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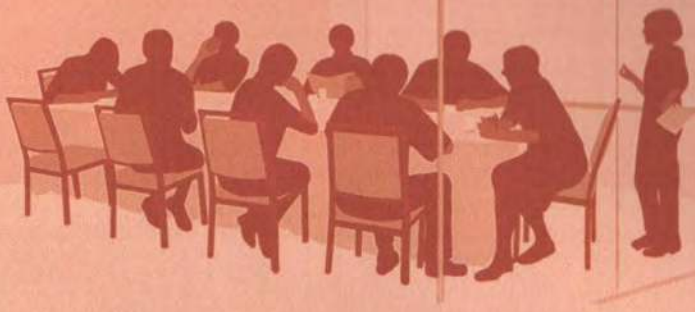












LETTER FROM THE CHAIR:

Recently there has been some debate over the validity of hunt monitoring as opposed to hunt sabbing. For me there is no question that hunt monitoring is at best a poor response to hunting and at worst a waste of time and resources. If you have the time and ability to get out on a hunt then you should be sabbing. Admittedly, not everyone can physically get in the field to follow the hunt, blow a horn, etc. But those who monitor could instead drive for local sabs, or help find the hunt's location to assist sabs in the field.

I have at times been asked by monitor groups not to attend a certain hunt because they are going to 'monitor' it, usually with a camera crew in tow. Generally this is because sabs have done the ground work over many years enabling that hunt to be easily located and the 'monitor' group want to take advantage of that for some cheap publicity. My answer has always been no, not because of the work we have put in, but because it puts our wildlife in danger. We are there to save lives and, although I salute anyone willing to take the risk of actively opposing hunting, I would urge everyone to join their local sab group. They have the skills, the history, the equipment and organisation to make the biggest impact on hunting and to protect our wildlife. Another video of an animal being killed and - at best - a court case ending in a pathetic fine is not worth an animal's death. Just look at the group reports in this issue and see how effective they are and why all like-minded people should put their efforts into sabbing.

By the time you read this another badger cull will be coming to an end. Sabs will have been out for an intensive few weeks reducing the killing of badgers by this immoral government policy. Each year the HSA puts over 30k towards opposing the badger cull and this is a major drain on our resources. Any extra donations you can make will enable us to continue to oppose the cull and all forms of hunting. Remember, we have no paid staff, so you can rest assured that your money will go directly towards our campaigns.

You may have seen the numerous front page headlines exposing trophy hunting, organised by another totally volunteer organisation the Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting: www.facebook.com/bantrophyhuntingcampaign/

Although the campaign focuses on activities outside the UK it highlights that hunting is an international disease, and many sick hunters from the UK go and kill lions, monkeys, giraffes etc. to satisfy their blood lust. Please support this worthwhile campaign and repost their news when it comes to your attention. Also take a note of the names of people when they are exposed and let us know if you are aware of links to hunting in the UK.

Finally, a plug for our hotline number. Please put it in your phone now and if you see any hunting or other forms of animal abuse leave us a message. We will do our utmost to respond. The number is: (+44) 07443 148 426

Thank you as always for your continued support of the Hunt Saboteurs Association and hunt sabs everywhere.

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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

Summer is meant to be the quieter part of the sabbing year, but it certainly doesn't feel like it when you flick through this edition of HOWL!

We've had the best summer against mink hunting since 2014 with seven different packs hit, some several times. Similarly, the Inglorious Twelfth was an absolute disaster for the shooters, with over a hundred brave sabs putting themselves between the grouse and the guns.

The badger cull is another depressingly familiar aspect of summer. As I write, sabs are out in the zones doing whatever it takes to save badgers. Our Camp Badger article is a timely reminder that sabs have always led the fight against the cull. Oh, and if you want to know what a real Vegan Camp Out looks like have a read of Cambridgeshire sab's article on their excellent sabbing skills day...

Enjoy the magazine and please pass it to a friend when you've read it.

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 January 2020.

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.

CAMP BADGER



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Gil Ramirez of W.A.R. looks back on seven years of this amazing activist base

It was late October 2013 and the rain had been belting down for days. I had been driving around the dark lanes of Somerset in search of shooters for hours and was starting to feel that familiar cull fatigue creeping in. I was prepared to spend the night in the car; well, I had a blanket and a cold flask of coffee, so I found a layby and settled myself in. However it wasn't long before I was joined by two other vehicles whose occupants I recognised from the previous weeks of sett sitting and, before long, we were chatting about the night's events until I got so cold I needed my blanky! It was at this point the activists asked why I wasn't staying at camp. "Camp?" I wondered," I didn't know there was a camp."

Laughing, the activists took me under their wings and said "C'mon, let's get you a warm cuppa and introduce you to Camp Badger!" And what an introduction I got. I didn't know what to expect; I had stayed in activist camps before but that was many years ago and those camps didn't have to remain secret. This was different: this was an animal rights camp accommodating activists from across the country fighting to save badgers from the impending death of a government sponsored cull. By its very nature activists needed to feel safe when not out in the fields so this camp's location was hidden from the masses.

I arrived at Camp with the activists as daylight was peering through the rain clouds. I was nervous but gasping for that warm cuppa so I followed them into the unknown. There was people milling about inside the huge marquee and I was directed to a seat around the table along with other activists. The introductions were made and before long I was handed a hot cup of tea along with a bowl of soup and some bread, a dry towel and a hug! I felt instantly comfortable but I was intrigued. As I looked around I could see how the activists were towards each other, the feeling of togetherness and camaraderie gave me a sense of inner wellbeing, a memory that has never left me. Sadly that was the only time I was able to visit Camp that year but its affect prompted me to join my local hunt sab group and get involved!



Animal rights starts in the kitchen

The year was now 2014 and the badger cull was entering its second year. The resistance was in full swing with demonstrations up and down the country,



a huge campaign headed by Stop The Cull and Sab The Cull was making the badger cull headline news. People from all walks of life were becoming involved in stopping the senseless slaughter of our badgers.

I was told that there was to be another camp and I was determined that I'd be there for the whole duration so when the time came I packed my tent and left to spend the next six weeks on an animal rights activist camp. Camp Badger 2014.

I was the first to arrive but, after the initial panic of thinking I had the wrong location, others began to arrive and begin setting up the camp. It didn't take long! It was obvious that these people had done this before, a kitchen was erected, there was plates unpacked and everything you could possibly need in any good working kitchen, the plumbing in of a sink, chairs, sofa's, tables and even a carpet was laid! I was highly impressed at the organisation and the hard work everyone was putting in to make this happen, to make this a new home for all the activists that stayed.

You see, that's what camp is, a home for all those there. It's like taking a slice out of society and building a community just for AR activists fighting the cull. We lived together in this space, we shared our meals together and our thoughts.

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We talked of the cull and other animal rights activities, we talked of sabbing and veganism. We laughed together, we cried together, we hung on to wind-swept tents together, we shared nights out in the fields and moments around a camp fire where stories were told that are, to this day, still being told. We became lifelong friends and made memories that will stay with us forever.

But Camp Badger 2014 became something more. From it sab groups sprung up all over the country and the phrases Stop The Cull and Sab The Cull became household names. Meat eaters became vegan overnight and those dressed in jeans arrived the next day clad in camos and HSA hoodies!

Camp Badger 2014 changed us in so many ways and laid the foundation for AR resistance camps all over the country and since then there has been camps every year including this one. That's seven years of Camp Badger!

There has never been anything like Camp Badger and no AR camps have ever been recorded anywhere! If, like me, you were there and share those friendships and memories then I know you will understand that it should never be forgotten. That all those sabs who worked tirelessly together in the resistance, that all the hard work put into setting up and maintaining camp shouldn't be confined to camp fire stories but put Camp Badger up there with the likes of Greenham, Occupy and all the other political resistance camps that have their place in the history books.

I would say Camp Badger has earned its place there, wouldn't you?

#stopthecull

#sabthecull



Ah, so that's how Pixies get about...


Sundown...and the night's work begins

GETTING THE SHOT



Culmstock cruelty caught on camera

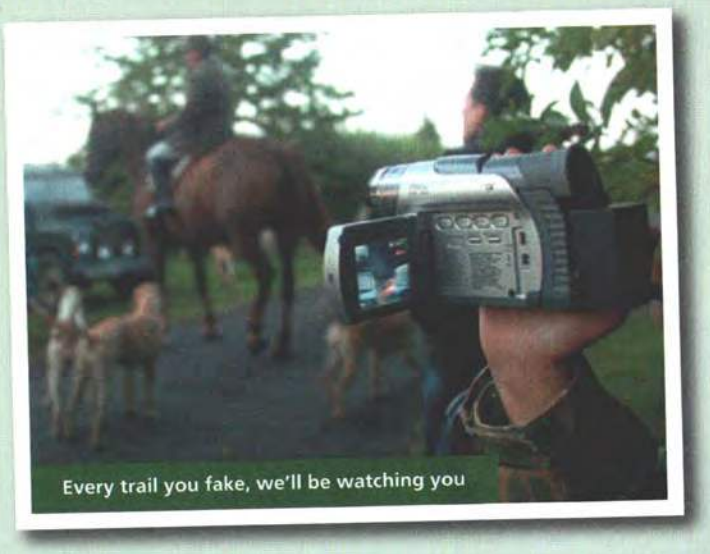
Sabs go out to save hunted animals, not record their deaths on film. That said, there are plenty of reasons why we should be carrying cameras and know how to use them. The HSA's Tactics Officer advises.

The recording of video footage during a hunt is a vital tool in the modern sab's armoury. It is important for PR, self-protection, intelligence gathering and, of course, gaining evidence of law-breaking. At any hunt meet there will be a proliferation of body cams, phones and hand-held cameras, used by both sides, but what is the most suitable for sabbing?

Choice of Kit

Body Cams: We use these for self-defence and are of a GoPro type mounted on chest harnesses. They are generally only good for close-in subject matter, great if you're getting grief from hunt goons but no so good if you're filming the hunt itself.

Mobile Phones: Most mobile devices now have good cameras but these too aren't really suitable for catching fast-moving action some distance away. They are difficult to hold and easily stolen or obstructed. You don't want to get your phone nicked.



Every trail you fake, we'll be watching you

DSLR: The DSLR will produce the best quality footage and stills with the highest framerates and quality settings along with shooting in RAW for stills. You have the option of a vast selection of lenses for both near and far work, however they are expensive (a decent 500mm lens is likely to cost in excess of £1000) and bulky to carry around. The risk of damage will usually mean this is not a realistic option.

Handycams: These are the best option and can be purchased cheaply when compared to the performance they offer. They fit the hand nicely, are compact and offer unparalleled zoom capability. This means hunts can be filmed from some distance without them knowing. For around £250 you can buy some excellent equipment. I'd recommend the Panasonic HC-W580. It claims a 90x zoom but the reality is 50x optical and the rest digital. I'd always ignore any digital zoom figures, all you're doing is increasing the size of the image and a drop in quality will result, but 50x zoom is plenty in most situations.

What and When to Film?

This comes with experience. As you start out, learn to focus on the huntsman and hounds and consider where a fox is likely to break. Keep as much of the action in shot as you can, don't focus in too early and if the hounds go into cry get the camera up and running as soon as possible. It might be a false alarm, but missing something important because the camera wasn't rolling is a schoolboy error.

Positioning

Where you locate yourself also comes with experience. We'll always look to position ourselves between the hunted animal and the path of the hounds. If you're in a group make sure everyone knows their job, the sprayers, raters and horn blowers. As the camera person you should be positioned slightly further back so you can catch all the action as it happens but the starting position will be very similar to the rest of your team.

Using the Equipment

Most handycams are very easy to use with a small flip-out screen, a zoom trigger and a start/stop (filming) button. Make sure you know where they all are and that you remember to start and stop filming properly. Note that some cameras continue to film even after you flip the screen closed; this will fill up memory cards and flatten batteries very quickly! You can, of course, carry spare memory cards and batteries which is advisable.

There are a few simple steps to getting good footage.

1. **Stand still.** Shaky footage can be useless. Modern cams have stabilisation but they can do only so much. Running while trying to film effectively is almost impossible and any footage gained likely to make the viewer sick!

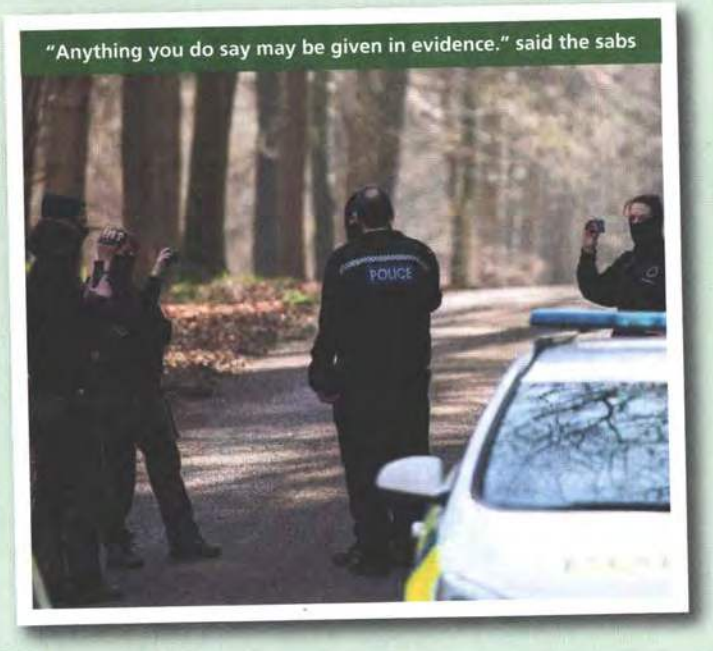
2. **Frame the subject matter first.** Do this with a wide shot. Resist the temptation to zoom right in straight away. If you are any distance away you'll lose the subject matter and spend ages zooming in and out trying to reacquire it. Only a very tiny movement of your hand will be a huge movement of image.





3. **Predict the direction of travel.** If you see a fox running from the hunt get it in a wide shot and slowly zoom in. If it's going in and out of cover try to predict where it will break and give you a clear shot. This will allow you to focus on a specific area and when the subject runs through the shot you can pick it up and follow it more easily. This is the process I used in the video which convicted the Fitzwilliam huntsman George Adams. I knew where the fox would run, focused on a piece of ground directly ahead of it then tracked it as it came through shot (see images above).

4. **Keep a steady hand.** Use both hands if you have to. Keep the camera close to your body and use your bent elbows to brace against your chest while using your other hand to steady the camera. Shooting over long distances is difficult; use the environment to help if you can, lean on a wall or gate post. Keep everything as smooth as you can.



