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Countryside All liars

The Countryside Alliance have finally panicked and had to come clean about potential job losses should a ban on hunting with hounds ever be implemented. The HSA (and most other anti-hunting organisations) have long been aware of the grossly inflated figures the C.A all too often bleat on about, with regard to hunt employment. The claim that 16,000 jobs were at stake was always something the Alliance would bring up when the rest of their equally pointless arguments fell on deaf ears. Some MP's despite dis-liking hunting were even swayed by these fictitious employment figures!

In its submission to the Burns inquiry the C.A admits that the actual figure may be closer to a quarter of 16,000. Remarkably in a another show of mathematical excellence they go on to say "*If only 25 per cent of jobs **supported** by hunting were lost as a result of a ban, that would still amount to a loss of more than 5,000!*" So 16,000 divided by 4 = 5,000 hmm...good old rural schooling!

These 5000 alleged 'anticipated' job losses (including some of the most tenuous 'hunt-related' employment ever!) show just how self-important the hunting fraternity really are :

"Hunting with dogs therefore provides income and sustains diverse categories of employment. Those who benefit include grooms, farriers, vets, saddlers, livery yards, horse dealers and breeders, sellers of straw, hay and feedstuff, other agricultural suppliers, inns, hotels, bed and breakfast businesses, pubs, horsebox manufacturers and dealers, bootmakers, clothiers, garages, artists and publishers as well as those who supply goods or services to those people. Hunting provides a significant contribution to the rural economy."

(Presumably the pub losses assume that sabs won't be going for a few bevvies after a hard days sabbing: shooters and fishermen think again!)

In 1999 Research conducted by Dr. Neil Ward for the Journal of Rural Studies put the real figure of any job losses at around 1000. Dr. Ward stated that C.A claims were "*wildly exaggerated and unsustained by economic evidence*." The Alliance retorted somewhat hypocritically by claiming the study was "out of touch with reality" ! Another damning report was submitted to the inquiry in April by Sean Rickard, an ex-chief economist of the NFU. He suggested that a hunt ban might even result in a net **increase** in jobs; if money spent on hunting was instead absorbed by other rural businesses. Mr. Rickard referred to the C.A's employment mathematics as "*a gross exaggeration*"

Obviously in the grander scheme of things this "isolated incident" is neither here nor there. The inquiry is still poo (see news) but hopefully this embarrassing expose will open the eyes of the less cynical and lead them to question the fact that if the C.A were happy to "exaggerate" employment claims, what's to stop them lying through their teeth about the rest of their activities.

Right: How the C.A may have arrived at their highly debatable 16,000 nonsense.



Job Description	Job losses predicted
Hunt Staff	800-900
Sabs ('cos everyone knows we're paid)	750
Every farm in the country rendered inoperable due to the unremoved build up of 'fallen' livestock or overrun with huge mutated foxes.	677
Every horse-breeder in the country - horses are used exclusively for hunting with hounds.	245
Every blacksmith in the country - horses are used exclusively for hunting with hounds.	125
The child-labour sweat shop where the *Richshire FH* have their hunting 'pinks' made: Delhi, India	86
Countryside Alliance	70
L.A.C.S	25
All the pub staff where the hunt once met - after all no-one will drink there if they can't look at some twats on horses.	6
Garage where Fenella Poncenby-Smythe stops her horsebox (every Saturday dammit!) for petrol, Gin and 'the Telegraph'.	4
The man who hand crafts 'hunt-buttons' at £80 a go (Got the new ones all sewn on yet Bycroft ?)	1
George Bowyer, chart-topping pop musician (available for childrens parties / anything)	1
Old Billy Stevens who paints delightful portraits of hounds running majestically through the unsullied British countryside.	1
Celia Poncenby-Smythe (mother of Fenella: see above.) Technically a housewife but the hunt did once parade past her drive; a truly uplifting spectacle; lovely horses and all those wonderful people several of whom she recognised from the recent charity lunch for underprivileged owners of mark II Land-Rovers.	1
More of the same	13,672
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EDITORIAL

You'd have thought that after knowing the two previous Editors of Howl that I'd have realised it's not such a plum job after all! But I'm a bit of a slow learner, so I took it on! Yep , it's late .I know but you'll have to forgive me as it's the first time I've ever done anything like this - except helping out with a couple of punk zines in my youth - so I'm learning by my mistakes and as I said, I'm a slow learner.
I could put the usual stuff in about it being your magazine so send in your contributions but it doesn't seem to make any difference. If you want to contribute then it would be unbelievably appreciated; if not, I'll do it myself.
(For "*I'll do it myself*" read I'll just give one, unpunctuated eight page sentence to the design team and they can do the rest.)
Just don't moan when it's late, okay.
Lots of stuff going on regarding Parliamentary attempts to ban hunting which I have either ignored totally or skirted round. At the end of the day, I don't believe in Parliamentary change, it's not what I'm about and it's not really what the HSA is about either. Of course I want it to be banned but it's more the job of the League, IFAW, NAHC ,etc to deal with it. The HSA is about direct intervention with hunting to prevent the killing of animals, so that's what is in Howl.
Thanx to those of you that have written pieces for Howl, thanx to those of you that have helped in other ways, but most of all thanx to those of you that have gone out there and sabotaged hunts. It's not really me that should be thanking you I know but this is the magazine of the Hunt Saboteurs Association - and that is you.
On a final note, Shamrock Farm is closing! Maybe it already has? Anyway, massive respec' to the campaign and to all the people that went to the demo's, especially the ones that went day in day out to abuse the workers as they left. Consort, Hillgrove, Shamrock...whatever next?

COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE:

GUN-RUNNING COMMIES ?!

So the headline is a bit sensationalist but they do have a backer who not only has some very dodgy business connections but his closest family were members of the government of the People's Republic of China! Apparently MI5 are following the connections between the Countryside Alliance and Hong Kong "businessman" Larry Yung.Yung, who's father was no less a personage than vice-president of China from '93-'98, has donated "gifts" (!?) to the CA worth up to £65,000! He is also a business associate of Deng Xiaoping's son (former head of China) who is a notorious gun-dealer (as opposed to one with a good reputation?!).

Yung has bought his way into 'traditional country ways' by purchasing Birch Grove, a huge country mansion in Sussex. He is also a keen enthusiast for horse racing which is believed to be how the CA got their teeth into him. CA supporters seem to be a bit divided over Mr.Yung, with "townies" buying luxury homes in the country being a contentious issue to many of them (a slight whiff of racism too perchance?). The CA leadership don't seem too concerned about it though, especially if the cash keeps on rolling in!

According to a feature in a well respected Sunday broadsheet (which will remain anonymous to protect the guilty!) other CA funding is acquired from "six lords, five earls and four dukes, plus Britain's wealthiest bankers and businessman" confirming HSA beliefs that the CA are all a bunch of bankers!

Yung then is among rich company indeed. China's "richest man" is joined by other rich scum such as John Paul Getty, incredibly rich American oil tycoon; Charles McVeigh, Chairman of investment bank; Solomon Smith Barney; Lord Inchyra, former director general of the British Bankers Assoc; Sir Adam Butler, whose father was Home Secretary and was himself Thatcher's private secretary; Lord Faringdon, a partner in the merchant bank Cazenove and Paul Van Vlissengen, an incredibly rich Dutch bloke. All are obviously normal country folk who work the land and reap the seed!!

So that's who we are up against folks. If you are wondering why you haven't heard of any of these people, it's because they don't want you to. These are the shadowy figures that pull the strings of capitalist Governments around the world and these are the people that told Jack Straw who to put on the Inquiry board. [see article].

NEWS IN BRIEF

Henry Herbert was a disgraced aristo who settled in the USA and was "credited" with introducing British sporting ethics to the great outdoors in America. Setting an example that blood-junkies everywhere should follow, he shot himself in the chest when no-one came to his birthday party! Ah diddums!

In Sweden a man escaped butt naked from a fire at his hunting cabin. He was found frozen to death. (along with his snowmobile!) 2 miles away!
Happy hunting!

