hare-preservation-trust.com

**Hunt Investigation Team**
www.huntinvestigationteam.org

**Hounds Off**
www.houndsoff.org.uk

**Moorland Monitors**
www.facebook.com/MoorlandMonitors/

**National Fox Welfare Society**
www.nfws.org.uk

**National Dis-Trust**
www.facebook.com/NTDistrust/

**POWA (Protect Our Wild Animals)**
www.powa.org.uk

**Sea Shepherd**
www.seashepherd.org.uk

**SPEAK Campaigns**
www.speakcampaigns.org

**Stop the Cull**
www.innocentbadger.com

**Vegan Prisoner Support Group**
www.vpsg.org

**Vegan Society**
www.vegansociety.com

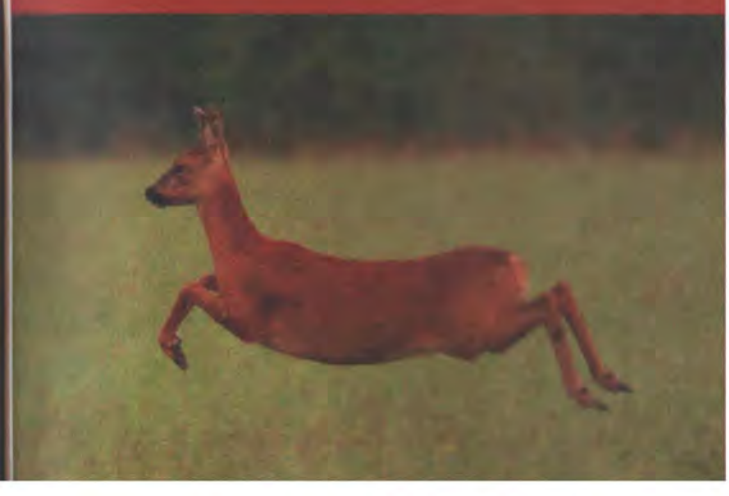
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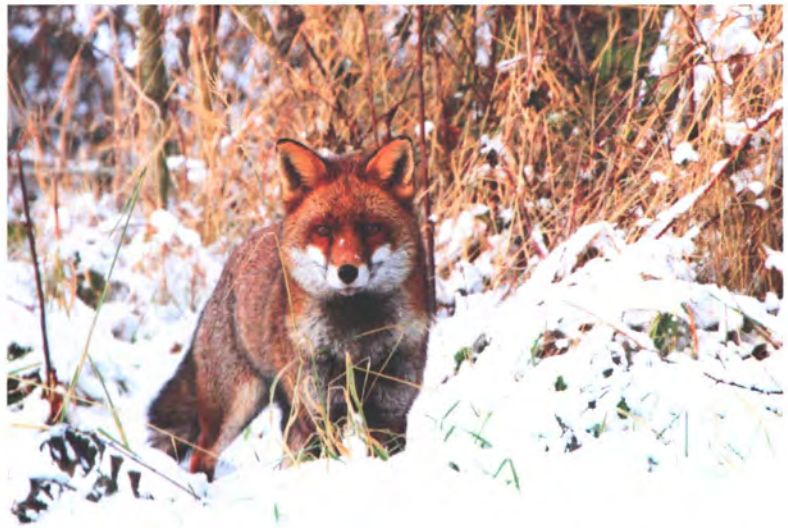
# Save us some dosh if you're moving!

If you move house please email Membership@huntsabs.org.uk

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.

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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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