5. **Keep calm.** It's very easy to get over excited when things start to happen in the field. Keep a cool head and focus on what you need to achieve. If you're panicking you'll miss that important shot and the footage will be all over the place. Let those around you do their jobs and you concentrate on the filming.

   The film we submitted for the Thurlow FH case is a prime example of this. There were two of us with cameras at the location and, although I started to film, I knew there was someone else with a better, wider view of what was taking place. That left me to move forward and concentrate on other matters. As it turned out, both cameras got footage of the fox being chased by the hounds and the behaviour of the hunt staff. Although by the time I had grabbed the body of the fox the visuals were all over the place, the audio was still clear and this played a part as it demonstrated what the hunt staff were saying. The footage from the wider view captured everything else and was crucial to securing our conviction for both the hunting act offence against the huntsman (Chris Amatt) and the assaults which included the unbelievably arrogant Archie Clifton-Brown (but that's another story).

6. **Stay Secure.** This is really important. If you've got some crucial footage the other side will try to get it from you. As soon as you can, move away from the area and swap out the memory cards. Even if they manage to get the camera from you the footage you gained earlier will be safe and secure.

On a final note you do not have to submit your footage to the police on the day. If they ask for it DO NOT GIVE IT TO THEM. You are under no legal obligation to do so and this type of evidence has a habit of "going missing".

Take the details of the officers at the scene and then go home and make a copy which you can keep secure. You can then either send the police a copy via web download (although they sometimes have trouble with this) or literally put a disk or memory stick in their hands and get proof they have it.

So hopefully you'll have enough of the basics to go out there and get some good footage. Hunts hate cameras and bad press; even the Countryside Alliance recognise we are winning the PR war by some margin...let's keep it that way!

CAMBRIDGESHIRE SAB SKILLS DAY 2019



Summer in Cambridgeshire. If you were to picture the scene you would be forgiven for imagining wide blue skies, sun high in the sky, maybe birds delicately threading the air with wisps of song as they flit by. This was exactly what did not happen, for the inaugural Cambridgeshire hunt sab skills day held in July 2019.

Dark skies, high winds, relentless rain and temperatures which had some of us checking how many shopping days there were until Christmas, were the backdrop for a day of talks and knowledge sharing hosted by North Cambs Hunts Sabs, on a remote riverside location in the fenlands.

Undeterred, marquees and gazeboes were erected and firmly anchored. With the barbecue running constantly and the bar in full flow, around fifty hunt sabs hailing from groups from around the midlands wrapped up warm and settled in.

Attendees enjoyed presentations from a number of experts in their fields.



Setting the scene: the badger presentation in progress

A renowned badger ecologist gave an in-depth presentation on badger behaviour, along with sett identification and key evidence required for any action under the Protection of Badgers Act. A technical session was presented on the incredible insights which can be gained from the use of various types of covert cameras, notably placed to capture the actions of terriermen at work, often out of sight of hunt sabs on a hunting day. The impact of covert camerawork was shown with a video compilation of terriermen at work.

A dedicated session was held on evidence gathering techniques, from a professional anti-hunting investigator. Hunting Act conviction quality video evidence was shown, together with explanations of what is looked for in video evidence by both CPS and judges.

Sabs were also keen to hear from our keynote speaker; experienced hunt sab and investigator Mike Huskisson treated his audience to a detailed and dramatic explanation of tried and tested sabotage techniques, and was subjected to a huge range of questions for his troubles!

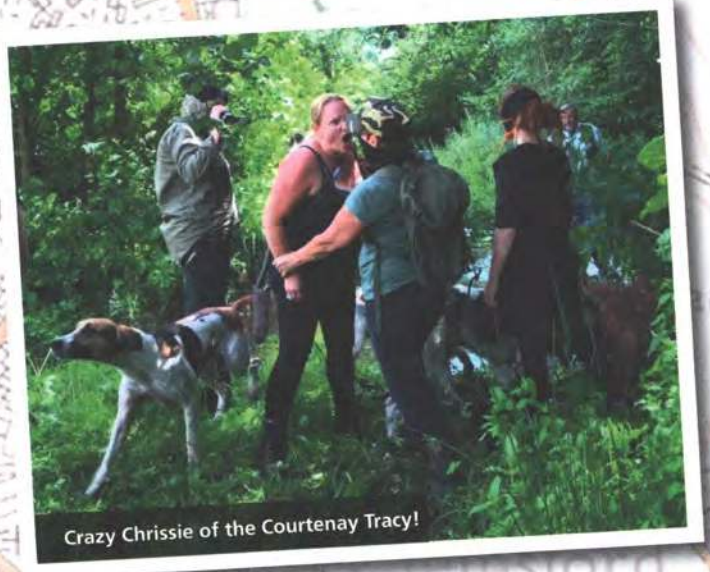
North Cambs Sabs would like to thank everyone who made the journey on what was possibly the most unexpectedly wet weekend in July, audience and speakers alike. For Skills Day 2020 our wish list already includes: more burgers, more chairs and more sun!



Fun in the fens: sabs listen to keynote speaker Mike Huskisson

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Crazy Chrissie of the Courtenay Tracy!

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The summer used to give us the chance rest up and work on vehicles, but with sett surveying, with the badger cull to start very soon, mink/otter hound sabs, visiting Three Counties, Culmstock and Courtney Tracey, holding a sabbing skills day for our new recruits and cub hunting started we've been very busy!

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We've been busy over the summer season. Plans have been put in place once again for the expected badger culls which we intend to fight to the maximum of our ability. There can never be any excuse for this unjustified cruelty and no doubt many other groups will be making the same preparations.

We've done a bit of fund raising with appearances at some local vegan fairs and had some team tactics sessions so all the new sabs will be fully versed in hunt sabotage by the time the new season kicks off.

We kept an eye on our local mink pack but it would seem they were so hugely affected by our combined efforts with other groups last season that they resorted to only hunting mid-week, at the time of writing we still have a little surprise in store for them.

We joined lots of other groups for some fun times up on the grouse moors for the inglorious 12th, lots of grumpy looking shooters and satisfied sabs with a job well done.

The conviction we achieved against the Thurlow Hunt pair will go to the appeal court in October & we hope the convictions will be upheld. Speaking of upheld convictions, the Fitzwilliam are going to have to change the way they hunt after the judge's ruling in their appeal went against them and could prove the death knell for the Falconry Exemption for fox hunting within the Hunting Act. Time will tell but we hope a certain falconer will have lost his job.

Closer to home the Oakley managed to find someone daft enough to take their huntsman's job after Calamity Jack left. We'll welcome the new huntsman, Simon Hand in our own way the moment he steps out the kennels for the cubbing season. He's going to realise why no-one else wanted the job!



The Culmstock MH: going equipped to commit wildlife crime

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This summer Berkshire Hunt Sabs have continued to be hot on the heels of the hunters and have worked with other groups to sab both the Culmstock MH and the Courtenay Tracey MH twice. On our first visit to the Courtenay Tracey, terrier woman Chrissie's bad behaviour went viral and overnight she was a national embarrassment! Unsurprisingly the next time this hunt was sabbed she didn't have much to say for herself and kept her head down.

Whilst sabbing the Culmstock many sabs, including ours, were subject to a violent assault. This is still being investigated by the police. Violence will not deter us, and only makes us more determined.

We have also joined other groups to help shut down a grouse shoot but luckily on that day there were no shooters to be seen anywhere!

We have also spent time preparing for the possible cull we face in Berkshire. This involves surveying setts across the county and gathering intelligence about where the cull will be and the operatives involved. We need more people to help us to monitor vulnerable setts if the cull comes to Berkshire so please get in touch if you want to help.

If Berkshire has been given another reprieve for the coming year as usual we will be joining other zones to lend a hand.

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It's been a great summer for Bristol Hunt Sabs, following on from the successful 2018/19 season we kept up the energy and turned our attention to the mink and otter hunts in our region.

We started summer with a hat trick vs the Three Counties Mink Hounds, shutting down three of their Worcestershire meets; two in May and one in June. Each time they threw in the towel when sabs arrived. It's been a couple of years since we last saw them and it's great to see that even in their heartlands they seem unable to pull the numbers that they used to.

In July we headed down to Devon to visit the Culmstock Hunt. The hunt packed up but not before the huntsman tried to put the hounds on to an otter and sabs were forced to stop them in the river.

We visited the Courtenay Tracy Hounds in August, not far from us near Box, Wiltshire. They initially tried to throw their weight around, but with 40 sabs descending on them from all directions they retreated back to the meet. This season is the first time they've had sab attention for a number of years, which is great considering they're our nearest summer hunt!

To round off summer we ventured up north to join around 100 sabs from across the country to sabotage the 'Glorious Twelfth,' the start of the grouse shooting season. We shut down two shoots with another kept in their lodge for the morning, a bad day for the beleaguered shooters.

Between these outings we've been busy with benefit gigs and fundraising events, meeting new recruits and preparing for the new season. At the time of writing we're about to get active with the start of both cubbing and the badger cull imminent.



Mink hunter adopts the traditional "bloody antis" position

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A very successful 2018-19 season. Apart from hammering the hunts in Cheshire, we had away days to the Lake District, Staffordshire, Yorkshire and Wales.

Throughout the summer we have been preparing the imminent badger cull here in Cheshire, held fundraisers in Lush and at our local vegan fayre which has a been a great help with our fuel and equipment expenses. We have also been able to purchase ourselves a great vehicle, fit for the job, via a grant from the HSA which would not have been possible without the kind donations from you, the general public!



A glorious sight: shooters head off the moors

We have taken part in two well-orchestrated sabs on the grouse moors, and it's always great to see our comrades and friends from around the country. It was also a great pleasure to take part in a sab training camp up in Scotland during the summer where we swapped skills and ideas with our Scottish friends who made us feel very welcome. We also had a successful prosecution for assault and criminal damage against a sab here in Cheshire too!

Cubbing season is well underway here now and we have already had success in foiling their early morning atrocities. Now the badger cull is also upon us, we foresee a very busy autumn as we will be maintaining a continuous presence in the zone and in the hunting fields! We continue to grow in numbers and with our smart new vehicle, we feel ready to take on whatever the scum have to throw at us! If you would like to join us out in the fields, please don't hesitate to get in touch!


Red-coated vermin causes chaos in the countryside

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Once again, we find ourselves at the start of the grotesque cub hunting season when young hounds are trained to kill following the scent of the fox. The hunts surround woods and make noises to frighten cubs back into the woods and the hounds. This can happen very early in the morning also at dusk - so some early starts for us from now on to be at the meets by 6am! Summers used to be a time to recoup and regroup but not now as the licenses to cull badgers in the supplementary zones run from 1st June and it is Open Season in Glos Zone 1. Hence, we have been busy sett checking and looking for signs of pre-baiting, cage trapping and controlled shooting.

As well as having to exist with this persecution the poor badgers are having to face disruption where Severn Trent are fitting new pipelines which means closed down setts and perturbation. When sett checking we come across very poor bio-diversity on some farms and frequently animals kept in bad conditions. We have a volunteer badger vaccination group near us who have worked hard to contact farmers against the cull who welcome alternatives.

We're also surrounded by shooting estates here in Gloucestershire and find that many of the woods now contain pheasant pens, traps and snares. Some are empty of songbirds because large and small mammals and corvids are often trapped and shot to protect the shooting industry.

At the beginning of the year the group's vehicle had to be sent to the dismantlers after 4 years good service. A generous grant from the HSA helped towards another Honda CRV along with welcome donations from supporters and group members. It has already been out helping many times to protect foxes and badgers!

Thanks to all our supporters, sabs and many individuals that work tirelessly to protect wild animals. If you would like to help please contact us.



Brave Devon County sabs take on the Eggesford Hunt

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Summer is no time to rest for our sabs. We have been out taking appropriate action against traps and snares we find in the countryside, mostly in the vicinity of shooting estates. A real low was one of our sabs finding a young rabbit with its leg caught in a Fenn trap, still alive and in agony.

In July some of us spent time in court for the sentencing of Jason Marles, huntsman for the Eggesford. In December last year he viciously attacked a female sab and the judges found him guilty, giving him a hefty fine. Sadly, he is now appealing this decision so we will be back in court again later in the year.

The Culmstock Mink Hunt were paid a visit on 28th July and our sabs along with help from other groups managed to save a beautiful otter from being ripped apart by hounds. We have now moved onto sabbing the cub hunts, with the Eggesford being hit several times along with the Dartmoor and the DVSPMH, on each occasion seeing blatant illegal hunting.

The upcoming badger cull is imminent, with Devon being the worst hit in the country. Our sabs will be out day and night in various zones across the county to try and help stop this massacre.

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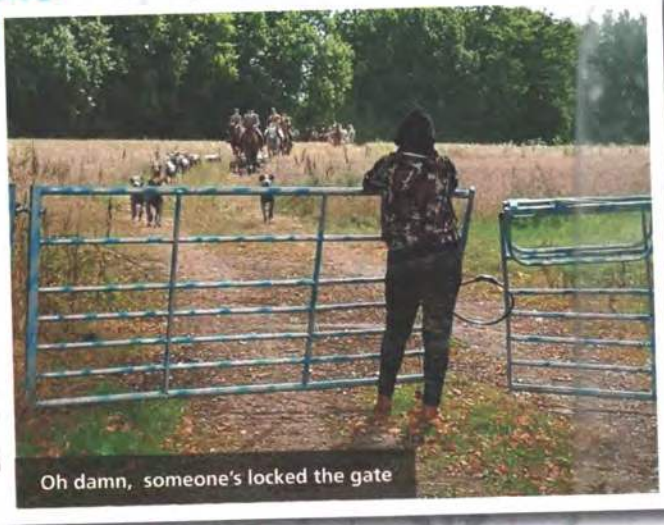
We started the new season with the usual round of kennel watches. We have already had four very good outings. The first was in August when we followed the Wealden Minkhounds from their kennels at Petworth to Stopham. After a brief attempt at riverside hunting they retreated back to the meet in the traditional walk of shame! The second one was a children's meet of the Surrey Union at Ewhurst who stupidly and dangerously hunted in 30C heat but were overrun by over 20 sabs when some Croydon and South Coast sabs came over to help. We took the pack off them a few times and managed to get two foxes to safety.

Early September saw us on an early morning road trip to the East Kent Hunt near Canterbury to help out local sabs. What followed was an easy day after we found the hunt at 6am and they almost immediately returned to the meet, after a long stand-off waiting for the police (who were ok and listened to our accusations of illegal hunting, terriermen with quads, terriers and spades a bit of a giveaway) the hunt packed up. A Monday morning at 5:30 am saw 17 of us, including Reading Sabs and Surrey Hunt Monitors take on the pathetic 7 riders of the Surrey Union cubbing near Peaslake. They tried to do a runner but couldn't lose sabs who stopped their only attempts at hunting and they had hacked back to the meet by 8am.