Dodgy Tory Finance Spokesman, Glyn Davies, was stopped by police driving a lorry load of sheep. Nothing unusual there you might think? Except that all he was wearing was a jacket, wellies and pants [brown Y-fronts with cream piping I'll wager!]! Refusing the stereotype of Welsh farmer + Tory politician = Sheepshagger, Mr. Davies explained how he'd fallen in manure so he had to take all his clothes off!!

Hunting's future faces a threat from yet another area within its own ranks - the Pony Club. The "Get 'Em Whilst They're Young" hunt recruiting ground has halved in size since the late 80's. The Pony Club claim their image is "too horsey"!...or maybe the younger generation of riders are with the rest of us in the 21st Century and have got better things to do than kill animals for fun.

In a well publicised event on New Years Day, hunt thugs from the Old Slurry, Bullshit & Waste Cun...Kent FH made an unprovoked attack on sab vehicles. Several of the thugs were hurt with three needing hospital treatment due to sabs being much harder than they are! No arrests were made

Two gamekeepers from the Worksop Manor Estate, Notts., pleaded guilty at Newark magistrates in January to the use of a cage trap baited with a live pigeon in order to take birds of prey. The head keeper, Michael Mather was fined £440 with £560 costs while the under-keeper Mark Wardle, *a recently retired Notts. Police Wildlife Liaison Officer* was fined £600 with £840 costs. I suppose he was only doing his job, eh!?

HUNTING INQUIRY IS POO!

Not the most eloquent piece of social commentary you've ever read I'm sure but probably one of the most honest and straightforward. The so-called inquiry into hunting is nothing more than a Government scam set up to justify the fact that they lied their way to power before the general election and now they're trying to worm their way out of banning hunting because the Countryside Alliance have got a load of dodgy business contacts to turn the screws a bit.

It's not news hot off the press, but the hunting inquiry would seem to be pretty well rigged in order to give a favourable report on hunting, making it easier for the Government to opt out of an outright ban. Tony Blair, if the national press is to be believed, is now favouring this Middle Way crap which is a front group for hunters who will 'control their actions more carefully'. This, in plain English, means that they will carry on doing what they have been doing all along but with some more lies thrown in by the Masters of Foxhounds Ass. to make it look better in the press. A strange turnabout from the man who has repeatedly claimed he is opposed to hunting and his Government would ban it. Anything to do with his recent "holiday" with his old school-chum David Fursdon, a shooter and member of the Country Landowners' Association, whose wife used to ride with the Silverton FH?. All in all, the Labour Party leadership seems to be as crooked as the Tories ever were but haven't got the guts to admit it, unlike the Tories who were at least open about the fact that they are all posh boys born with a silver spoon in their mouth!

So what is to be expected from the Inquiry? a panel of 5 who have been pretty much proven to be sympathetic to bloodsports? I'm not even going to go over who they are and what their connections with various hunts or pro-hunt groups are, let's just say the Countryside Alliance are co-operating fully with the Inquiry (no surprise as they probably chose who was on it!) whilst all anti-hunting groups worth their salt are boycotting it for what it is, ...SHIT!

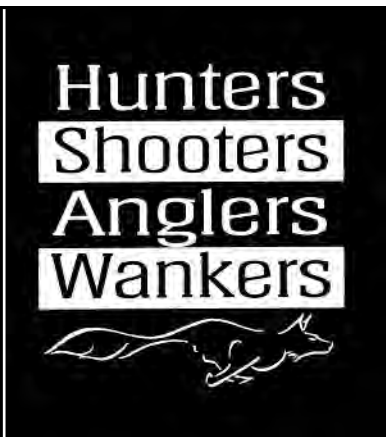
A couple of spanners have been thrown into the works mind you. As well as the much poo-pooed employment stats, the Ministry of Agriculture has burst the CA bubble by condemning foxhunting on some of it's major arguments. For the first time ever the MAFF have actually not supported the fox-hunters and have openly said that hunting is ineffectual as far as controlling the fox population goes. In a report that must have had the CA leadership spitting feathers and shitting bricks the Times reported that the MAFF submission to the Inquiry not only dismissed foxhunt claims about "pest control" but also rubbished the supposed threat to livestock from foxes, long proven to be a lie perpetuated by hunters to justify their bloodlust. The CA are pointing the finger of blame at Elliot Morley, Environment Minister and known opponent of hunting. It would seem that they are just judging others by their low standards again though, assuming that just because they have no qualms about rigging polls and inquiries they assume that everyone else operates in the same gutter manner that they do. It's not hard for the rest of us to grasp the fact that the MAFF have simply submitted a report based on scientific proof instead of "tradition", which we could have expected previously.

However,despite the fact that the HSA is the most well versed organisation in the realities of hunting, the committee originally did not even intend to include it in it's list of organisations which would be asked to submit evidence. In a remarkably open show of bias, a member of the Burns inquiry team (any relation to Mr. Burns from the Simpsons?) said of the HSA; "a name like that hardly suggests they are capable of rational debate"! Well, if that's your attitude Burnsey you can shove your Inquiry up your arse! Other comments from the Inquiry team are in a similar vein; they will only go out with hunt monitors because if they go out with the anti's they'd end up trespassing, they're not going out with sabs because they'll end up being arrested, typically the sort of hysterical lies and horsecrap that the pro-hunt lobby blather on about week in, week out! Hmm, wonder where a non-hunting, independent member of the Inquiry picked up such biased ideas about opponents of hunting? Answers on a postcard to : The Lodge, Dodgy Handshake Lane, Upperclasster, Richshire! The blame for the obvious bias of the Inquiry lies squarely at the door of No. 10 Downing Street. Don't expect too much from it - I hate to ruin the suspense but they're basically going to say that the Government couldn't justify a ban on hunting because of the impact it will have on the rural workforce and the party of the people couldn't possibly put all those people on the dole queue! At the end of the day the old adage still rings true; if you want something doing right, do it yourself. Labour won't ban hunting this term of office, Labour backbenchers will lose their seats at the next election and the HSA will continue to save lives through the use of non-violent direct action.









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BNP FASCIST IN READING & WRITING SHOCK!

It's strange who gets to see Howl these days. Obviously the hunt read it...well, it's so much better than Horse & Hound...but it would appear that other lowlifes have learnt to read too. The HSA received a letter from Paul Harris, a BNP member from Somerset (no he didn't send his full address), moaning about the article by Nathan in Howl 69! Stopping short of giving fascist scum a platform for their twisted views here are a few bits and bobs from it...
Apparently the BNP are no longer pro-hunt after all. Oh that's great, come on in, sit down, have a scone! When the CA had their big march and the BNP thought they could get a load of racists to sign up, they were pro-hunt. Now the tide is going against the hunt the BNP have switched sides to the more populist anti-hunt stance. They're still fascist scum who'd shoot all us political troublemakers at the first opportunity though! What the BNP are too stupid to know is that the potential recruits from CA marches are only interested if you lay on the transport, give them the day off work and don't ask anything too taxing of them like reading a leaflet.

Harris claims that the BNP are concerned that our island is "overcrowded" - I share those same concerns! There are too many hunters, too many fascists, too many aristo's,... I won't continue!
The letter also contained one or two references to Nathan himself who showed "hysteria over a few flags". The chosen colours of fascist groups throughout the country is not just a few flags - it's open support of fascism within the Countryside Alliance rank and file. I have come across racist attitudes towards coloured sabs quite a few times so I know there are plenty of racists out there in the pro-hunt support.
Apparently the BNP expel members of Combat 18 (extreme Nazi group) from the "Party" - strange how John Tyndal, then leader of the BNP was photographed with the London Nailbomber not long ago! Someone is telling porkies I think!
"Nathan has fallen into the trap of opposing the BNP because it is fashionable to do so" !!!!!!!! My arse!