Our two landies and ever-expanding group are ready for the rest of a long season disrupting hunts in Surrey and the south east.



"Of course we laid a trail. It was this long."



Oh damn, someone's locked the gate

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We have been busy over the summer, raising much needed funds to keep our land and other vehicle on the road, buying new equipment and a new drone! Thanks to everyone who has so generously donated. We have run stalls at a couple of vegan festivals and other places, and have used these as opportunities to spread the word about illegal hunting and of course to get new members!

We have been keeping an eye when possible on the local mink hunt, but there are so elusive now that we had no luck...but we are already out on Saturdays causing an early cub hunt to be abandoned! With our numbers swelled yet again by new members, it's going to be another long hard season for the fox and hare hunts in Kent.

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Sab removes rat poison from a badger sett

We've spent much of the long hot summer sett surveying in preparation for a possible new badger cull zone in Herefordshire. We now know that this zone has almost certainly not been granted a cull licence this year, which is fantastic news for the brocks.

Our time and effort have not been wasted though, as this has been an opportunity to familiarise ourselves with the country hunted by the hunts we sab, in preparation for the new season. We have found artificial earths, discovered evidence of a dig out at a badger sett by the Clifton on Teme Hunt and a badger sett contaminated with rat poison on a cull company directors farm.

Sett surveying has been a great opportunity to practice and hone our field skills – i.e. map reading and use of radios - in a more relaxed setting than out sabbing. Thanks to an anonymous tip off, we held a small demo outside the North Herefordshire Hunt Ball, which helped us keep the pressure on during the quiet season.
We have also been working hard to raise funds to buy a group vehicle, as last season we were going out in our own cars. Three vegan fairs and a private fundraising event later and we are near our target. We hope to have a vehicle bought, taxed and insured ready for the start of the hunting season proper.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our cause over the past months and also everyone who has contacted us with intel. We couldn't do what we do without you.

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Following a concerted effort to fundraise we managed to buy ourselves a vehicle. She is now roadworthy and ready for the off. Our team has increased considerably thanks to buying the vehicle and we anticipate a successful season sabbing both fox hunts and the badger cull. We have been preparing for the coming season by developing tactics and gathering information.

We have been busy sett surveying both locally and in one of the potential cull zones. Our sabs will be spread far and wide during the badger cull, helping out wherever we can. We have monitored areas near to us and found all manner of wildlife traps no longer fit for purpose. During the dry and warm weather, we have been out feeding and watering setts known to us and known to be active. Our sabs have also made several visits to our local wildlife hospital with injured or sick animals. On one occasion one of our sabs found eight motherless ducklings on the canal. They were tracked for a while to make sure no mother was about then contacted said wildlife hospital. They came out to rescue which took a few hours; unfortunately, a pike got two of them but the others were saved and taken to sanctuary for release in future. We have also attended a couple of anti-hunt protests in London.



The Hills Have Eyes: creepy Cottesmore "steward"

We are grateful for the support we have had from our followers. We couldn't have got this far without them. As an edit, we have, literally this morning, sabbed the Cottesmore cub hunt. No kills. We hope this sets the precedent for the future!

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Some of the Kernow team have been busy sett surveying ready for the 2019 badger cull which is anticipated to extend further into Cornwall this year. While surveying lots of other things have been discovered, a particularly good day saw appropriate action taken against some Fenn traps. With cubbing season also underway the team have managed to respond to some tip-offs.

In August we attended the first animal rights march which was held in Truro, great turnout and hopefully many more to come. At time of writing, the team, like many others throughout the country, will be out for several weeks in the badger cull zones. We're still bewildered as how it can keep going contrary to the science but as long as it does we will fight it.

Fenn and games while sett surveying





Lincs Hunt Sabs in the thick of it

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Since the last issue of HOWL we've not really stopped. We've mainly been sett surveying ahead of the badger cull but we have also taken time out to annoy the odd mink hunt, join sabs from all over the country for shutting down a couple of shoots on the "Glorious 12th", relieved a few gamekeepers of some illegal traps and, most bizarrely, herded a cow off a busy A road.

We continued to fundraise and with a bit of help from the HSA (massive thanks as always) we have been able to get a larger second vehicle, so we can grow as a group, if anyone wants to get involved drop us a message on Facebook, we'd love to hear from you!!

This past week or so, cubbing has just started and along with our good friends from Notts we've been following up various tips that have come in. The next couple of weeks is going to be particularly busy with both sett checking and cubbing on the cards.

We'd like to take the opportunity to thank all our loyal supporters for their kind donations, without your generosity we wouldn't be able to do what we do. If you don't already, you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Liverpool Hunt Sabs

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Throughout the summer we have had a busy time preparing for this year's badger cull, fundraising and also focusing on some shooting estates.

With the hunting season finishing in spring it was perfect timing for us to turn our attention to shooting estates who had just started to put their death traps out. Larsen traps, snares and Fenn traps were all found and appropriate action taken. We joined sabs from across the country for the mass hit on shoots on the Glorious 12th, successfully stopping two shoots and as a bonus a number of Fenn traps were found and will now not be killing any more animals. We have also been helping locals with a campaign against our local Wildlife Trust who currently cull grey squirrels. They are not as clued up shall we say as badger killers so their traps where very easy to find and a number have already been taken care of.

Liverpool sab makes a friend!



Speaking of badger killers, we have been doing lots of sett-surveying over the past few months to prepare for the cull. We've of course kept eyes on known setts with covert cameras and regular check-ups. We are happy to report that many are still looking very active and healthy.

While you are reading this, we will be out in the fields finding pre-bait, cages and shooters, stopping them in their tracks and doing our best to save the lives of as many badgers as possible!

Success breeds success. Our morale is high even if our funds are low. We are currently raising funds towards our new vehicle, head over to our social media if you can help.



Sitting down on the job: an easy day for Manchester sabs

Manchester Hunt Sabs

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After last season's unfortunate mishap when visiting the Grove and Rufford that resulted in their supporters writing our vehicle off, we spent the summer months fundraising for a new one. Thanks to the generosity of the public and a grant from the HSA we have managed to get ourselves a shiny new 4x4 and covered the insurance for the next 12 months. Our first official outing in the new vehicle was for the Glorious 12th, where along with multiple other groups we successfully shut down three grouse shoots in one day, the first of which Manchester Sabs managed to do without even stepping foot outside of the vehicle, the shooters took one look at us and decided they would rather spend the day indoors! In addition, we have been gearing up for the impending Badger Cull and will be looking after a new Cheshire cull zone.

If you are local to Manchester and are interested in becoming a sab then please contact us.



Melbourne Sab's Police Liaison Officer in action

Melbourne Hunt Sabs (Australia)

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As our season winds down, we reflect on the season that has been. Our third season as the only defence for the foxes of Melbourne, Australia has seen many victories and a few bumps along the way.

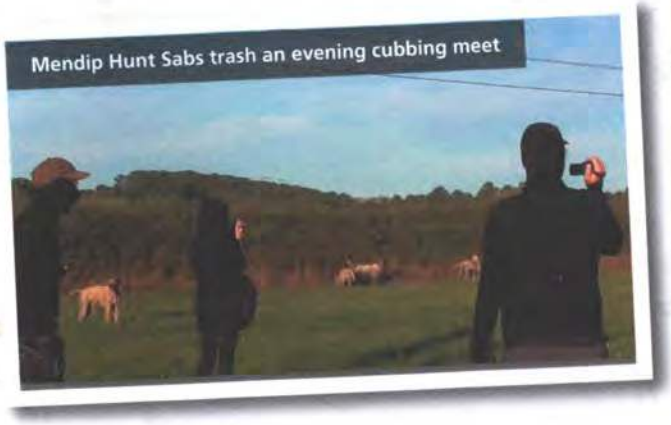
Excitedly and humbly we became affiliated with the HSA. What a beautiful milestone for us. To be recognised from the HSA was an honour. We will do everything possible to continue to represent the HSA and all the saboteur groups. Our continued pressure on the hunts here has seen this bloodlust bought to the media and the hunts directly. Sadly, this has seen our saboteurs arrested and facing a lengthy court battle. Thought undeterred we continue to battle it out in the countryside for the foxes.

As HOWL goes to print our team will fly to Sydney, Australia to disrupt the exclusive Sydney Hunt Club Ball, joining forces with activists from Sydney. We will continue to work to end fox hunting with hounds and the demonization of the fox here in Australia.

Mendip Hunt Sabs

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As new kids on the block, we had a solid first season mainly focusing on the Mendip Farmers' Hunt. Our group is a mix of new and more experienced sabs and after our first season together we have grown into an effective team. We have been busy sett surveying our zone this summer so that we are ready to protect our local badgers during the cruel cull which we expect to come to our area in the autumn. This has had the added benefit of us getting to know the hunt country of the Mendip Farmers ready for the next season.


Mendip Hunt Sabs trash an evening cubbing meet

We have also taken part in the sabbing of two mink/otter hunts with other sab groups. These went really well, with an otter being saved by sabs at a meet of the Culmstock and the Courtenay Tracy being sent packing shortly after unloading their hounds. We are also using the summer to train our group ready for the hideous cubbing season which starts towards the end of the month. We are focused and ready to protect as many innocent lives as possible.

Thanks to all the groups we have worked with this summer and the HSA for giving us affiliation, it means a lot to us! Thanks also to all of our supporters who have helped us to fundraise for a new vehicle, we now have a group vehicle ready to start the next season with. You have been incredibly generous and we are determined to not let you down.

Norfolk & Suffolk Sabs

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Since the end of the 2018/2019 season Norfolk & Suffolk Sabs have been busy fundraising, holding stalls, meeting new sabs and (thanks to a very kind grant by the HSA) have purchased a new vehicle.

On 17th August we made a trip north to join other sab groups for the start of the grouse shooting season. On the day we attended, the hills were silent as no shooting was taking place. However, walking the hills proved a good pre-season workout, as us sabs from flat East Anglia are not used to climbing hills!

Each new hunting season feels like it comes around quicker each year. This August we have already been out four times with the Waveney Harriers. Two were evening meets and two early morning meets. The hunt has been out in the thick fog (which cut short their hunting as the fog did not lift) and they also went out in 30-degree heat for an evening meet. This season the Waveney have a new huntsman in the form of former field Master, Chris McDaniels, so the style of hunting has changed somewhat. The Waveney used to use the bird of prey exemption but all in one evening they have said they are hound exercising, trail hunting and have been seen touting the bird of prey about when they get really panicked. The new huntsman has no idea how to control the hounds and the young hounds already appear confused enough as to what they should be doing. Despite all the pretence, it is clearly business as usual for the hunt as we have already caught them red handed chasing a muntjac deer.

It feels like it is going be a very long season! Stay safe everyone.


Yet another "funny place to lay a trail" from the Waveney Harriers



Another victim of the shooting industry

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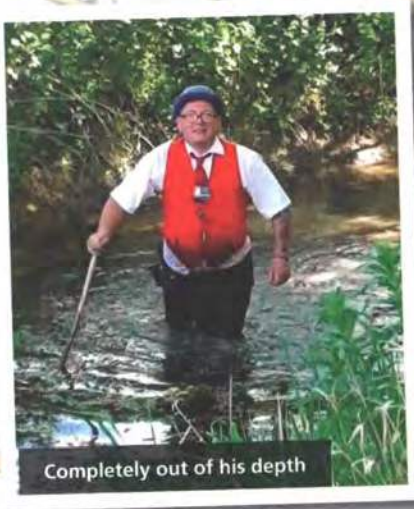
We have been very busy over the last few months plotting the location of badger setts in potential cull zones. Working alongside Hertfordshire hunt saboteurs and Wild Act, we have ventured out most weeks in order to prepare for this year's pointless and brutal badger cull.

We have successfully found many active and beautiful setts and like most sabs, we get very excited when we find badger latrines. This means badgers are alive and eating food!

Rambling around in the countryside provides us with the opportunity to discover the hidden nastiest that lurks in most woods off the beaten track. The discovery of many types of traps, including Fenn and Larsen, can usually be found in game bird rearing areas. Complete madness - killing wild animals and birds in order to protect game birds which in turn, will be killed later in the year. What a pointless waste of life. Hopefully our hard work has paid off and alongside locating active badger setts, we have been able to save some lives too. We are now venturing out again, not only sabbing the cubbing season, but also sabbing the badger cull. We hope that we will have another successful season, working alongside our friends from Wild Act and Hertfordshire Hunt Sabs.

North Cambs Hunt Sabs

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Completely out of his depth

Since our last update, North Cambs have been preparing for the upcoming hunting season ahead by researching our hunt country, exploring coverts and keeping an eye on activity around known artificial earths. The respite after the end of the formal hunting season can be the best time to do this, with the freedom to learn the land without being harassed by angry hunt support!

Early in the summer we were able to join with other groups in mink hunt sabbing. With our local culprits, the Northants MH now no longer hunting at weekends (to avoid us) the Eastern Counties MH were unlucky enough to receive visits from summer sabs. On one occasion, we caught the ECMH bang to rights, up to his middle in a stream surrounded by hounds, having just blown his hunting horn (which had been what gave his location away).

In common with most group reports in this edition of HOWL, we were able to join in the large-scale sabotage of driven grouse shoots in the Peak District in August. The North Cambs 4x4 part of the battalion of vehicles which rolled out to prevent huge numbers of birds from being blasted from the skies on the "Glorious" Twelfth.

As we face Autumn again, intelligence gathering over the summer is paying dividends and our local hunts cubbing attempts will be seeing us regularly. North Cambs have also sent our "badger division" north to the Staffordshire cull zones, to protect as many as we are able. We thank our friends in Staffordshire, Shropshire and Cheshire for welcoming us to their local cull zone. On a final note, we are also preparing for another return to the courtroom. This time, to stand as witnesses in the (repeat) trial of the huntsman and unofficial whipper-in of the Thurlow Hunt. They were found guilty in the original trial, relating to the killing of a fox on Boxing Day 2017. However, as is becoming all too familiar, hunt legal funds have given them another attempt at making themselves look like fools in court by appealing against their convictions.

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Cubbing has already started here in North Wales but so far so good, at first sight of sabs the Flint & Denbigh hunt who now have a new huntsman changed their plans and ijust went for a leisurely hack in the Welsh hills. We don't imagine they'll be able to keep up this good behaviour for long though. Last season this hunts cubbing was a complete disaster for them thanks to sabs turning up everywhere they went.

We also attended the Glorious 12th joining many other groups to ruining the flagship day of the grouse shooting season. Also, the summer months saw us out surveying in Cheshire for this year's badger cull. We plan on having a constant presence in Cheshire to yet again make a complete mockery of this barbaric slaughter of innocent badgers.