If you'd like to help rid the streets of Nazi scum contact:

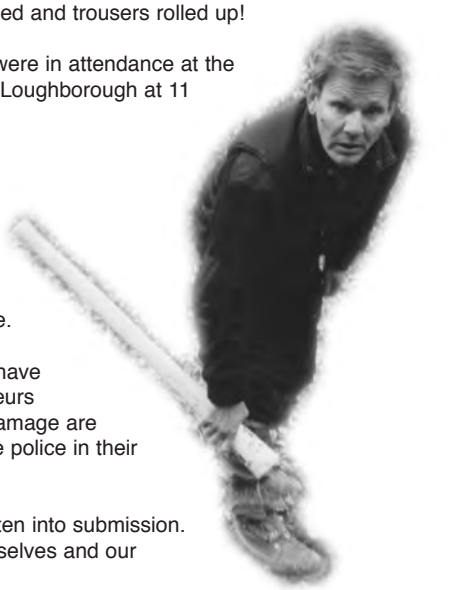
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QUORN F.H. STEWARDS ARRESTED

AFTER SABS ATTACKED

That most "prestigious" of foxhunts, old Prince Big ears' chums the Quorn F.H. seem to be getting a bit arsey. The old tactic of employing "stewards" is being reintroduced after falling out of favour a few years ago. After having enough of the violence of stewards, local sabs asked other groups for support which was duly given. The end result ? - the usual scenario when hunts employ people specifically for the purpose of violently stopping sabs.
Local press was ridiculously biased towards the hunt which could have been written by a hunt member, assuming any of them can write of course! Full of the usual classics about "pick-axe handles and hammers" (Melton Times, 9/3/00) it features various comments by Huntsman Adrian Dangar and local MP Alan Duncan about the violence of sabs.The whole story could have been written down the lodge with nipples exposed and trousers rolled up!

What actually happened: Around 60 hunt saboteurs were in attendance at the meet of the Quorn FH, who met at Wymeswold near Loughborough at 11 am.



Police had to escort sabs away after fearing for their safety following a sustained and violent attack from stewards employed by the hunt. One saboteur was been taken to hospital with a suspected broken nose, and two sab vehicles present were extensively damaged during an attack. Two stewards have been arrested and were held by police. Both are believed to have failed a breathalyser test conducted by the police. One steward is believed to have been driving a vehicle which attempted to ram saboteurs vehicle off the road. Charges of ABH and Criminal Damage are expected, and hunt saboteurs are currently aiding the police in their investigations.

Here's a tip for hunts everywhere: we will not be beaten into submission. If you employ people to attack us, we will defend ourselves and our friends.

"Me, a hunt steward, with a pick-axe handle, in the middle of the woods..with my reputation?!"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Geoffrey Allen, 45 ,of The Pry, Frith Common, Menith Wood, Nr Bewdley, Worcs. used to produce articles for bloodsports magazines until he was jailed on 2/9/99 for four years after admitting buggery, indecent assault and gross indecency. The offences were committed against two 13 year old boys. Compare this to the sentences dished out to animal rights protesters such as Barry Horne, Keith Mann, Dave Callender, etc. Justice? For any prisoners reading this, that child molesting, animal abusing perverts name again is **GEOFFREY ALLEN.**

Apparently, somewhere in the south-west there is a pack of Dachshunds! They are supposed to hunt rabbits but considering that 'Dachs' means 'badger' in German, maybe a more sinister practice is going on. I can't see anyone needing to employ a pack of hounds to catch a rabbit, can you? Please send any details to the usual H.S.A. address if anyone knows more.

Good times for shooting accident fans with a whole bag full to choose from! My personal favourite being the loving father who mistook his 15 year old son for a rabbit ("he's coming right for us!")and let him have it with his shotgun! A former Master of the South Wold was also found dead with a shotgun blast in his chest - what a pity, eh! Maybe I'll do a "Dead Hunter Special" next issue?!

Straight out of a 50's B-movie come the poisonous mantis shrimps which have been fighting back against anglers recently! Apparently like having a staple gun fired into your hand, several commercial fisherman have already been had by these African shrimps, which have strayed into British waters.

The start of the salmon fishing season been delayed till June16th. Why? According to the Daily Telegraph [31/1/00] because of "low stocks due to overfishing with rods and nets, pollution and possibly global warming"!? That'll be those "Guardians of the Countryside" doing their bit for environmental protection again.

A whole host of celebrities have thrown their weight behind the bill to ban hunting. Comedians, actors, musicians and DJ's have all appealed to the Government to fulfil it's pre-election promises. Amongst them are Sir Paul McCartney, Noel Gallagher, Sir John Gielgud, Richard Wilson, Mark Owen (ex-Take That), Mark Radclif and Mark "Lard" Riley, Julian Clary, Malandra Burrows (Emmerdale), Dame Judy Dench, Patrick Moore, Angus Deaton, Jo Brand, David Badiel and Sean Hughes. If any of you celebs are reading this, the HSA could do with some of your cash too!!

NEWS IN BRIEF

As usual there was a large demo against the so-called premier hare-coursing event, the Waterloo Cup. No-one has sent me any details so all I can tell you is Ken Livingstone turned up, the local press covered it in a really good way and a load of hares died.

Spokesperson for the Irish Masters of Foxhounds Association James E Norton appeared in court in June 1999 on charges under the Control of Dogs Act. The charges arose following an incident in February 1997 when the South Westmeath Harriers went out of control and 12 sheep were killed and eight were injured.

An experienced gunman accused of blinding a grouse beater on a shoot has been found not guilty of wounding. Graham Hill from Bury had been beating when a grouse was flushed out. Ian Brearley from Ramsbottom fired as it flew towards the group. The trial was halted when the judge ruled there was insufficient evidence against him.

Saturday, March 11th. A day that will go down as one that was instrumental in the banning of hunting. In one of the worst days the Countryside Alliance has ever had, a catalogue of events puts another nail in the coffin. The South Downs & Eridge FH support put a copper in hospital [see South Downs Lose The Plot], the Surrey Union are filmed all over a railway line [see Who Are the Trespassers?] and the Ministry of Agriculture condemn foxhunting over false claims of it's effectiveness as a means of controlling the fox population -as if it needs controlling anyway! [see MAFF -Badger Kill and Inquiry articles]. After days like this, it would seem that the tide of history turns against the CA and all their rich buddies! It's only a matter of time now for the sick animal abusing hunt scum and their cronies!.

The 52 strong council of the National Trust have decided not to rescind on it's staghunting ban, despite continual pressure from the CA.The Trust banned staghunting after Prof. Patrick Bateson, an animal behaviour specialist from Cambridge proved that stags suffered from unacceptable levels of pain during hunts. The CA thought they were being clever when they commissioned their own investigation which, lo and behold, showed that they didn't. The Trust also disagreed with the CA claims that deer numbers had fallen since the ban; numbers have remained constant. There goes another CA "fact"! *Times 15/3/00*

A ban on hunting with dogs would be a racist attack on the hunting community, a Lib Dem report has concluded: In a submission to the hunting inquiry, it insists a ban would be against the Race Relations Act, the European Declaration of Human Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

SCOTTISH BAN DRAWS EVER NEARER...

Despite the attempts of the CA pulling every dirty trick out of the hat in an attempt to stop the Bill, it would seem that legislation to ban hunting in Scotland is reaching the final stages. MSP Mike Watson has had to endure the smear campaign that the Countryside Alliance has waged against him, and endure it he has. They have tried taking him to court on all manner of trumped up charges (including allegations of financial donations from anti hunt groups - something the CA must have quite a few experts on!) and dragging his private life into the press with stories of the break-up between him and his wife.
Despite all this it would appear that nothing will deter Mike Watson from seeing this through. In fact, the use of such disgusting tactics has probably made his resolve stronger.
With no Lords in Scottish Parliament to do their usual job of refusing the legislation it looks like the Scottish Labour Party still maintains some integrity regarding it's pre-election promises, putting Blair and his cronies in a bit of a predicament. The CA are doing wonders in alienating themselves from all involved in the process too, so with a bit of luck, English sabs up north can be expecting a bit of company from north of the border for next season.



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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs and your ongoing weekly activities in opposition to foxhunting.

Unfortunately my diary is so jam-packed with meetings and surgeries that I am unable to participate in the direct action against foxhunting, which deserves to be given 100% support. In this spirit I enclose a cheque for £100 from myself and the Scottish Socialist Party, which will hopefully allow you to hire a minibus for a week and to put some petrol in it. In respect of the confidentiality of such donations, I have no concerns, as I am more than pleased to justify my support for the Clydeside Hunt Saboteurs.

In the meantime, take care and all the best.