We spent some time in courtrooms this summer, three sabs had been wrongly accused of assaults. The first two were found not guilty as it was ruled they acted in self-defence whilst getting assaulted by a hunt member. The third sab saw his case thrown out by the CPS just three days before it went to trial. It was clear to all apart - from North Wales Police - that this sab was the victim of assault. It came out in the prosecution's evidence that the police have been colluding with the hunt for three years. This is not the last you'll heard about this.

We now have a lovely new sab vehicle thanks to the HSA and all HSA members and donators. Thank you all.

North Wales sabs ensure a poor start to Flint & Denbigh's season



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Summer is often a frustrating time for sabs, as we know the abuse continues in many forms, but is often harder to locate than the conspicuous hunts we do for the rest of the year. However, this summer we were fortunate to get tip offs about the Eastern Counties MH meeting twice in Essex.

So, we joined up with our usual friends Suffolk/Essex Sabs and many others and ruined their plans. This didn't take much as the entire hunt consisted of no more than five people in costume and a pack of hounds in a river. As soon as sabs arrived the hunt returned to their van immediately.

In addition to this we also joined South Cambs Hunt Sabs to take the long trip up north, to sab the 'Glorious Twelfth' along with many other sab groups. A long day for us but well worth it to see two shoots pack in.

As the new cubbing season approaches we will continue to sab throughout East Anglia. We welcome new members from throughout Norfolk so please contact us.

Norwich sabs escort Eastern Counties MH back to the meet



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Ah, how we used to look forward to Summer. Long, hot days recharging our batteries and doing some fundraising ready for the season ahead. Sadly, not any more. This year we've had another busy old summer surveying badger setts and chasing after elusive mink hound packs as well as a couple of glorious days on the moors protecting grouse.



Tied up in Notts: Three Counties Mink Hunt in full retreat

We had a great day sabbing the Three Counties MH in May with various other groups. The look on their faces as sabs streamed over the hill towards them was absolutely priceless and they couldn't scurry back to the safety of their posh mates (High Court Judge's) house quick enough.

Apart from a couple of sneaky spying missions to see what the Dove Valley MH were up to the rest of the summer was spent sett surveying. Due to the near certainty that the cull is coming to Derbyshire this year it was all systems go and we spent many a day wading through chest high stinging nettles finding and mapping badger setts. We're gutted the cull is coming to our home area but we'll be ready for them and it also means this year we'll be able to target our local packs during cubbing. They've been getting away with it for the past few years but not this year!

It was a pleasure to join up with other groups for the Glorious 12th and really mess up some grouse shooter's blood lust. It's always inspiring to be part of these big events and see how powerful and effective our movement can be.

We're now deep into the badger cull and cubbing so you know what to do if you want to get involved.

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Reading Hunt Sabs take up position covert-side

We are a newly affiliated group with the HSA and we're super excited to be part of the team! We formed at the beginning of last season with members coming together from various different Sab groups from around the UK. We felt there was a 'gap in the market' for another group in the Thames Valley area, as some of our local fox hunts were rarely being sabbed. And we couldn't let them get away with that now, could we!?

Last season we joined up with Guildford & North Downs Sabs to help our new sabs train. We were out every single weekend (as well as midweeks). We sabbed a total of 79 times, ruining all the fun for the following hunts: Surrey Union, Old Surrey & Burstow, Crawley & Horsham, Chiddingfold, Hampshire Hunt, Kimblewick, Sandhurst Beagles and the Old Berkeley Beagles.

But the mayhem doesn't stop! We've been keeping very busy with some fundraising events over the summer to help us raise some money for our own vehicle and other equipment. Our highlight would have to be the stall we held at the local 'Love Pies, Hate Racism' event. This was organised by our local lefty and anti-fascist groups and it was an amazing day of left-wing unity and solidarity.

We've also been working with comrades to prepare for the badger cull which may be spreading to West Berkshire this season. Sabs from Reading and Guildford have been out to sett survey in this area. We hope to get more involved with this!

Sheffield Hunt Sabs

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It' s been a lovely hot summer which we spent mostly in the fields and woods of Derbyshire, mapping every single badger sett, and in meetings, on the phone or laptop getting ready for the cull. At the time of writing, late August we are as ready as it is possible to be, working closely with badger patrol groups, food donations being collected, kit charged! -We are going to save as many badger lives at we can! We managed to squeeze in a couple of mink sabs on our days off from badgering too.

The Middleton hunt decided they didn't like their huntsman Charles "Shagger" Carter any more than we did and sacked him! Sadly, he's been replaced by Ralph Richardson, ex-Crawley & Horsham (apparently a crap huntsman who rides on Daddie's coattails) - see you soon Richardson!

We have lots of vehicle news for you - we have a new sab vehicle we have named Snowflake - look out for us on the winding lanes of Barlow country (Derbyshire) and as far over as Grove & Rufford (Nottinghamshire) then up to visit the Middleton (North Yorkshire!) - and who knows wherein-between!

You may have heard about the rammings at the end of last season. Well, there is good and bad news. The insurance eventually paid our sabs vehicle to be fixed but as yet the violent hunt supporter has not yet appeared in court. We will keep you updated. Talking of court, a very angry immigration judge who likes to hang out with the Barlow Hunt is up in court soon for assault on a Sheff Sab, message us for more details.

If you would like to support us, sabbing is expensive and we appreciate any contributions.

A Victorious Twelfth for Sheffield Hunt Sabs





The Culmstock Hunt are complete and otter bastards

Severn Vale Hunt Sabs

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We have had a productive summer stopping mink/otter hunts. We have paid a few visits to The Three Counties MH on the Shropshire and Worcestershire borders, the Courtenay Tracy in Dorset & Wiltshire and once to the Culmstock in Devon. Both the Courtenay Tracy and their pals the Culmstock displayed violence towards sabs. The Three Counties led us to the home of a High Court Judge, Gerald Barling on whose land they were hunting. There was a ridiculous police reaction to sabs attending a Courtenay Tracy meet with 9 police cars turning up, the hunt still had to pack up as they can't operate legally. An otter was saved from Culmstock hounds as they chased it in full cry in the stream. The otter was caught on film by Devon County Sabs and the story was picked up by the Canary online news. These hunts are very secretive and cause a lot of death and damage so it's great to stop them. The Three Counties illegally hunt the river's Teme and Usk which are fully protected SSSI's. Thanks to those who reported the hunts to Natural England.

As we write this we have just started to sab the barbaric badger cull. There is sadly no time when our wildlife isn't subject to persecution.

Thanks as always to our supporters and fellow groups.



Grouse sabbing: the moor, the merrier

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We've taken the summer as an opportunity to raise some much-needed funds for the next season and to talk to the public about the prevalence of illegal hunting by setting up stalls and other events, including a stall at Strawberry Fair in Cambridge in June. Our supporters have been generous with donations, which we hugely appreciate.

We've also been involved in sabbing mink hunts in early summer, as wellas surveying both locally and further afield in Cornwall. We carried a full vehicle of sabs to the (in)Glorious 12th in Yorkshire to attend the well organised sab of the shoots happening on that day.

We are now readying ourselves for the hunting season ahead once more. If you'd like to get involved or support us in any way please get in touch.

South Coast Hunt Sabs

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Small but Mighty: South Coast Hunt Sabs at a lively summer demo

This summer we managed to get our Landy fixed and through its M.O.T thanks to all the generous donations from our supporters. We attended some great events and fundraised for our group and local Animal Sanctuaries that some of us also regularly volunteer at.

The two sabs that were ridiculously arrested during a Kimblewick Hunt last season had their cases dropped. Time has been spent surveying a new area destined for the Badger Cull. Some of us have attended marches and travelled up north for big hits on shoots.

We caused a storm within the countryside community with our words, Get out into your Countryside, go off the beaten track, if they don't want you on "their" land, they're obviously up to no good. Again, bothering the scum as our star horn blower's skills are to the chagrin of the huntsmen. South Coast Hunt Sabs remain "small but mighty".

South Wales Hunt Sabs

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This report comes to you from a disused badger sett in one of the new cull zones, where we have established ourselves and will remain for the duration of this year's badger killing. (We're not quite living in a badger sett but frankly the sett entrances round here are so big we could fit in if we wanted to).

Since the end of the fox hunting season, we've worked with other groups to sab mink hunts – the Three Counties MH who headed back to the meet once sabs were on the scene and the Courtenay Tracy MH who managed to get out of the meet for all of several minutes before being sent scuttling back and then home (after a prolonged bout of head scratching) having thoroughly wasted quite a lot of police time as well. We also travelled up North, along with sabs from across the country, to ruin a day's grouse shooting for drunk rich twits with guns.


Three Counties Mink Hounds are brought to book

Mostly, though, we've been in the fields and woods mapping out badger setts so that we know where we need to be to save lives. The killing has started in our zone - we're here till it finishes.

Thank you to everyone who supports us, sending us info, donating funds, looking after our animals and putting us up in their homes. Diolch yn fawr comrades.


Amazing mink kit rescued by Three Counties Hunt Sabs

Three Counties Hunt Sabs

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As we write, it is the end of August and cubhunting is already well upon us with the VWH, Worcestershire, Ledbury and North Cotswold hunts already out and meets attended by sabs. Blocked badger setts are being found in the countries of the Heythrop, Ledbury and North Cotswold hunts by our sett-surveyors who have been busy all summer. These hunts, and others, operate in counties signed up to the badger culls, so are continuing to show a lack of regard for biosecurity, spreading soil and other materials between setts, hounds often seen running through fields of cows (including on farms with bTB) and through slurry before chasing foxes to active badger setts, potentially bringing disease with them.

The West Gloucestershire cull zone is now in its 7th year with bait points and shooters being found since July by us and the various autonomous groups we work alongside as part of Gloucestershire Badger Office (GBO). We also coordinate in the North Cotswold, South Cotswold and part of the North Wiltshire zones. GBO operate purely on fundraising and donations, 3C Sabs largely on the same - thank you to our amazing donors for helping us continue our work! Between us and the autonomous groups we've had, and will continue to have, people out nightly.

Our summer consisted of checking badger setts, helping our local wildlife rescue centre - Vale Wildlife Hospital - gaining intel at the Berkeley Hunt Earth-stoppers' Supper, fundraising, meeting with our sources and preparing for the cull - the West Glos zone could continue again until January... We also worked on a number of articles and new projects, aiming to put even more pressure on hunts and terriermen who continue to get away with breaking the law. Check us out online and keep the information coming in - phone number above, confidentiality always respected - the amount of intel we receive is amazing. Thank you, 3C



One of the many foxes seen to safety by West Mids sabs

West Midlands Hunt Sabs

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(Apologies to this incredibly active sab group, whose news was omitted from HOWL 120. Here it is, followed by their latest report - Ed).

Part 1: We continue to make sure the Atherstone Hunt don't kill any foxes. They continue to just go through the motions and over the last two years we have saved hundreds of foxes by stopping them from hunting. Their revolving door of hunt staff continues as next season will see their fourth huntsman in four years.



West Mids Hunt Sabs tell it as it

At the start of the year we were part of a joint expose along with Stop The Cull and the HSA into Cotesbach Game Ltd. Footage was released showing hundreds of pheasants being dumped in a mass open grave. As well as extensive coverage in The Times a member of our group was interviewed on ITV News. The yearlong investigation also exposed the factory farm conditions that the pheasants are reared in.

The Warwickshire Hunt gets the award for the most arrogant hunt we've sabbed this season. We see foxes running from them on a weekly basis and they regularly use busy main roads as their personal playground, even holding up an ambulance on an emergency.

At the start of the season we visited the North Warwickshire Beagles a few times. They disliked us so much that they rearranged their entire meet card in an effort to avoid us. We finished the season by attending most of their final meets. We didn't have to do much as every time we turned up they hurriedly packed up and drove off meaning no hares were killed. They did provide the worst excuse of the season claiming they were just counting hares!

Part 2: Over the summer we have kept the pressure on the Atherstone Hunt by holding demonstrations at several of their "pleasure" rides and reminding people who go where their money is going. We also held a demonstration outside the hunt's kennels for a fundraising event for the hunt. The Atherstone attempted positive PR by claiming they would donate part of the money raised from their pleasure ride to Maxstoke Church. We informed the church who told the hunt that they didn't want any of their blood money and asked the Atherstone to remove the post from Facebook as it was false advertising.

Out of spite the Atherstone Hunt bombarded the Nuneaton Church with malicious emails and phone calls and asked them to drop us from the Nuneaton Vegan Fair. Both the organisers of the fair - Midlands Vegan Campaigns and the church stood up to the bullying from the Atherstone Hunt and refused to drop us. We ended up receiving more donations than we would normally expect. It would seem that God is not a supporter of the Atherstone Hunt.

We've worked closely with Warwickshire Against the Cull over the summer sett surveying in preparation for the badger cull arriving in Warwickshire.

In case the Warwickshire Hunt were feeling left out we held a demonstration outside their poorly-attended kennel open day.

West Yorkshire Hunt Sabs

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Over the summer months we've have been as busy as ever preparing for both the upcoming season and the badger cull. As well as having a great amount of interest from people wanting to join us in the field, we have also had huge success with fundraising.



West Yorkshire Sabs take control of the Meynell hounds

With boots on the ground surveying whenever time allows, sabs have been locating setts and signs of badger activity in anticipation for the start of the barbaric and unscientific cull which aim to kill an abhorrent amount badgers across the country once again this year.

Once again, sabs from West Yorkshire had a strong presence at this year's successful sab of the Glorious Twelfth, which every year, marks the start of the grouse shooting season. Driven grouse shooting is a senseless disaster which relies on the persecution of wildlife and the environment to sustain big bags (high grouse numbers) and high profits at the expense of anything that gets in their way. Sabs from across the country joined together to stop two shoots from happening that day, and in turn saving hundreds of birds from being shot.

As a group which practises an autonomous style of organising, we have been successful in fundraising crucial funds for vehicle insurance and new equipment in preparation for the upcoming cubbing season. With all sabs from our group becoming involved in organising a variety of fund-raising events, such as stalls at vegan fairs and serving up vegan food, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our local community. We would love to thank every person who has chucked us a few quid or bought some grub or merch to support what we do and keep us out in the field at some point over the summer.

West Sussex Hunt Sabs

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Where did the summer go? We always look forward to the five months respite from the hunt season, yet here we are in the first few weeks of the cub hunting season again.

As usual we spent as many days as work commitments would allow to check for snares and traps around Sussex. Some are illegally laid and we get many calls from dog walkers who have come across them; sadly, we also receive calls from people whose pets have been caught in snares and suffered horrific injuries.

We had a few outings tracking down mink hunts, and of course the usual fundraising events. Before you could say 'Trail Hunt Lies' we were doing hunt watch again. We started in late July and on August 23rd the Crawley & Horsham hound lorry left the kennels before 5am, for what we believe to be the first of their clandestine hunt meets.

As I write this we have so far attended three meets of the Crawley & Horsham Hunt and all have been illegal cub hunting. How do we know they are illegally cub hunting? Well, having sabbed hunts pre and post ban we can categorically state that nothing has changed with this already twice-convicted hunt.



You shop 'em, we'll sab 'em

We had some complaints in with Sussex Police from last season regarding illegal hunting, interfering with badger setts, and assaults most of which have now been NFA'd. However later this year the Crawley & Horsham's huntsman for 2018/19 will appear in court on illegal hunting charges, we will of course keep you posted. With more cull zones than ever, we hope to be able to offer as much help as possible for sett surveying.

Please get in contact if you would like to know more about WSHS, or if you would like to join us in the field saving wildlife. Big shout out to all our supporters, and many thanks for the much needed and always gratefully received donations.


WAR sabs: outstanding in their field

Weymouth Animal Rights

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During what seemed a very short summer break we have again attended a local vegan fayre to spread the word about what really goes on in Dorset. Talking to locals face-to-face about the slaughter of our wildlife is helping us gain support, and also always needed funds to help keep us on the road. Joining up with other groups we have also sabbed the Courtenay Tracy mink/otter hounds, where not 1 but 5 police cars turned up to escort them safely home!!

Some of our members have attended wildlife protest demos in London, with one member giving a speech at each one! We have spent as much time as possible working with Badger Protection Group West Dorset sett checking and putting up trail cams to determine if once active setts still are, sadly many of them are now inactive. There is a definite pattern of inactivity following areas being hunted by MP Richard Drax's South Dorset Hunt, who will be fully in the killing hands of Juggers (Tobias Cole) this season..

At this time of writing, we have paid our first visit of the cubbing season to the bloodthirsty Cattistock Hunt. Our main focus now though is joining up with Badger Protection Group West Dorset and Camp Badger West Dorset to sab the final year of the four-year pilot Badger cull in West Dorset. No doubt the local "c*untrymen" will be out in force to try and stop us or scare us off by leaving dead animals outside our tents, or the old favourite of rookies being launched on to camp late at night! Oh, and while we are there it would be rude not to drop in on Lady T or Juggers and spoil their fox cub killing "fun"

Stay Safe and FSU.

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WELSH GUN PACKS: SAB Y BASTARDIAID

Ed Howl looks into the murky world of the Welsh Gun Packs...and wishes he hadn't. All photos: Mike Huskisson, AWIS

What is a Gun Pack?

Hunting has always adapted to the local environment. Modern fox hunting began in the open shires of the midlands, beagling is most popular on rolling downland and hunters on foot pursue foxes across the fells of the Lake District.

None of these methods work in the remote uplands of mid-Wales. Unlike the Lakes, much of this vast area is covered by commercial conifer plantations. Such forests are too densely planted to be passable by humans, though they are usually crisscrossed by tracks to aid felling operations.

Hunters therefore use packs of hounds to flush foxes towards waiting guns. These packs - also known as fox destruction clubs - are made up of farmers and farm workers. They do not need to attract subscribers so their public profile is very low.

There are at least fifty such packs operating in Wales and a few in England. The Hunting Act requires that they use only two hounds to flush foxes from cover. There are also several gun packs in Scotland where using a full pack for flushing is still legal. (Scotland's mounted hunts also pretend to flush to guns to avoid prosecution...but that's another story).

With so little information out there, I'm very grateful to Mike Huskisson for his advice when writing this article. Mike followed the Plas Machynlleth gun pack as the CPHA observer during the Burns Inquiry of 2000.



A "clean kill" Plas Machynlleth style

A Sheepwrecked Landscape

Apart from forestry, the only other commercial activity in upland Wales is sheep farming and it is supposed fox predation of sheep that is the justification for hunting. There is no need to counter such arguments here: HOWL readers will be familiar with the inherent cruelty of sheep farming, the high mortality of lambs and the destruction of landscape through overgrazing.

Gun Packs: Pre-ban

Gun packs like to present themselves as clinically efficient at "dispatching" foxes." The reality is very different: their hunting is a chaotic mix of cruelty, brutality and ineptitude.

They will meet at a pub or farm. There is little ceremony and there are unlikely to be casual supporters; everybody present will be packing a shotgun and playing an active part in proceedings. There is a huntsman (sometimes, but not always, in a red coat) and a terrier crew but no other formal hunt staff. After the meet they move off to the draw: as always, a group of four-wheel drive vehicles in convoy is a sure sign that something nasty is afoot.

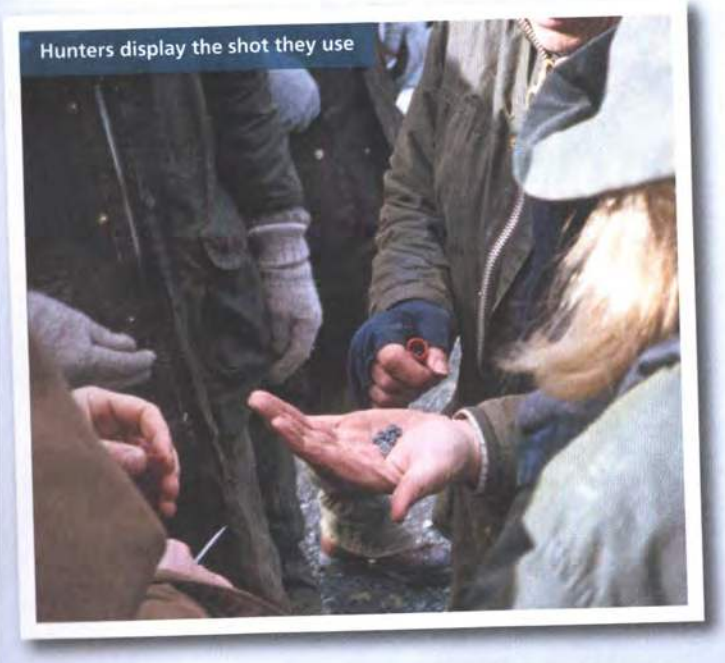
On arrival at the plantation, the vehicles will disperse as the guns get into position around the edge or along tracks within it. A Plas Machynlleth member told Mike that *"Foxes will mainly run the same paths; like we use the road they use certain paths"*, so supporters position themselves accordingly.When the guns are ready they radio

through to the huntsman who will unbox the pack and encourage them with voice and horn in the usual manner.

From here several things may happen – none of them good. The terrified fox may go to ground, in which case it will be bolted to run on or dug out with spades. If it reaches the edge of the forest it will be blasted with shotguns and either injured or killed. It is highly likely that hounds are mistakenly shot too. Gun packs will also let foxes run into the open so they can be hunted in the traditional manner.

"These packs have a much higher kill rate than normal hunts; in the 1999/2000, for example, season the Paxton Foxhounds killed 360 foxes."

Quantocks Staghounds using pairs of hounds in relays to hunt stags). In practice, laws passed in Westminster mean nothing in the badlands of Wales and the gun packs undoubtedly carry on exactly as they did pre-ban.


Hunters display the shot they use

Sabbing Gun Packs

Meets are hard to come by, though sabs do bump into gun packs on occasion.

On sighting a gun pack, the first thing to do is get on their radio channel (they always have radios) so you can get a sense of what you are up against. Posing as bemused hill walkers could help reduce the risk of confrontation.

Video cameras may deter them. A fox destruction club is not a "sporting" organisation so the defence of "trail hunting" could not be employed. Footage of more than two hounds working in a gun-lined wood would stretch even the Countryside Alliance's highly creative lawyers.

Normal voice, horn and gizmo calls could disrupt the draw. Hounds that have never seen sabs are very responsive, though the sheer size of some plantations may make this tactic difficult. Another issue is that gun pack hounds are more independent than those of lowland hunts - splitting the pack may not deliver the same level of disruption it does elsewhere.

The presence of guns is, of course, a serious concern - and an angry hill farmer may not react in the same way as a posh grouse-shooting banker. At the same time, there are few things a farmer values more than their shotgun license: video of dangerous behaviour (which would include not breaking guns in the presence of sabs) could lead to serious consequences for them.

However, the hunt's first response may be violence and, as the guns are in constant radio contact, this may be well coordinated. A further concern is the police: the trad itional rural police-hunt relationship will be even stronger in the types of remote area that gun packs operate in. Expect no help from them.

Overall, there is no question that sabbing these packs presents significant challenges...cadwch yn ddiogel allan yna.

When LACS infiltrated the Plas Machynlleth in 2004 they recorded sickening scenes of terrier work and the protracted killing of a fox by poorly-trained hounds.

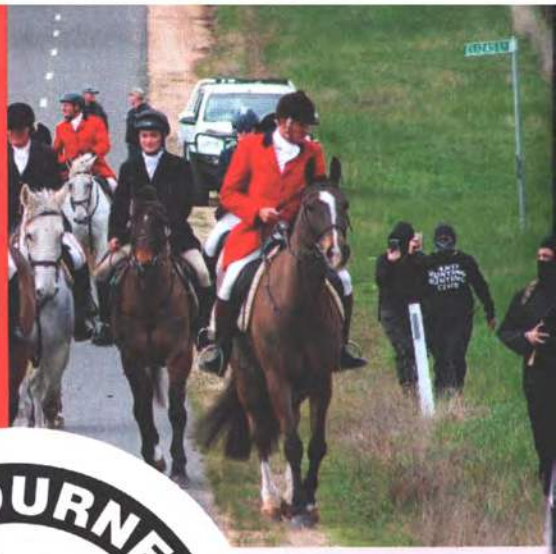
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Gun Packs: Post-ban

The Hunting Act significantly altered this form of hunting, in theory. As of 2005, only two dogs may be used to flush mammals to guns in England and Wales. (This is why we see packs like the


Proud of yourselves, lads?

WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE THE MELBOURNE HUNT SABOTEURS



Well, down-under is the answer.. ....Australia. Firstly, and importantly, we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Canines. When most people hear that word, they think of the dogs we share our homes and hearts with. They are intelligent, socially complex, and feel fear and pain just as we do.

Yet there's one canine in Australia that is brutally hunted for bloodsport - foxes. The parallels between fox hunting and dog fighting are easy to see. The treatment of hunting hounds here has mostly been ignored by so-called care agencies for animals. Given this bloodsport has gone under the radar for so long here, it's critical that we all stand up to bored rich people who kill animals for fun.

Here's how it all started:

- 1788: the British First Fleet of eleven ships arrive.
- 1790s: free immigrants begin to arrive
- 1871: A small number of red foxes were shipped from England for the purposes of sport hunting, and released into the wild in southern Victoria around Geelong, and also in South Australia.
- 1870s: An annual hunt is held in the Yarra Glen Lillydale regions.
- 1888: Oaklands Hunt Club established This leads to today's hunts and the sabotage tactics forged in the rich history of the HSA. While the terrain is different, the hunts are not. The lands the hunt frequent are vast and mostly on private property. They're farming lands where the farmer is at odds with the fox. Sadly the fox here is viewed as a pest.

Fox hunting in Australia has zero overall conservation value. Rather, these hunts are nothing more than an excuse for Victoria's rich and heartless to dress in stupid costumes and get off on defenceless animals literally being torn apart. The state of Victoria has a landmass of 237,629 km$_2$. There are eleven hunt clubs on this land, and then there's us. Melbourne Hunt Saboteurs.

Our government is so keen to kill the fox, we have a bounty on fox scalps. Yup. Scalps.

The following is taken from the Invasive Species Council's 'Is Hunting Conservation?' report:

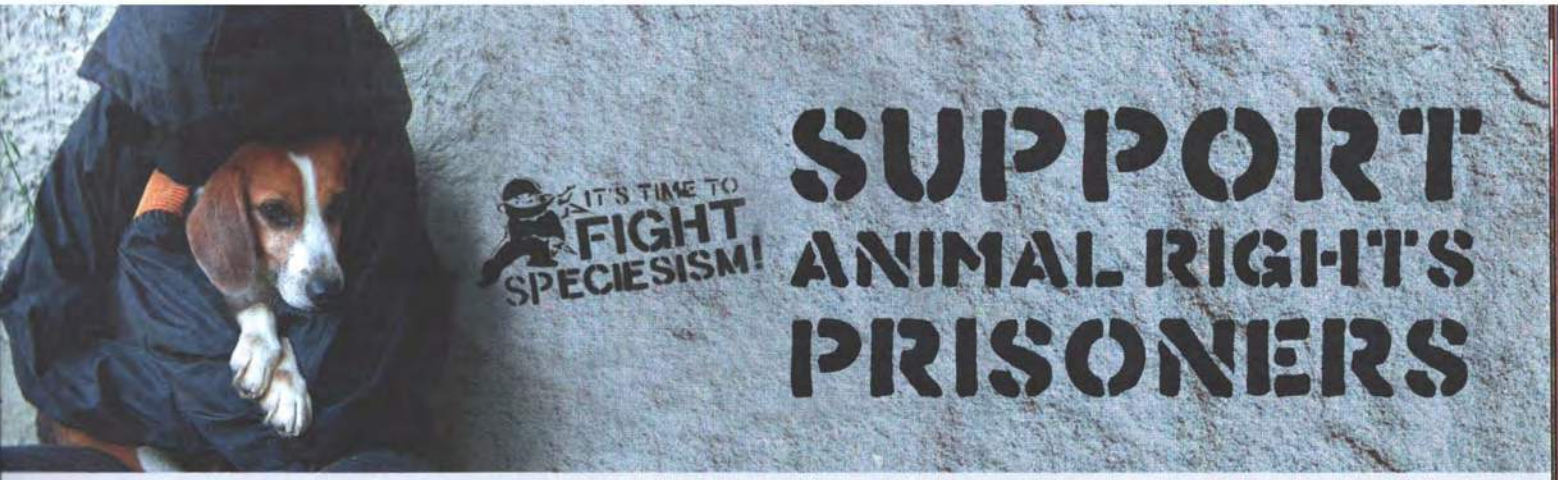
"Victoria had a fox bounty in 2002-03 that resulted in 170,00 dead foxes, but was abandoned because it didn't work. A 2005 review of the scheme by DPI biologists Fairbridge and Marks found that it reduced fox abundance in less than 4 per cent of the state, and that numbers would quickly bounce back or climb even higher as a consequence of hunting."

So, this is where Melbourne Hunt Saboteurs come in. No longer a hidden bloodsport, we will continue to obstruct, sabotage and expose these hunts. We are always amazed and thankful for the support of the HSA, its supporters and of course, the saboteurs who inspire us.

We are thousands of miles apart, but never have we felt alone.