Yours in solidarity

TOMMY SHERIDAN, MSP

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Clydeside sabs were chuffed to bits when they received a cheque for £100 from Tommy Sheridan MSP.
Mr. Sheridan became a local councillor whilst serving a prison sentence for non-payment of poll-tax. He says “In respect of confidentiality of such donation, I have no concerns.”
Rock on Tommy!!!!

...AND NEARER STILL!

Even more pressure was put on Scottish huntsmen in January after the Fife Foxhounds attacked and killed a young deer. A local sab, John Marr, was nearby when the hounds came across the deer, but was unable to stop the attack. ”When we got there three hounds were biting into the deer’s hindquarters and about 30 others were circling it,” he said “ It was still alive but covered in blood and foaming at the mouth and was terrified and in a lot of pain. It was the most sickening thing I have seen in 10 years of protesting.” Sabs finally managed to call hounds off the deer and asked a hunt supporter to humanely destroy it, but by the time the rest of the hunt had arrived the animal was dead. The hunt then removed the corpse, to prevent sabs filming its remains. Of course, the hunt’s claims were slightly different - namely that the deer had been dead or “95 % dead” (!) when hounds had found it. (This little gem of a quote comes from huntsman John Gilmour, who seems to have trouble grasping the realities of life and death, ie. that you are either one or the other!) Still, you’ll be glad to know that a week later Gilmour fell off his horse whilst hunting damaging his collarbone. What goes around comes around....

● In a similar, if slightly more bizarre incident, two pet South American rheas loose in a garden temporarily regained the power of flight after hounds from the Garth & South Berks. FH rioted after them. Despite the desperate concern of the owner, the huntsman continued to cast his hounds through the woodland where the birds were still running free. Fortunately, Reading sabs were lucky enough to capture the hound attack on video and were able to get it shown local six o'clock TV news (and helped in the relocating of the birds).

get on back to 'im!

COVER STORY: We all know how little respect hunts show for animals be they horse, hound, or domestic pets they may have just chanced upon. Increasingly sabs are finding their task extended to protecting not only the hunted quarry, but the tools of the hunt and innocent bystanders too!

Hunt saboteurs present at a meet of the Surrey Union Foxhounds at Wotton, near Dorking on 11th March 2000 helped prevent hounds being killed by a train after the huntsman had encouraged the hounds over the track.

One Guildford saboteur successfully warned the train driver of the danger who managed to stop the train (on the Guildford to Dorking line), although at least one hound was struck. Members of the hunt were simply watching from a bridge over the track, from where the huntsman had initially called hounds over the line. Police already in attendance witnessed the incident, and saboteurs are now helping them with their inquiries. The train driver was reported to be horrified by the incident, and called British Transport Police to report the hunt. Although sabs frequently witness trespass on railway lines by hunts, this incident is notably different due to the shameless way the huntsman endangered the lives of the hounds by calling them across the track with his horn. We all know that only too often it's us who are blamed when hunts fail to control their pack, but on this occasion the incident was captured on video in its entirety, and witnessed by Police officers. Video footage shows members of the hunt simply watching on as the sab acted to prevent a serious accident, typifying their blatant disregard for life whether it be animal or human.

Trespass on a railway line is a criminal offence - but it is one which the British Transport Police do not seem to take seriously, with only one prosecution recorded : The Cheshire Foxhounds were successfully prosecuted in May 1994 following a trespass recorded by the League Against Cruel Sports. Three members of the hunt were fined £25. Ouch.


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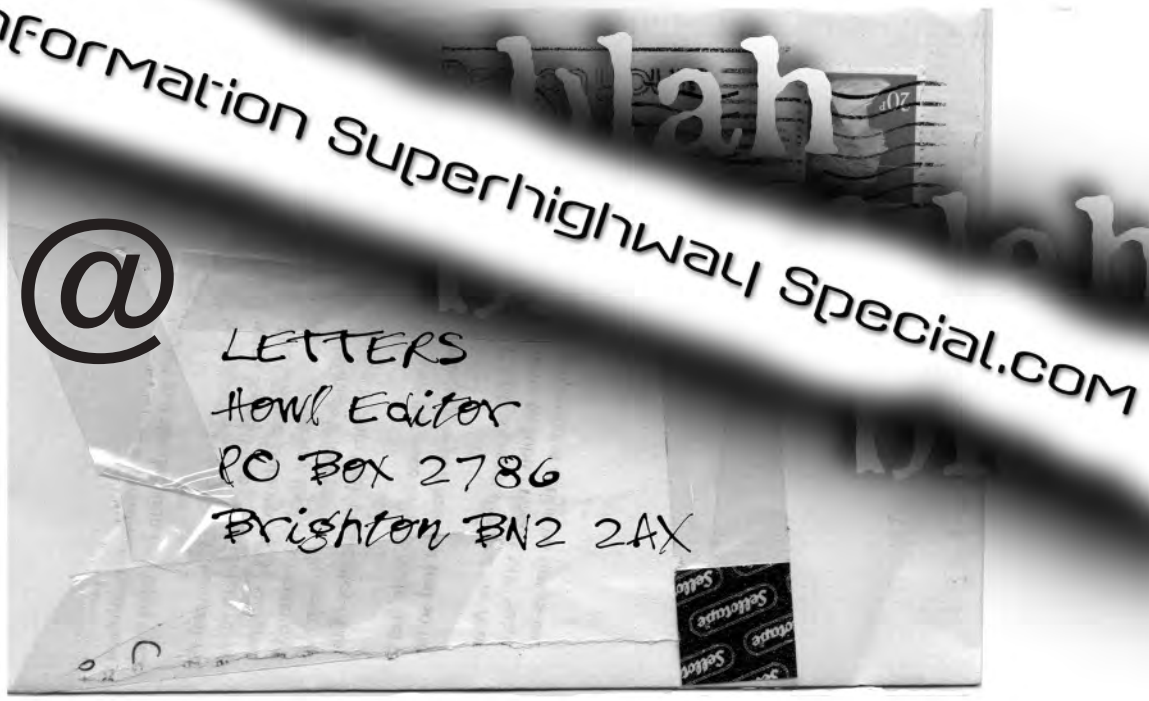



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Top Left: *East Sussex & Romney Marsh FH* bleeding profusely from leg wound.
Top Middle: Bob Collins *Hampshire FH* huntsman caught trespassing.
Top Right: Park Beagle huntstaff carrying hound by scruff of the neck.
Above: *Chiddingfold, Cowdray & Leconfield FH* hold up traffic on main road.
Below: *Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent FH* huntsman Mark Bycroft, and terrierman join hounds for spectacular mass trespass.


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This issue contains the best of our E-mail from hunt scum (anyone wishing to see a fuller list of abusive messages, death threats and hilarious spelling mistakes should check out the "Bumpkin Harassment Squad" section of the HSA website (www.huntsabs.org.uk). Judging from the standard of the messages sent to the HSA, (all grammatically unedited for your heightened pleasure) the rural community should be more worried about falling levels of literacy above all else! How the hell did they manage to send an e-mail?! Talking of which you can now e-mail your inane ramblings direct to me at: ***howl.editor@virgin.net***

The "Great Leather Debate" is over! In my first bit of totalitarian editing I'm declaring it a "dead end". Leather is the skin of dead animals and is therefore unethical in my vegan eyes. I'm "unwaged" and about as skint as they come (not to mention the biggest chuff), but I don't buy or wear leather, fur, wool, silk, etc. No-one can convince me there is any reason to perpetuate the animal abuse industry - any area of it - so there will be no more letters advocating it... freedom of speech? No way!

DOBERMANS TO HUNT SABS

Gentlemen,

Just a note to let you know that my business is training dogs. I have just contracted to train a dozen Dobermans to run with the Hounds in the U.K. These are being trained NOT for foxes but for those interfering with fox hunting. Please be advised that these are vicious animals capable of inflicting great bodily harm or worse. These dogs will be shipped mid summer of 2000. Please be careful in your field activities. Sincerely,

Ed Johns
Email: johnsed@hotmail.com

Dear Ed, thanks for letting us know! What is it like in the sad little dream world you inhabit?