Melbourne sabs close in on the hunt





SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS

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

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

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
HMP Winchester, Romsey Road, Winchester SO22 5DF
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)
FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA.
Marius was sentenced on 5th February 2009 to an outrageous 21 years and 10 months imprisonment for ELF/ALF actions. www.facebook.com/supportmariusmason/ and http://supportmariusmason.org, In July 2014, Marius announced that he would no longer be using the name Marie, and will be using male pronouns. Until his name is legally changed, mail sent to Marius in prison will need to be addressed to "Marie Mason."

Brian Vaillancourt #M42889
Danville Correctional Center, 3820 East Main Street, Danville, IL 61834, USA
In February 2014, Brian was sentenced to 9 years in prison for a McDonald's arson.







RIPARIAN BARBARIANS

This summer sabs have once again overcome countless obstacles to find and sabotage mink hunts. In this article we take a detailed look at this cruel summer bloodsport.

Hunting the Mink Hunters

Of all hunts, mink hunts are the most secretive, giving away few personal details and unlikely to be seen posing in the familiar country sports magazines. This is because of their inability to feign legal activity: a trail would be washed away in the water. When caught, the typical excuse is that they are hunting rats and rabbits or are simply out for a walk!

Once the hunt is underway and hidden in summer's lush, green vegetation it is not easy to see them. There are no redcoats on galloping horses to give the game away like a fox hunt. A distant horn call or vehicles gathered in a field might be the only clue.

There are currently twelve active mink hunts in England, two in Scotland, three in Wales and three in Ireland. The packs are mainly kennelled alongside fox hounds. With so few mink packs, they cover large areas making them hard to find. Operating outside hare and fox hunting season, supporters and staff are often associated with other hunts. This summer, a number of different mink packs have been successfully sabbed.

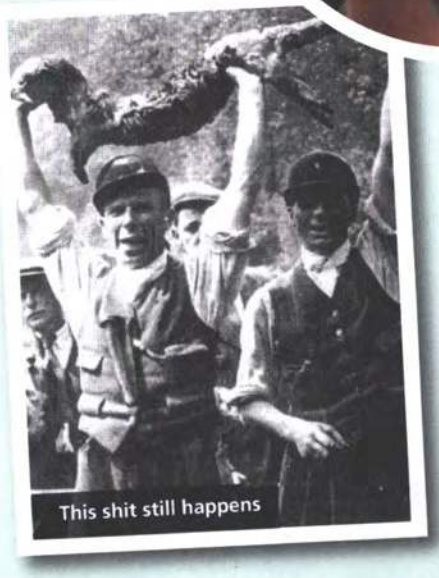
Like a fox hunt, there are masters, a huntsman who uses a horn, whippers-in and a terrierman or woman who will dig out hiding animals. Sometimes mink are smoked out of their hiding places into the jaws of dogs. The meet is usually at mid-day and often involves a pub before and after. The hunt staff wear silly outfits such as ties, waistcoats and bowler hats.

Some staff and followers will have otter poles, like long walking sticks with a thumb notch that can be used to pin down a mink or otter. An otter pole may be notched to indicate the number of kills. The hunters will bash the riverbank vegetation to scare out their quarry which causes illegal damage to protected species including birds and plants. The Three Counties Mink Hunt are known to hunt the Usk and the Teme, both rivers are entirely protected SSSI's (Site of Special Scientific Interest).

Eastern Counties MH huntsman with otter tattoo







This shit still happens

Rethink the Mink

Mink are vilified animals. Berkshire Hunt Sabs righted some wrongs when they published a Facebook post titled '*Mink Myth Busters.*' Fur farmers are to blame for bringing American mink into the UK. The Fur Farming (Prohibition) Act 2000 was implemented in November 2000 and saw an end to fur farms in the UK. Animal rights activists are regularly blamed for the wild population of non-native mink following liberations, but many mink were so tame they were recaught. As Berkshire state "*Since the 1920's mink had been escaping from fur farms due to shoddy housing and the nonchalance of farmers. But most notably the mink farmers themselves released the mink when the pelt prices fell in the 1950's.*"

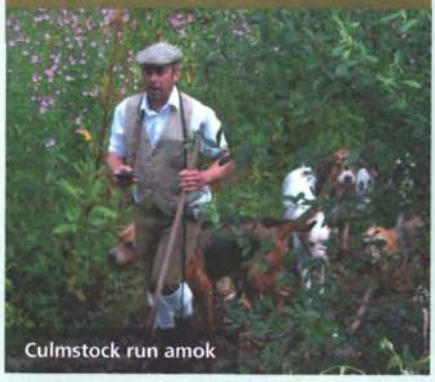
Mink do kill our native wildlife but our wildlife is suffering mostly due to human impact. Figures from pro-shooting group Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust suggest that mink populations are declining. Interestingly, otter populations are rising according to groups such as People's Trust for Endangered Species and others. Otters have large territories of around six miles of river on which they will have holts to rest in. They will fish over a couple of miles of water at night and they will cross land. Mink cannot compete against the otter for territory. The otter is a mustelid like a mink and there are some similarities between the two species. Other native mustelids that have been previously persecuted such as polecats are also increasing and these native animals are thought to be limiting the growth of mink numbers and are therefore the best control for mink.

Blurred Lines

There are blurred lines between mink and otter hunts. It is well known that 'mink' packs will hunt and kill both mink and otters.

Mink hunting started because otters were hunted to near extinction and around the same time, the anatomically similar mink was at the height of its population. Mink were seen as something the otter hounds could chase. Due to the dire situation of the otter, it became illegal to hunt them in 1978 following the 1977 Otter Hunting Regulation Bill.

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Culmstock run amok

'Mink' packs are generally a motley crew of otterhounds and Welsh & English foxhounds and they must be hounds that like swimming in water. The Culmstock Hunt, for example, were formed in 1790 and officially hunted otters up 1978. They were caught and stopped by hunt saboteurs this year, in pursuit of an otter in a stream near the Devon coast. Centuries of vile tradition does not stop overnight.

Of course, the hounds will not differentiate between a mink and an otter and anyway it is illegal to kill either with a pack of dogs under The Hunting Act 2004. Mink can be trapped and shot. Otters are one species with the highest level of protection in Europe. The protected water vole, whose demise is blamed on mink predation, is also at risk from marauding hunts on the rivers.

Fact and Fiction

The famous story Tarka the Otter was based on real, heart-rending events and reminds us of the barbaric cruelty of hunting. Author Henry Williamson went out with the local Cheriton Otter Hunt to research his novel and despite describing the persecution of otters at the time, he ultimately became friends with the hunt members. The dreadful nine-hour long hunt of Tarka is based on a true account of a hunt which lasted from 7.30am – 6.30pm.

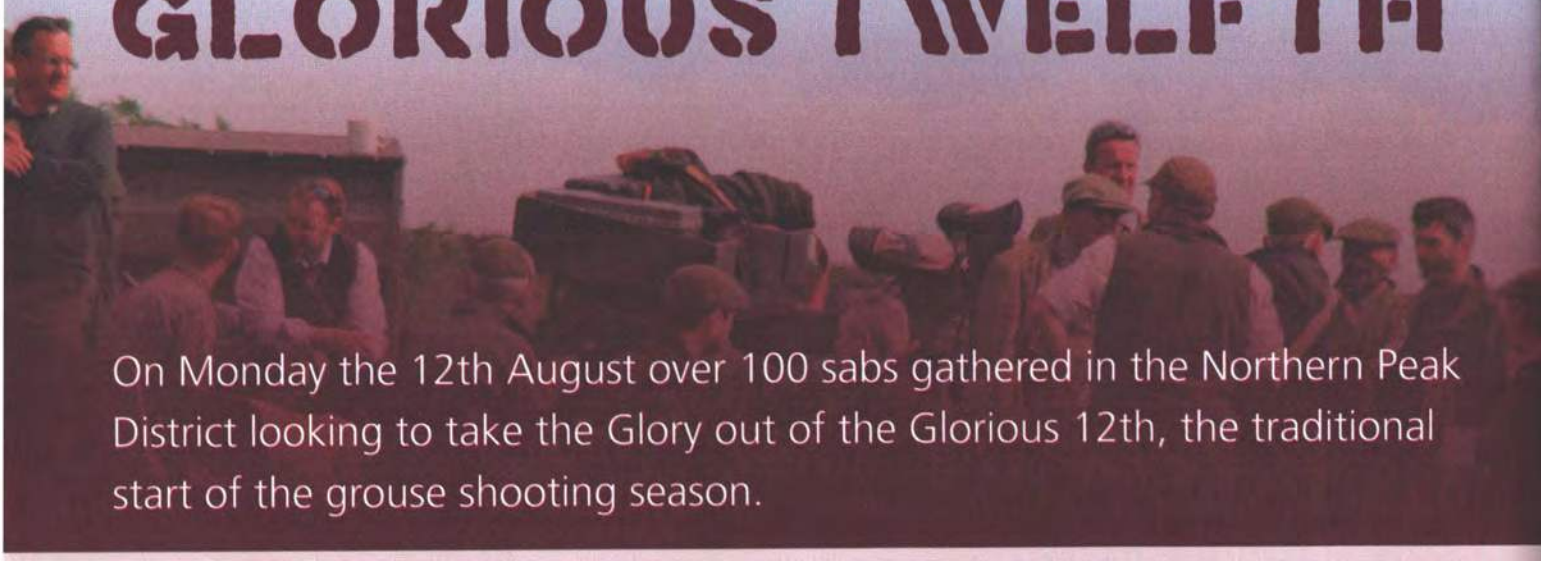
In the final battle between the otterhound Deadlock and Tarka, Deadlock rises to the surface in death and Tarka is never seen again:

"And while they stood there silently, a great bubble rose out of the depths, and broke, and as they watched, another bubble shook to the surface and broke; and there was a third bubble in the sea-going waters, and nothing more."



Summer...and the sabbing is easy (well, sometimes)

NO IFS, NO BUTTS: SHOOTERS SHAFTED ON GLORIOUS TWELFTH



On Monday the 12th August over 100 sabs gathered in the Northern Peak District looking to take the Glory out of the Glorious 12th, the traditional start of the grouse shooting season.

We had spotters out over a massive area in the Peak District and Pennines watching out for the shooters gathering. It didn't take long before a convoy of likely-looking vehicles was spotted heading north to Snailsden Moor. A discreet chase ensued and spotters watched them drive up onto the moor before withdrawing to gather the main body of sabs.

A Couple of NOBs

Once we were all together we headed straight onto the moor, passed a few bemused shoot members who had stayed with the vehicles and further up into the vastness. Eagle-eyed sabs spotted a couple of beaters on the skyline and worked our way towards them. As we made our way along a steep sided valley the entire shoot - guns, beaters and hangers on, trudged forlornly past us back towards their vehicles. We followed them back and had a good-natured standoff whilst the police were called. Eventually the shoot got back in their vehicles and made their way back off the moor. We lost them briefly but again one of our spotters saw them and a local confirmed they were heading to their shooting lodge from where they could walk straight onto the moor and continue shooting. Once again sabs walked in and kept a watchful eye on them as they hung around their lodge until they decided they'd had enough and vehicles started to leave in dribs and drabs.



Sabs occupy the butts

While all this was going on another group of sabs had been keeping an eye on Flagg Hall near Buxton where shooters like to stay. Shooters had been seen gathering outside but, due to sab presence, they called the police and then dispersed and it appears this was another shoot successfully stopped by a small group of sabs.

Bare Butts

Once the Snailsden shoot had been halted for the day we all convoyed an hour and a half north to the Pennines where our spotters had been keeping an eye on a shoot on Emmott moor. Sabs approached in a classic pincer movement and

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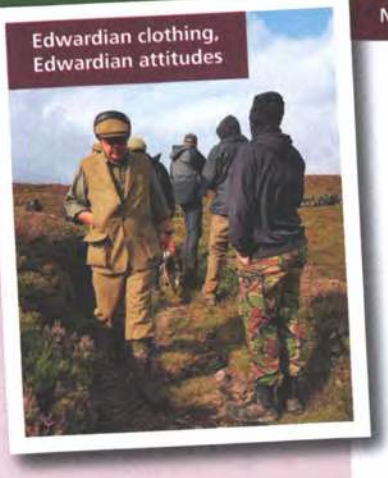
NOBS: THE NATIONAL ORGANISATION OF BEATERS & PICKERS UP

No, this is not a joke. NOBs is the accurately-named organisation for the pathetic lackeys who beat grouse towards the waiting guns and then pick up their dead and dying bodies. Their 'members' badge says it all.



Not on our watch: a massive shoot heads off the moor

swept down the line of butts forcing the shoot to break their guns. The grumpy shooters told us they'd not even started their afternoon drive and they had no chance now we were here. We watched them until late afternoon when they had no chance to start shooting and then left them for the (for some long) journey home. Job done!



Edwardian clothing, Edwardian attitudes

Moor Sabbing

We'd had such a lovely day that we thought we'd repeat it on the Saturday. We again had lots of sabs and lots of spotters out but this time couldn't find any shoots. Whilst this made us sad because we couldn't completely screw up their day overall it's a massive positive. Clearly, the shoots are now scared of being sabbed on the first Saturday of their season and are avoiding this prestigious day.

The subtext to all this excitement was that very little grouse shooting was expected to take place this season. Last season was one of the worst in recent times with very low grouse numbers reported in many areas. Because grouse are wild the only way their numbers can increase is by being left in peace to gradually recover. The expectation was that many shoots would cancel their 2019 shooting to enable their stocks to recover.

WHY DO HUNT SABOTEURS TARGET GROUSE SHOOTING?

- It's a bloodsport.
- 500,000 grouse are killed each season.
- A days shooting can cost each gun several thousand pounds. A disrupted shoot costs them money as they'll have to refund the participants.
- Natural predators such as foxes, stoats and crows are trapped or shot (in very large numbers) because they eat grouse (and don't pay £75 a bird for the privilege). Grouse are given medication because their unnaturally high densities allow diseases to spread. Mountain hares carry ticks that affect grouse, so are killed.
- Environmentalists highlight how the intensive moorland management causes increased flood risk, higher water-treatment costs, greater carbon emissions, damage to moorland habitats and reduced insect life in the streams running off grouse moors.
- The recent spate of moorland fires are attributed to the intensive management of moors by gamekeepers.
- There should be over 300 pairs of hen harriers nesting in the English uplands, (2,600 pairs in the UK as a whole) and last year there were just seven pairs
- Grouse moor estates cover an area of England the size of Greater London – some 550,000 acres – and are propped up by millions of pounds in public farm subsidies.



HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION
AGM REPORT

Anyone stumbling into Jackson's Lane Arts Centre on the afternoon of 15th June 2019 would have been greeted by the sight of well over a hundred people - mostly dressed in black - eating curry, cracking whips and blowing horns. No, it wasn't a multi-sensory performance-art installation, it was the AGM of the Hunt Saboteurs Association.