Dear HSA

There is nothing wrong with the little world that I inhabit. It suites me fine. If you have a problem with it, then it's your problem not mine. I simply train dogs for a living. Some I train to guide blind people, others for search and rescue, some are guard dogs and others are killers. My customers are governments, corporations, nonprofit organizations, groups and individuals. I do not judge my customers or try to tell them what to do or not to do. I just do my job the best I can.
I usually do not inform the adversaries of my clients that my trained dogs will be used against them. They are mostly armed enemy soldiers or criminals. In your case, I believe you are unarmed civilians that are unknowing as to what is coming and should be made aware. Now that you know, it is up to you.

Ed Johns
Email: johnsed@hotmail.com

Dear Ed, thanks for the further information I have passed a copy onto the police committees we deal with over here so they can have a laugh too. The hunting fraternity here is desperately trying to get it's house in order in the face of our Government's threat of a ban on hunting with dogs. I should think they need help from you and your 'trained' dogs like a hole in the head. Training guide dogs is a good thing to do, training dogs to kill other animals, including people, is not clever, big or funny. I suspect you are none of these either.

7 YEAR OLD SETS UP PET RE-HOMING WEB SITE

A seven year old boy named Irving Graham sent a letter regarding a website he has set up called "Give Us A Home".
Dedicated to rehoming unwanted animals it is done free of charge at **www.giveusahome.co.uk** email at **webmaster@giveusahome.co.uk** or for the technophobes out there (you're not alone kids I know how you feel!) try **Give Us a Home**, **PO Box 72**, **Newcastle upon Tyne**, **NE99 4XT** **(0191) 274461**.

Keep up the good work Irving!

BUMBKIN SPELING KIKS ARS!

I am writing to you as I am discusted by your so called "organisation's" actions. You belive that your conduct is correct but you realy don't have a clue. The only way in which you can understand the rural way of life is to have spent the whole of life living in the country side. You have no justification for your illegal actions. If you could see the damage foxes do, a single fox can and does kill up to 20 lambs, 200 chickens, 200 ground nesting birds in a very short time maybe under one hour. They carry disease and fleas, they have been known to attack humans causing serious injuries.
Hunting is the ONLY method where the fox is controlled and killed evey time, they never get away hurt unless stupid protesters get in the way and in the long term cause more pain.I'm sorry I have used words with more than 4 words as I know that your members brain size and inteligence level is very limited. So in conclusion what you don't understand leave alown. How on earth can over million people in the UK be wrong. I would love to hear from you if you can be bothered as I know your very busy causing crimes and wasting valuble resources in the form of the police force.

Yours Faithfully

A true country man who loves his/her land and has more of an understanding than a city slicker like you.
or "Joe Junior" joejunior99@hotmail.com

Dear Joe, if you use words of more than 4 LETTERS you should at least learn to spell correctly. Thanks for taking what must have been a large amount of YOUR time and effort to write, but your dreamworld scenario of a fox killing one animal every 8 seconds doesn't really warrant the dignity of a serious reply! You have got to be winding us up?

PRAISE BE!I HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT

Dear Howl,

Right, get this - I'm a student, I drive a Mini, I'm a vegetarian (I eat dairy products - does that make me crap?), my favourite item of clothing is my "Save the Panda's" t-shirt, I nearly cry when I see roadkill and at home I have 3 cats, a dog, 2 hamsters and 2 terrapins - all recued from imminent death! Anyway I know about foxhunting, vivisection, cubbing, badger-baiting and mink-farming but I suppose I sort of thought that I didn't care enough - understand? A couple of weeks ago I spotted the "Copper" leaflet and I realised that it wasn't that I didn't care, it was a small tiny problem relating to blatant laziness..how appalled at myself was I?

I promptly got in touch with the HSA and they sent my address to my local sabs who sent me a copy of Howl and a contact number. By this time I'm berating my laziness when I juxtapositioned it with the ease of getting off my arse and trying to help stop the atrocities that occur to the animals that I profess to love so much.

So, it looks like I may be going on my first sab on Saturday and thanks to you I'm fully aware of what I'm in for - thanks (not sarcastic). Sadly I've come to my senses at the end of the season but at least I've opened my eyes - irony eh!?

Kerie, Sheffield.

OK, you're a student, drive a mini, a vegetarian (the HSA reserve the right to indoctrinate you into the Vegan Brotherhood!) and wear a panda t-shirt but hell, I'll forgive you for all that 'cause you've got off your arse and you're making a difference. Having beliefs is all well and good but it is acting on those beliefs that makes you different from others. A worthwhile addition to Sheffield sabs (and Lord knows they need all the help they can get !)*

THE 'HUNT PROTECTION GROUP'

Dear Sir,

As sab supporters for many years and life-long opponents of bloodsports we have it seems been singled out for retribution by a group calling itself the Hunt Protection Group. A phone call from a braindead rustic informed us we were being watched, would soon die and our house be torched - charming. If you have any info on this bunch of arseholes do let us know.
By the way the protest against the Suffolk Hunt at Bury St. Edmonds drew record protesters. Their support was well down on last year. Good luck. Give the bastards hell!

Name & address withheld

Does anyone know anything about these clowns the Hunt Protection Group? My guess is that if the police looked into the local terrier men they'd come pretty damn close to the people responsible...that's if the police are doing anything at all of course. Any help with this would be appreciated.

* this could technically be O.K providing the vehicle in question is a black, late '70's, completely original 1275 GT with single carburettor and 12" Denevo "run-flats".

HUNTSMAN'S BALLS

"**They are not real animal lovers. They put marbles on the road to make the horses fall over**."
Deborah Aves, 29, Southend , Essex Farmers & Union F.H supporter. [Telegraph, 28/12/99] Who says Essex Girls are dumb bimbo's with more stilletos than sense!

"**Of course Staghunting is cruel.**"
Paddy Groves, Joint Master, Quantock Staghounds.
Enough said.....no, not yet....
"**Our trespass on Trust land was unintentional and almost unavoidable**".
Keep 'em coming Paddy!

"**I'd say removed rather than stolen because I think this was a case of drunken bravado. But it is rather a bore. Lots of people can't go riding because they have lost their stirrups**."
Ginny Keen, organiser of the Beaufort hunt ball, commenting on the theft of a crate of Port and "30 assorted stirrups" being used as anchors for helium balloons [erm ,what-ever!].
A most inventive piece of sabotage!

"**It's not about riding but about comradeship. One mother said her daughter's riding hadn't improved much but her social life had come on in leaps an bounds**". *Carolyn Killin* [real name!], *Cattistock Hunt Pony Club*, proving what a sad bunch hunters really are.

In a letter to the Editor of the Telegraph on Dec. 20. '99, Stuart Nelson of Alborouh, Hull, claimed that "**30 balaclava clad protesters**" [not heard that one before!] *stopped his* "**good friend**" *hunting his basset hounds.* In one of the most amusing pieces of pure bullshit I've ever read, Nelson claims sabs had weapons in their pockets [I'll avoid the obvious one liner!] and, I quote..."**20 minutes previously they had cut the telephone lines to the village**"!! So it was your "friend" was it Stuart? Undoubtedly your imaginary friend as you're obviously too mad to have real friends!

"**I have two boys who are 12 and 13. The elder saw me having the photographs taken and wasn't interested in the slightest**".
Val Jones,143, talking about the latest "Girly/Lardy Calender" by the Haydon F.H. Northumberland.
She seems surprised by the fact that her son isn't "interested" in photo's of his mother in scantily clad attire! Another good ole' country tradition under threat...or maybe he's just not into fat old slappers with a face like a horses arse! [We do have pictures of these "women" but deemed them too obscene for a family publication such as HOWL!]

"**It has long been accepted by us that the right to personal freedom does not give the right to inflict cruelty on animals**."

"**There may be a small number among those who hunt with dogs, or who follow hunts, who enjoy killing or who enjoy chasing in the belief that they are causing terror**."

"**The hunting community consists of decent people from all walks of life who respect animals. They are not cruel or prone to blood lust**."
John Jackson; Chairman of CA in a letter to the Burns inquiry accompanying their submission.
Doh!,...me and my lousy brain and mouth. I can't see Mr. J. lasting too long!.

"**Autumn hunting takes place to break up the concentration of foxes and disperse them. It happens in the morning because of the weather**."
Alastair Jackson, Cattistock F.H. Trying to explain why foxhunters feel the need to kill foxcubs.

"**Animal rights are political organisations. Their funds and efforts focus on changing the laws to suit their beliefs. True humane organisations concentrate on preventing animal suffering and abuse**." *Dennis Foster, Director of the Master of Foxhounds Association of America; Baily's Hunting Directory* defining the HSA as a true humane organisation - we have always concentrated on preventing animal suffering instead of focusing on changing the law.

"**Sorry**"
Mark Bycroft, Old Surrey, Burstow & West Kent Huntsman apologising (under duress) for poking someone in the face with his finger.

SOUTH DOWNS & ERIDGE F.H.

LOSE THE PLOT!!



In an unprecedented turn of events, the South Downs FH decided they no longer desired their fluffy image and decided to "get hard"- in a way that only the South Downs could!

It all started round-about Christmas time when two "bouncer" types appeared and started acting like...well, like bouncers really! Of course it was nothing to do with the hunt itself but if these two wanted to come along and support them, well that's their choice. Anyway, as could be expected they kicked off! What they weren't reckoning on was the fact that sabs will defend themselves when attacked so the end result was that the bouncers got slapped! It would seem that bouncers are only good fighters when dressed as penguins and have odds of 12 to 1 in a nightclub doorway as these two were promptly seen off never to show their ugly faces again!

The hunt then cancelled or rearranged their next two Saturdays as sabs turned up in greater numbers at the kennels. The police also told the hunt "no more thugs" - very reasonable police in E.Sussex you know!

All quiet after that then? Not quite! A couple of weeks later a 4X4 full of bumpkins followed sabs down a lane and kicked off again! Oops, they failed to notice the police behind them - end result , a couple of slightly bruised sabs, a well blooded bumpkin and hunt support being hauled of to the cells by Sussex's finest! The fact that a supporter was making death-threats and still kicking out at sabs whilst being nicked made the situation even better, especially as police have witnessed hunt violence. Of course, this is nothing to do with the hunt but if these people want to follow them, well that's their choice!

A couple of weeks later and the normally "passive" terrierman who never has the bollox to even look at sabs decides to attack a couple of Shoreham protesters who are doing a banner demo at a Friday meet. This heroic tub of lard piles into the couple, both in their fifties, biting a chunk out of the man's finger! The police response? Hmm, maybe I've overdone the "Sussex police are nice" thing. They actually arrested the protesters before the terrierman! OK, a lot of forces wouldn't have even bothered nicking "Fatboy" at all but two wrongs don't make a right. The terrierman, who goes out every time the hunt do and is their "official" freak is nothing to do with the hunt, etc, etc!

Can there be more in this amazing turn around in events? Oh yes! Two regular supporters then try and run sabs over in their Landy before jumping out with sticks and attacking sabs. Buggery Grips (a funny little Leprechaun fella with sideburns the size of a dinner plate! - see photo) and his ancient friend had sticks taken off them and were politely asked by sabs to refrain from hitting people in the future! Sussex police took the ever more common approach of arresting the sabs first, then the bumpkins. These two regular supporters were surprisingly **not** disowned by the hunt.

Throughout all these incidents the police seemed to have a bit of a problem believing that it was the hunt that was being the aggressor, or rather the support as the riders didn't actually get involved in any of the incidents. Then in one of the greatest coups for police/sab relations, South Downs boys actually kicked the crap out of an Inspector! This Inspector was being a "by the book" man. He had told sabs at the beginning of the day he wasn't going to take shit from either side and he'd arrest any troublemakers. Well, if that policy was implemented on a national scale, I think we'd all agree that sabbing would be much easier and loads more bumpkins would get nicked!

So, fair enough, off we go! Loads of police after recent events, following sabs everywhere they go. Then in the middle of a field they get a radio message and all run off - a real crime committed elsewhere in the area perhaps? Oh yes! Three bumpkins have grabbed hold of Inspector Apps and demanded to know what he's going to do about these anti's running amok? On replying that he could only arrest people for breaking the law, the bumpkins decided they didn't like it when the police acted in a neutral capacity and proceeded to break his wrist and several ribs!

All of a sudden the atmosphere changed somewhat!! Police evidence gatherers went around filming bumpkins and oh boy, did they not like that! Groups of cops wading through support looking for the suspects, commenting on the smell of shit and humming the "Duelling Banjoes"

(theme tune from deliverance!) all to the amusement of sabs. (Offers to be deputised and arrest bumpkins using "reasonable force" were turned down, much to the sabs dismay!)
Of course, the hunt didn't know who'd done it. It was probably an anti in disguise (highly unlikely as they had two eyes instead of three though!). What it has done is show the police that the hunt are not the innocent victims they've been playing. Perhaps the police will now be a bit less inclined to believe hunt claims of being attacked in future now the police know what they're capable of?

Anyway, we wish the Inspector a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him on the South Downs next season. Should be fun!! [see group news for South Downs sabs report]

Main picture: South Downs simpleton with stick. © Hastings sabs
Right: Buggery Grips and his ancient friend. © Hastings sabs



All change!...

...for the House of Lords.

On Friday November 5, 1999, the House of Lords said goodbye to the majority of hereditary peers. Carrying out a ballot amongst themselves, 74 were chosen to stay whilst unaccountable hereditary law makers are finally phased out. Do not be under any illusions though - Life peers are appointed, not elected, and not really any more accountable than their hereditary counterparts. A few hereditary peers were even " converted" to life peers in order to keep them in parliament.

People could be forgiven for thinking that legislation to ban hunting will have been made easier, although life peers like Baroness Mallallieu (Countryside Alliance president and founder member of the pro-hunt "Leave Country Sports Alone" group) still have a seat and will attempt to block it. Pro-hunting members of both the House of Lords and the House of Commons use their position to lobby ministers and promote their view-point. Any who actually get appointed as ministers will of course be in a position to influence government action that may affect them.

I decided to take a little look at the 74 hereditary peers who remain to see what sort of links they have with bloodsports. Without digging too deep it became apparent that at least a third of them have links with bloodsports. Among the more notable are:

Viscount Astor: A previous Joint Master of the *Old Berkshire FH* (1984 - 90) he is now their Chairman.

Lord Denham: His son, George Bowyer, had a smash hit with "Guardians of the Land" (surely you remember his appearance on Top of The Pops when he got to No.1 as the Alliance predicted...D'oh! My mistake). Anyway, George has left his successful pop career to become a Joint Master of the *Fitzwilliam FH*.

Lord Mancroft: Now, where do we start? Following his schooling at Eton, where we can assume he took part in a spot of beagling, he became a Joint Master of the Vale of White Horse for 2 years between 1987 and 1989. He is often to be seen wearing the "blue & buff" out on favourite Royal hunt, the *Duke of Beaufort FH*. Also enjoys fishing, shooting and stalking. He is currently on the Board of the Countryside Alliance and was vice-chair of the BFSS from 1992 until it became the Alliance. Amongst his business interests is his Chairmanship of "Scratch'n'win Lotteries Ltd."

Lord Montagu: Most famous for his motor museum at Beaulieu, as well as enjoying shooting, Lord Montagu welcomes the *New Forest FH* onto his land. Their Boxing Day meet was held at his home Palace House in 1999. We were most gutted to hear about his recent fire there - not!.

Earl of Onslow: A rider with the *Fernie FH*, he recently appeared on "Have I Got News For You" - just after the announcement of which peers would be getting the axe (metaphorically speaking of course)

Earl Peel: Educated at Ampleforth College, where he would have had the opportunity to take part in beagling, he has been (wait for it...) Chairman of The Game Conservancy, Board member of the Countryside Movement, Board member of the Countryside Alliance and President of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (I certainly wouldn't trust him with wildlife).

Lord Rotherwick: Claims his interests are "equitation and conservation" - strangest description of hunting I've heard yet for he was Joint Master of the *Heythrop FH* between 1974 and 1977 with the (in)famous Captain Ronnie Wallace.

Earl of Shrewsbury and Waterford: Premier Earl on the Roll, Chairman of the Firearms Consultative Committee (presumably safeguarding shooting interests) and Chancellor of Wolves University, is involved in "all fieldsports". If only he knew what some of his students have been getting up to in the past!

Lord Willouhgby de Broke: This chap is Chairman of St. Martin's Magazines who produce Country Illustrated and CountryWeek Hunting, and comes from a line of hunting supporters. What is worrying is his influence over the Heart of England Tourist Board, where he has been President since 1996.