But the day began in a more formal manner. The Chair welcomed sabs from 27 affiliated groups and introduced the HSA committee who gave their reports and took questions from the floor. Each officer has a different role but we were all able to say the same thing: the HSA and sabbing are going from strength to strength.
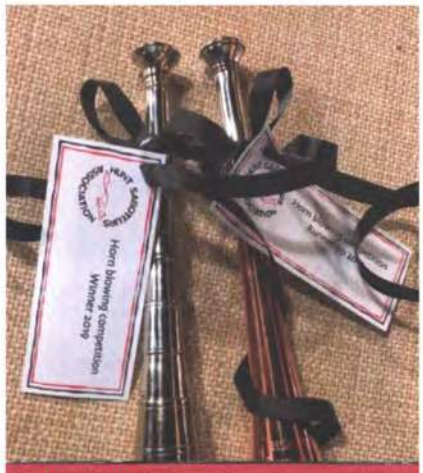
After committee business there was a short break in which Bath sabs did a brisk trade in their fantastic home-made whips.

We then settled in to listen to a couple of presentations. The first was a very informative talk by Action Against Foxhunting, a grassroots group who campaign against hunting in a number of innovative ways. Next up was HSA Treasurer Aubrey Thomas who regaled us with tales from his forty-five year sabbing career. There was the time he was pursued by a chainsaw-wielding hunt supporter, the time he arrested a police officer for "breach of the peace" and the time angry hunters dangled him off a cliff in the Lakeland fells. Aubrey finished by recounting the great success his group has had against beagle packs over the last few years.

This was followed by an open discussion on a wide range of topics including the badger cull, shooting and stag hunting.

Strictly Come Sabbing: the panel judge the horn blowers





Top quality prizes

Special Announcement:

The Editor would like to apologise for his poor performance in the hunting horn competition. He knows he let the HSA down, he let the committee down but, most of all, he let himself down. He'll be back next year

Sabs did a great job of pretending not to be distracted by the arrival of ethical vegan caterers Shambhu's, who started setting up their delicious Indian buffet.

We then moved onto to the main event: the hunting horn competition! It's fair to say a range of abilities were on display and the deserved winner from Cheshire sabs blew the rest of us out of the park. While the competition itself was a bit of fun, the distribution of a free hunting horn to every group at the AGM - representing a thousand pounds worth of sabbing hardware - underlined the HSA's commitment to supporting local groups.

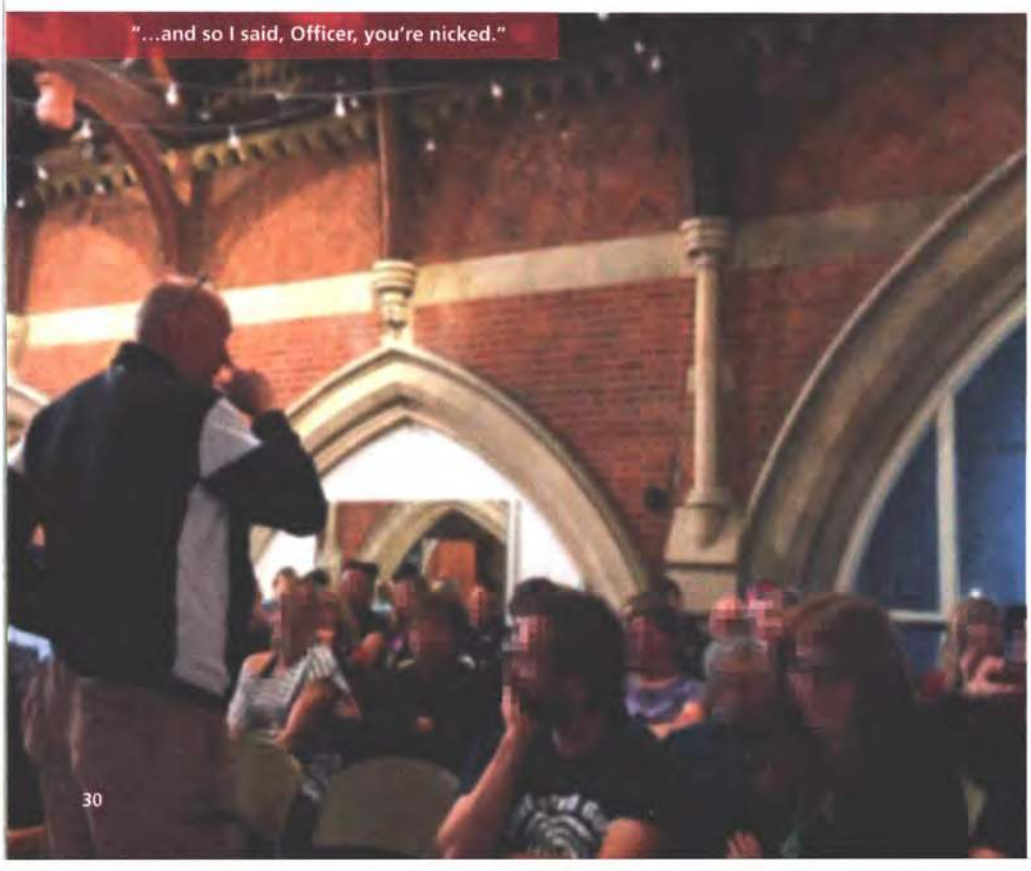
After the meeting closed, committee members served up the food as sabs mingled, horns blasted and whips cracked all around. A great end to of fantastic day!

Thank you to everyone who attended, especially those who travelled a long way. A special honourable mention must go the Glasgow sab who travelled 350 miles to be there.

See you all next year.

Ed Howl

"...and so I said, Officer, you're nicked."





THE TIMMY

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

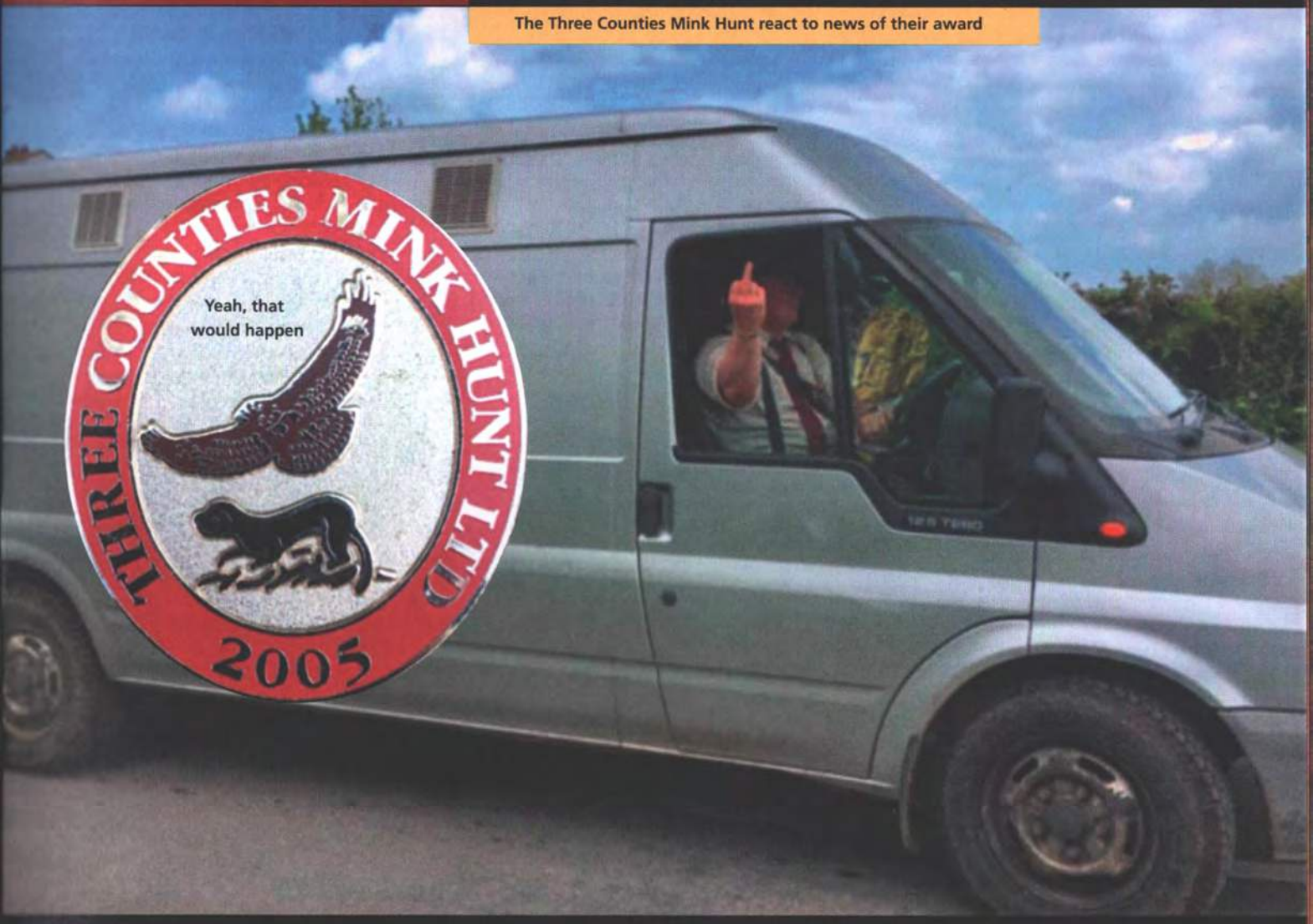
Once again, HOWL has been inundated with nominations for the Timmy - the Tim Bonner Award for the most ridiculous excuse for illegal hunting.

Summer is a busy time for the Timmy judging panel with mink hunters coming up with some truly preposterous excuses for illegal hunting.

This edition's winners are the Three Counties Mink Hunt. When sabs recently caught the huntsman thigh-deep in a river he claimed he was hunting "rabbits". Unless he was pursuing a previously undiscovered species of water-rabbit we think he might be lying. Regardless, sabs made sure no otters, mink or water-rabbits died that day.

In a highly unusual move, the Timmy judging panel granted the Three Counties an additional commendation for their hunt badge. A member of the panel explained, *"Most hunts realised early on that the Bird of Prey Exemption was a nonsense. In fact, the Three Counties Mink Hunt are the only pack to ever put it on a badge. For asking people to believe that they use an eagle to catch mink in thick summer undergrowth, we award them an additional Timmy commendation."*

The Three Counties Mink Hunt react to news of their award



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...

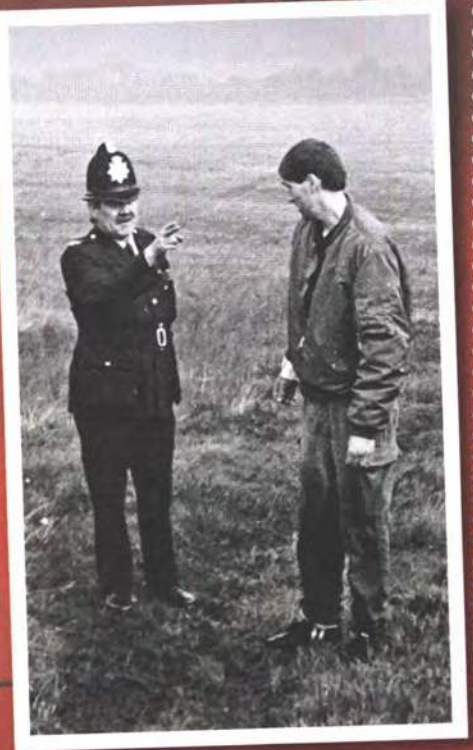
EPISODE II

Along with some truly tenuous Star Wars references, Part 1 of Hare Wars began with my initiation into the hunt saboteurs and ended with an account of horrific police collusion with bagged foxes, carried out in retribution for the HSA onslaught on the UK's premier hare-killing event, the Northumberland Beagling Festival. Part 2 concludes the story.

A NEW HOPE

The behaviour of the police sounds shocking but to us it was just normal. We learned in '91 there was a new Inspector and there was division in the group when he asked to meet us. I didn't go, but it was reported that he had told both sides the same: break the law and I will nick you. To his credit, Inspector Milestone did just this and, while he arrested some of my friends, I never met a straighter copper. Violence at the Tynedale receded; off duty Hexham police still used their own vehicles to ferry sab-bashing thugs around without any professional consequences, but the gangs of drunken, amphetamine -fuelled dog fighters were no longer welcome. Milestone explained the rules to both sides and the hunt's previous cosy relationship with Hexham police (Hexham Masonic Hall is located conveniently behind the police station) cooled off, then one of the most bizarre moments in the history of the festival came with the arrival of the meet card from NDB Master Rupert Gibson. Milestone had negotiated this so he would know where both sides would be to better allocate his resources, but the accompanying letter was a screamer. As well as the usual demands that saboteurs do not call hounds etc. was a demand that "saboteurs leave no sites of excrement". This went into the contacts mail out and was greeted with absolute glee. We all did our best, and it's a cheek since they're walking forty dogs, but I confess that there is a small corner of a wood near Gunnerton in the county of Northumberland that will forever be a part of the Hunt Saboteurs Association.

"...a demand that 'saboteurs leave no sites of excrement'...was greeted with absolute glee."



THE DARK SIDE

What happened next depends on whose history you believe. The British Field Sports Society couldn't see the flagship festival fail so they did two things. One, they bussed in support from across the north and two, they paid for hired security to assault sabs. A nasty bunch of cowards, allegedly from the SAS but more likely the Territorials, they took the opportunity to grab female sabs and threaten anyone else when they outnumbered us. It took its toll but we stayed all week. There was widespread media coverage and when the Newmarket killed straight from the meet, the BBC were there to film it. BFSS Director of Public Affairs, one Nicholas Le Quesne Herbert CBE MP came on TV that night with Tyneside sab Ben Ponton and defended the killing of the hare as "nature being red in tooth and claw." Ben just asked viewers to watch the footage.

According to the published History of the NDB, things were far more straightforward than that. You see, a large group of saboteurs intent on no good descended on a small group of women and children. As they closed in, over the hill to a cry of "Toon Army!" a group of SAS, coal miners, local farmers and police came together and gave the sabs a pasting. There were a lot of black eyes, reported the now recently-deceased liar Willie Poole, as the sabs got a taste of their own medicine. Eh... apart from this never happening, the idea of miners and police uniting together in the North of England under the cry of "Toon Army!" to see off the hunt sabs is beyond comprehension and could only have been written by someone born and raised in Camberwick Green. The Hexham Courant faithfully reported the event as fact in a 2010 article, but then they would, wouldn't they? Look it up if you don't believe me.