Earl of Errol: Lord High Constable Of Scotland and, you've guessed it, is involved in "country pursuits".

Lord Palmer: Chairman of the Country Sports Defence Trust and into hunting and shooting.

If you discover any juicy gossip on influential figures, etc send it to the office at the usual address marked 'Research Officer'
- every little helps so don't be shy!

help stop the MAFF MURDER

The Ministry of Agriculture may have pulled the rug out from under the C.A. with their recent comments on the effectiveness of foxhunting but let's make no mistake about it - they are not on our side, nor that of wildlife, by any stretch of the imagination. Recent events in the West Country have proven so. We all know (or should do) about the claims that badgers spread bovine tuberculosis amongst the national herd. Dairy farmers, with the support of some very dubious and selective scientific evidence claim that badgers are mingling with their cows and spreading a disease that people know very little about. But as usual amongst animal farmers, they are quick to point the finger at anything that will take the blame away from them.

The M.A.F.F. have previously admitted that there is no actual evidence linking badgers to the spread of bovine TB but claim there is a lot of circumstantial evidence. They have been trying to prove the connections to badgers for the last 30 years, all with no success.
Despite the fact that bovine TB can be carried by a host of other animals; birds, cats, deer, etc., the MAFF have implemented a series of culls as a means of "proving" whether badgers are spreading the disease. That's what they thought, we had other plans!

MAFF TACTICS

When the Ministry decide to do a cull, they select three areas of 100 square km. One is labelled the "proactive zone' - this is the killing zone where the plan is to eradicate all badgers. The second zone is the "reactive zone" where any outbreaks of bovine TB will be recorded and the nearest sets targeted, the badgers obviously being killed if caught. The third zone is the control zone where, similar to vivisection, the sets are not interfered with but the badger population is closely monitored.
Initially, large metal traps are placed around set entrances, baited with peanuts but not armed so that the badgers become used to going in them to feed. After a period of allowing the badgers to get used to this the traps will be set and the killing begins. Badgers are shot whilst in the traps using a .22 pistol. It is hard to estimate how many will die but the death toll must be considerable.

SABOTAGE!

In two culls towards the end of 1999 saboteurs managed to do what they do best and disrupt the activities of the killers. In one case in the Forest of Dean, the cull was actually abandoned because of the disruption caused; the other cull was so disrupted as to make it worthless as a scientific experiment, but the Ministry still decided to kill as many badgers as they could, just to "prove a point" as it were.
Small groups of people went out at the crack of dawn armed with a range of equipment from perfume to industrial bolt-cutters to ensure that the cull did not proceed smoothly. Tactics were simple. Locate the badger sets and the traps will be nearby. Then it's up to you what you do. Some people used bolt-croppers to cut the traps into pieces, others were de-activating them, emptying the peanuts out, removing them and spraying the traps with whatever strong smelling perfume was available. Both tactics work, obviously the first method is more effective but illegal. (We at the HSA would never advocate breaking the law, especially as I don't want to be done for incitement! - ed). In the space of 5 days hundreds of traps were "deactivated". The MAFF went crazy, some of their workers even slashed the tyres on a Landrover belonging to an activist after the police arrested him and left the vehicle in the middle of the proactive zone!

AFTERMATH

The cull was made null and void by the actions of a small amount of people who put a hell of a lot of effort into ensuring that it wouldn't succeed. As I said the Ministry went ahead with the killing anyway, more out of spite than anything else. The chances of them being able to catch and kill every badger in 100 square km is unbelievably small but they have to be seen to be doing something to placate the farmers (we all know what a bunch of whingers the dairy farmers are!). Instead of keeping the cows in sanitary conditions, most dairy farms are knee deep in shit - maybe something to do with the increase in TB? I'm no expert but that looks like a possible explanation to me! Yeah, I'm no expert, in fact it seems that no-one is - at least I will admit it!
Whilst I was in Devon there was a school burnt down in what a local told me was a string of arson attacks. Where were the police whilst all this arson was occurring? They were out ensuring that the MAFF could conduct their cull with as little interference as possible. Every available officer in the area must have been drafted in, including the helicopter, to prevent 6 people from saving badgers. Testimony to the effectiveness of our actions! Whilst Tony Blair goes on about "education, education, education" in his voter-friendly speeches, schools burn down because the police have their priorities all screwed up! Oh well, I hated school anyway and I did all I could to sabotage the cull!
So what can be done to prevent the future culls? First off we need to know where and when they are. Then people need to get out there and do something about it. If sabs aren't gonna do it then no-one will. The number of people actually involved in disrupting culls is pitifully small yet it only takes a few people to discredit the whole thing. Imagine the reaction if 50 or a 100 people were there: **No more cull**. The thrill of seeing a badger at such close range in a trap is great but the real thrill comes when you let that badger out and it runs off to live.
As a final thought, here's one to ponder. The badger cull is based entirely on the fact that they are supposed to be a threat to the dairy cow .Therefore the dairy industry is the driving force behind the cull. Anyone supporting the dairy industry is indirectly supporting the cull. Spare the badgers, go vegan!

HOW TO HELP

Elliot Morley and the MAFF should hang their heads in shame at what is going on in his department. For all his pretence of compassion for animals, he still allows the cull to continue. Write to him in disgust at the address on the right.

Just in case any of you lot out there are unemployed (very unlikely!) and happen to be looking at the job-board (even more unlikely!), this is what you need to be looking out for as a sure sign indicator that a cull is going down in your area. Before they can start they have to employ enough people to lay and check all the traps. As you can see ,the wages are pitiful but you do get a packed lunch each day! Whoopee do! The job attracts all manner of scum: Known badger baiters are drawn to it as a means of supply for their sick fun. If you see any of these ads or suspect a cull may be commencing near you, let the HSA know immediately.

"So YOU want some, eh sonny?"

Mid January, 2000 saw a joint meet of the Essex Farmers & Union FH with the West Street Tickham FH from Kent at Wooham Walter, nr Maldon, Essex. Both hunts have notoriously violent elements within them; notably the Tickham huntsman and some of the Essex field and support; so sabs decided a bit of moral support for the Essex lot was in order.

The concern over hunt-violence was not long in coming as riders charged at sabs as soon as they entered the first field! Despite the riders attacking them with the usual variety of crops, whips and horses!! Sabs stood up to the hunt and they soon backed down. Throughout the day riders attacked sabs, all from the relative safety of their horses, but that's the kind of people they are..cowards!

As the police started to arrive in greater numbers it became apparent that the "bad ole' days" of biased Essex policing were back. One sab was arrested after allegedly being kicked in the back by Morgan, the Tickham Huntsman, and two more whilst trying to stop what was believed to be a dig-out but turned out to be a set up to get sabs nicked, which the police were well up for. A fourth sab was arrested for allegedly assaulting a policeman who took a "Klinnsman" style dive as the sab ran past. The distinct lack of cops above the rank of sergeant was part of the problem, your average copper can't even spell initiative let alone show any!

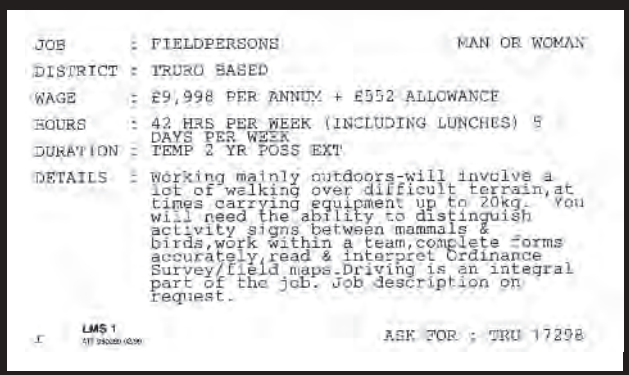
Despite all this sabs stuck to the task in hand and the day ended with zero kills and one very frustrated hunt. The redcoats of the Essex hunt then decided to show off to the visitors by attacking the Dover van after it was blocked in near the meet. The brave hunt who thought this van was alone were suddenly not so brave as the other five vans of sabs came into sight. A free for all started in which redcoats were prancing around with their fists held high shouting "So you want some ,eh sonny"...these same red coats were then seen five seconds later on the floor or running to the nearest police, crying "Officer, officer I've been assaulted"!