JABBA THE PRATT

What the Courant didn't report was on the front page of the Daily Mirror. Ian Wear was the six foot, heavily-built whip of the NDB and he was terribly alarmed, distressed and harassed by a five-foot, seven stone female hunt sab calling him a "prat." The CPS thought it a good case to put before the Hexham bench and then the unthinkable happened. The sab defended herself in court, cross examined Ian Wear in the dock and was found to have broken no law when telling him what a prat he was.


DAILY Mirror

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

JUNE PENN'S STAR GUIDE TO POPPING THE QUESTION

Police shoot gunman dead after he wounds their mate

The long and the short of the law

TAKE PRAT

It's NOT illegal for her to call him one

THE PROTESTER

THE HUNTSMAN

"TAKE PRAT" read the front page of the Mirror with a huge picture of Wear and a much smaller one of the sab. Some Tyneside sabs went to the newsagent Wear worked in to buy a copy. It became legal to call Ian Wear a prat, and we all did, a lot, for years. I saw him decades later at a service station, he had no idea who I was, but I told him he was a prat. And it's the first thing I'll say to him if I ever see him again. Prat.

CANCELLED THE FESTIVAL WAS

Excessive Section 5 convictions, bind overs and a scaling down of sab activities in the North in the mid-90s could have ended sabotage of the Northumberland Beagling Festival. But they caved in first, with the 1994 festival being abandoned following the farce of, and bad publicity received from, the hired goons the year before.

The seven years showed the impact that sabs could have on what was - more so than its sleazy little cousin Alston Hare Week - the premier hare killing festival. The repercussions it had in strengthening the hunt sab movement were well learned and understood. Hunters came from all over the country to kill the defenceless Northumbrian hare. We set out to stop them, and we did.

I don't think there's many sabs from that first few years sabbing the Beagling Festival now under 50, but I'd bet they all remember it.

With love, respect and very best wishes from Tyneside Hunt Saboteurs to the class of 87/88, and everyone who came to stop the killing. May the Force be with you.

Photo credit: Iain Brown except group shot below and newspaper





MEET YOUR COMMITTEE: THE MERCHANDISE OFFICER



In keeping with its grassroots direct-action ethos, the HSA is run by a volunteer committee of twelve people. In this series we meet some of those involved.

How did you get involved with sabbing and animal rights?

My life before sabbing was completely different. I was eating meat, working in my dad's butcher shop and going to football.

I had always thought that hunting was wrong and joined the League Against Cruel Sports but I wanted to take more action. I picked up a leaflet about a talk by sabs, and went along. That was the first step. The next step was actually getting into the field.

Do you remember your first sab?

Yes, was the Old Surrey & Burstow opening meet. I was surprised that it was only 20 miles from my house in South London. It was a good turnout of about forty sabs but also a large field and lots of police. I had never run so much in all my life! Sadly, a fox was killed right in front of us and that image will always remind me why I do it. It was also clear to me how quickly things can get violent as well. Shortly after getting involved in sabbing I went vegan.

Why did you want to get involved in the HSA?

Very quickly I found myself running my local group and liaising with other groups in the south. I think, because of my organisational skills, I was asked to come along to a committee meeting by the then Chair. The Membership position came up and as I worked in computers I took over the role. I didn't really understand what the committee did in running the HSA before then. That was 25 years ago!

I did Membership for about 20 years and took on the Merchandise role as well. As the HSA got bigger it became too much to run both positions, despite support from another committee member, so someone else took over as Membership Officer.

What does your role involve?

My role as Merchandise Officer is to maintain all the stock, constantly stock taking and working with the Design Officer to order new stock when we are running low. The largest part of my job, by far, is posting out all the orders that come in through the website. We usually get three or four orders every single day, seven days a week. This means I'm constantly packing and posting orders. I also help run national HSA stalls at some of the bigger vegan or animal rights fayres. I also work with the Design Officer to come up with ideas for new merchandise to add.

What's the best thing about your role?

The best thing is the amount of merchandise people buy and they all want to support us. It's always good to meet our supporters at events and to hear how much people appreciate what we do to save lives. Every fair is different and you never know who is listening when you explain how we save so many lives. This happened seven years ago when Mark Constantine from Lush Cosmetics was attending the Animal Aid Fair in London and was listening to what I was saying and said he wanted to donate. It would have been simple to take a cheque from him that day but I wanted to make him feel his support was greatly appreciated and very special.

At the time I didn't know who he was or who Lush was, luckily Design officer did. We spoke more after the event and he offered to pay for out pheasant shooting leaflet. We then arranged to visit Lush to present more about the HSA, they said they wanted to do a bath bomb for the sabs. The rest is history but it's amazing with their help we agreed loads of grant requests at the subsequent committee meetings way more than we had in the bank before Lush came along and lent their support.

And the worst?

I guess the worst is never having a break, the orders are relentless! If I go away for a few days the orders are still there waiting for me, with the pressure of supporters chasing their items. I think people think the HSA is run out of an office because we come across so professionally. We are all volunteers who are passionate about saving lives.

Any final words?

I'm proud to be a hunt sab and I'm very proud to be on a committee with such dedicated people whose aim is to save lives. The passion of the committee has made the HSA the leading anti hunt organisation in the world.



While They're Still Hunting, We'll Keep Sabbing

By Fran (Hunt Saboteurs Association Poet in Residence)

Since 2004 what's really changed?
Not a great deal,
just the "sports" name.
They're still out killing despite the ban,
Getting away with murder,
because they can.

Artificial earths to breed live quarry,
"Accidental kills"...
On the contrary.
They're out riding under the trail hunt guise,
So why the bagged foxes?
They're full of lies!

A bird of prey or a waiting gun,
go unimplemented,
that's just no fun.
"You don't understand",
"it's our tradition"
They hire in goons to facilitate their mission.

If hunting legally what have they to hide?
Why block in the setts where badgers reside?
What need for terrier men if they're not out for a kill?
Sick perverse sadists aroused by blood spilt.

Why holla on a trail?
That doesn't make sense!
Unless, they're putting the hounds on to a fox's scent?!
Why ride back and forth after losing the line?
What are they possibly trying to find??

They pick up again and flush out the fox,
The terrier poised in quad-mounted box,
The huntsman blows on and the hounds give chase,
It's now life or death, we must win the race.
The bloodcurdling sound of the hounds in cry,
We'll do everything we can to not let you die.

The fox spots a bolt hole and goes to ground,
Dogs scour the undergrowth all around.
They follow the scent to where Charlie fled,
Continue in cry, awaiting master in red.

The terrier man's ready, with dog and spade,
But sabs are on hand to help Charlie evade.
A probable dig out was on the cards,
But cameras are on them to expose the facade.
So the hunt moves on while sabs stay on guard.

Another team of sabs have the hunt in sight,
As they pursue they're next victim in waning daylight,

Across fields and stream and through hedgerow,
The vixen she's fleeing with hounds in tow.

Hounds hit by cars while running amok-
On busy roads, drivers left in shock.
"The antis did it" we hear them cry,
Another fine example of hunt scum lies.

The sense of entitlement the hunt staff exude,
While the subservient support gets violent and rude.

Bootlicking farm hands slash a sab vehicle tyre,
Or go to a sabs home, where they start a bin fire.
Throwing rocks at windscreens and riding quad bikes at sabs,
It's all common practice for these rotten scabs.

But we won't be intimidated by their bully boy tricks,
We'll never stop scuppering their evil kicks.
Until the last pack's disbanded,
and kennels torn down,
We'll keep sabbing the bastards
and sabbing them proud.



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RUNNING WITH THE PACK

Hunt Saboteurs Sweden have disrupted fox, hare and moose hunts all over the country. In this article one activist describes their biggest challenge yet: sabbing the wolf cull

January 2018. I am sitting on a train, on my way to fight the licensed wolf hunt. The hunt had just started, and a car of activists that had been out earlier that day had a hard time sabbing because there were more than a hundred hunters and only six of them. That night we prepared as best we could and set out the next day on what was going to be an almost month-long journey.

The hunters had permission to hunt and slaughter six wolves in the territory we were in. In other words, execute the whole pack, the alpha pair and their young. A few of us went out every day that month, hardly getting any sleep and getting up at 5am every morning, while others travelled from far away to help out for a few days. Because of this, most of it is a blur now. A blur of thigh-high snow, aggressive hunters, looking for hunters in the huge forest, finding the hunters, disturbing the hunt, successes and losses.

LOSING THE PLOTT

Sabotaging a wolf hunt is easy. It's finding the hunters that's hard. We spent a lot of time and petrol driving around trying to find and follow them, which was difficult on the narrow, icy forest roads.



Sabs prepare a frosty reception



The Abominable Snowman

Once you found them, all you had to do was make a lot of noise to scare the wolves off and stand in the way of the hunter's weapons, in case the wolves ignore the noise and approach anyway; or, if you managed to catch up with the dogs, distract them with dog whistles or by spraying the ground with citronella. They use lots of different types of dogs for wolf hunting but the type we saw most frequently were Plott Hounds *(a large scent hound, originally bred for hunting bears and boar- Ed).* The hunters use the dogs to drive the wolf in the direction of other hunters, silently waiting, clad in white camouflage to blend in with the snow. The dogs are victims of these hunts too, often being hit by cars or killed by other scared animals.

Soon the wolf hunt had been called off all over Sweden, but our pack of wolves was still fighting for their lives. It was obvious that we had been postponing their deaths with our efforts. The hunters were growing angrier and more desperate as the end date for the hunt was drawing near, and started attacking activists frequently; trying to flip cars over, breaking equipment and, on one occasion, grabbing a young sab around the neck and sitting on top of her, suffocating her as his fellow hunters attacked anyone trying to reach her.

After this, the overall atmosphere in the woods grew very serious. We were prepared to get hurt every time we entered the forest and refused to give up on the two remaining wolves who were just babies, born the previous year. But finally, the horrible day came when we got the news that the last wolf had been killed.

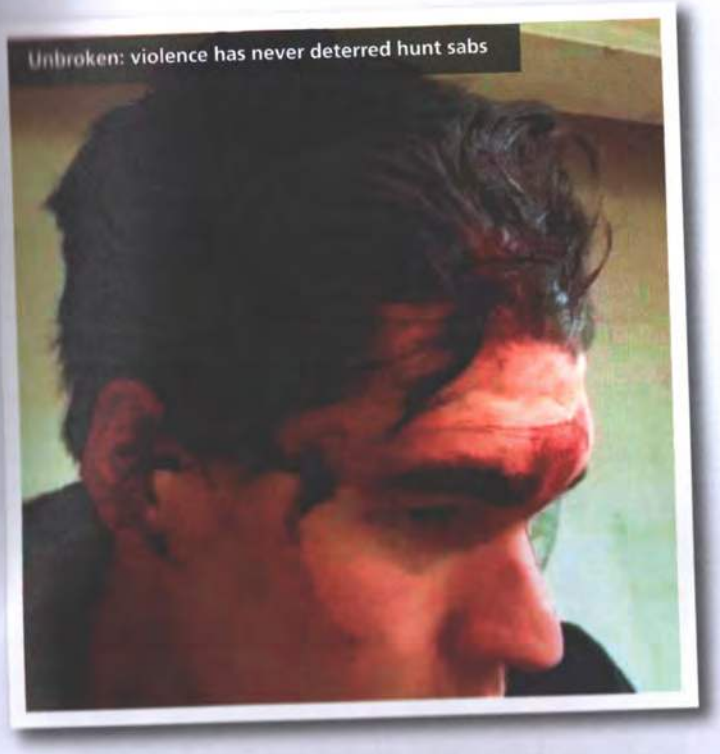
NOT ARSON AROUND

The mood in my car was of outrage and grief; we had tried so hard but ultimately were unable to save them. We had been driving down a narrow forest path when the news reached us, so my two friends and I headed for home. Suddenly, a snow plough came towards us on the road with a whole fleet of hunters following it. We knew we were in trouble.

We had no way of backing down the small slippery road and soon the hunters had surrounded our car, puncturing our tyres and pouring gasoline around it. We tried to get out - preferring to get beaten up rather than be burned alive - but they held the car doors closed so we couldn't. At this point one of us started calling the police while the rest of us tried to contact our friends - but we couldn't get a signal. One sab bravely managed to get out of the car to try and take the matches from one of the hunter's who had started lighting them and blowing them out right next to the car.



Sabs locate the wolf hunters



Unbroken: violence has never deterred hunt sabs

They immediately took my friend's phone and keys and started dragging him into the woods. Me and my other friend desperately tried to get out to help him but instead the doors were swung open by a hunter, who screamed *"Get those whores out of the car!"* We were dragged out and they stole all of our equipment. They started pushing and kicking me. I couldn't see my friends anymore, I was in a ditch, and they had a nail gun pointed at me. I could just hear shouting from somewhere behind me, I thought that we were going to die, and then my friends came out of the forest. One of them had blood pouring from his head; he had been hit with a lead pipe.

HOWLING FOR WOLVES

We started running away and hid when their cars drove past looking for us. We were miles away from any houses and ended up going missing for nine hours, which we spent walking around in the freezing cold, injured and scared. Hiding from cars meant that we missed our friends looking for us too, and we couldn't hear them calling out to us either. We felt like the wolves must have felt, running from the brutal hunters, scared for their lives.

When we were finally safe again, sitting in the hospital waiting room, the fact that the wolves had been so scared, seen their mother, father, brothers and sisters be slaughtered hurt more than the abuse.

From my time with the HSS crew I have learned so much about hunting, wildlife, the woods, hatred and how to use that hate to motivate action, love, solidarity and courage. You never know what will happen when you arrive at a hunt, heart pounding in your chest, but for the animals it will always be worth it. Sometimes you fail them, sometimes you save them, but no matter what, you will never forget them.



PLEASE JOIN THE HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION

Why should I join?

The HSA is the country's fastest-growing and most effective anti-hunt organisation. We are 100% volunteer-run so much more of your subscription goes directly to saving hunted animals.

What do I get?

You will receive HOWL magazine three times a year - it's packed with essential news and articles that you can't read anywhere else. You receive exclusive mail shots throughout the year, keeping you up-to-date with campaign news from the front line. You also get a new member's pack and have the right to attend our AGM.





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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I would like to become an active / supporting* member of the Hunt Saboteurs Association (*delete one*)

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

❒ £20 (1 year subscription) ❒ £200 life membership

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

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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)

The Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting
www.facebook.com/bantrophyhuntingcampaign

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
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Vegan Society
www.vegansociety.com

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Please make sure we have your current address!





HELP SAVE A LIFE AFTER YOUR DEATH

REMEMBER THE HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION IN YOUR WILL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ **Specific Gift** - an individual item of value e.g. jewellery.

Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Signature.....

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