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So what were the police actually doing whilst the hunt started fights left, right and centre? At least five of these forelock tugging members of Essex Constabulary threw a cordon around three redcoats whilst they attacked a lone female sab, almost breaking her arm in the process, until sabs came to her rescue. One sab was arrested for ABH and assault after Essex huntmaster, 'Piddlington' (the known ringleader of the troublemakers; pictured below), pointed him out to the ever compliant police.....who then surprised everyone when they arrested Morgan, the Tickham huntsman! (pictured left) They obviously realised that an Anglia TV crew had filmed all the events and had to "make up" for the fact that they were responsible for a sab going to hospital. Although Morgan was held until 1 am he has not been charged, just bailed to return to Chelmsford nick...don't hold your breath!

In the few weeks after the event some interesting information has come to light. First up, the villagers of Wooham Walter are not so keen to have the hunt there again! Despite it being as rural as rural can be and the "Countryside" Alliance insisting that all rural people love the hunt the villagers blame the hunt for the disturbances. They claim the hunt are "arrogant" [never!!] in their attitude towards them and a Parish meeting has been called to look into ways of banning them from meeting there in the future! Good on you!
Also it would seem that the hunt spent the whole day starting trouble as a way of giving sabs a bad image in the press! The Countryside Alliance had invited along the Anglia TV news crew and appeared to have press releases written before the event, including reports on Teletext about anti-hunt violence which appeared on Saturday morning! Shame it all backfired a bit when a redcoat was nicked and the TV footage showed hunt members attacking sabs!
We will keep you informed of the outcome of the trials, Morgan's charges; if any, and the stance of Essex Police regarding the whole affair..



JOB : FIELDPERSONS MAN OR WOMAN
DISTRICT : TRURO BASED
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HOURS : 42 HRS PER WEEK (INCLUDING LUNCHES) 5 DAYS PER WEEK
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GROUP NEWS

IRELAND

The **Association of Hunt Saboteurs** are still chipping away at the Irish hunting fraternity. Fox hunts have been sabbed in the Midlands, Meath and Dublin areas.with a councillor physically attacked by the hunt again this season at a meet of the *Waterford F.H.* Demos highlighting farmers and landowners opposition to hunting have received good media coverage and an ex-hunter continues his weekly one-man demo outside government offices, as well as talking publicly about terrierwork, etc. Go on boy!

The *Ward Union Staghunt* have been issued with a temporary licence. Despite a review reccomending a ban, evidence of cruelty and sabs exposing hunters as liars and fraudsters they still manage to survive. Could it perhaps be anything to do with the former Taoiseacht's brother, Joe Bruton being joint master! Surely not.

SCOTLAND

Dundee & Fife sabs have been busy sabbing media-darlings the *Fife FH*. "The Field" magazine claim that this hunt have over 130 supporters; sabs count it closer to three! Boxing day saw the hunt pack up by 2.30 with locals everywhere displaying banners reading "Tally -ho to the DSS you go".

At one meet sabs asked a wildlife liaison officer to call in the badger protection group who found an unbelievable 60 sett entrances blocked. The hunt denied all knowledge, but the landowner is still considering refusing them further access.

Hounds all over a badger sett at Lower Largo resulted in a ban from Woodland Trust land after several irate members of the public voiced their displeasure at the hunts' activities. The following week (on a roll or what!) the hunt swapped quarry and became a staghunt; resulting in one dead deer (see news). **Dundee & Fife** sabs were joined by **Clydeside** and **Edinburgh** for the next few weeks with blizzards forcing the hunt to pack up early without any success.

NORTH WEST

Sabs from **Bolton** and **Manchester** have been keeping the pressure on the *Holcombe Harriers* and the *Cheshire Forest FH* respectively. The only deviation from the norm came on National Beagling Day (when it seems the only people to make the effort to go beagling are sabs themselves!!) when they joined The *Forest and District Beagles* for a quick trot. It was a quick trot too, because as soon as they set eyes on sabs advancing on them from over a hill they hot-footed it back to their vehicles and packed up! 'Boxing day' brought with it a visit to the *Holcombe Harriers*, and a noisy banner demo protest at the meet by local campaigners.

Besides the weekly sabotage sabs have held regular demos. Two local Cheshire vets were found to have direct connections with a local hunt and so a demo and press release were organised to highlight the obvious contradictions. This received much positive press, as did the demo at the annual meeting of the 230 year old *Tarporley Hunt Club* at the start of the season.

The *Cheshire Forest FH* also received embarrassing press on Christmas Eve after being banned from using a railway station car park, after years of abusing the facility for unboxing. Sabs also managed to sabotage the *Pennine FH* without even needing to attend a recent meet the press interest generated by sabs meant the hunt didn't even turn up to see the locals who'd gathered together to demonstrate against them!

Sabs were attacked on the *Cheshire Forest FH* by a hunt supporter who tried to smash the van windows, let down tyres and get under the bonnet to disable the engine. And all the while huntsman Puffer and his fellow red-coats simply blocked the road with their horses so that escape was impossible. Sabs from **Lancaster** (new group!!!) joined **Manchester**, **Bolton** and **Preston** groups to swell numbers the following week ensuring at least three foxes got away with their lives - an excellent example of sabbing at its best and thanks go to all concerned.

MIDLANDS

Nottingham Sabs have had a busy time, with a brief moment of stardom in the Daily Mirror (see Howl #69) when they filmed *Quorn FH* huntsman Adrian Dangar burying a fox cub alive, and then coping with the rising tide of violence from Midlands hunts. **Nottingham**, **Hastings**, **Leicester**, **Derby** and **Northants** Sabs have all been affected by the growing aggression in the Shires, most notable at the *Woodland Pytchley FH*, the *Fernie FH* and the *Quorn FH*.

The *Quorn FH* has now started employing stewards who have already declared their willingness to start fights, (see news) On the positive side, these events have forged greater links between the local sab groups, as well as creating new links with **Wolves** sabs.

Whilst not dealing with Shires packs, **Nottingham** joined **Northants**, **Leicester**, and **Chiltern** sabs in blockading the *Stowe School Beagles* on National Beagling Day, a tactic which was so successful that the pack didn't even make it out of the kennels all day!

North West sabs send another Cheshire shoot packin' !



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Dorset sab assaulted by sporting country type

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SOUTH WEST

Cornwall sabs have been joining up with **Plymouth** sabs and tackling the *South Devon FH* and *Four Burrow FH* with great success.
Plymouth were back on the road in time to join **Torquay** at the opening meet of the *Dart Vale* and *South Pool Harriers* in October. The day passed without incident or any kills, the huntsman spending much of the time gathering his hounds; sabs wish to nominate him as the worst hornblower in the country.

Plymouth were joined by **Dorset**, **Taunton** and **Torquay** for a hit on the *South Devon FH*. A successful day ensued with sabs repeatedly pulling the pack to them with horns and gizmo. Anger within the hunt rose resulting in two assaults against sabs and at one point the mounted field attempted to round up sabs on the orders of the huntsman. A stand off occurred with no further attempt at hunting and the hunt boxing up early.

Plymouth were again joined by **Dorset**, **Taunton** and **Torquay** for the opening meet of the *South Devons FH* at Widecombe on the Moor. Again the hounds responded well to sabs calls causing the hunt to cover a lot of ground in an attempt to lose sabs, without any success. Towards the end of the day the *Mid Devon FH* were sabbed by chance when they strayed into the same area as the South Devons, resulting in some confusion.
As well as further hits on the *South Devons FH* **Plymouth** travelled to join **Dorset**, **Taunton** and **Torbay** to sab both the *Silverton FH* and *East Devon FH* with sabs having successful days with each.

National beagling day saw **Plymouth** and **Torquay** turn up for the *North Dartmoor Beagles* meet at Drewsteignton. The presence of sabs kept the hunt contained in a small area with the huntsman drawing over the same ground for much of the day, any support soon dwindled with just two hunt staff and two supporters remaining at the end of the day and no kills.

On Boxing day **Plymouth**, **Torquay** and **Torbay** sabs arrived at the *South Devons FH* meet to find a huge amount of support gathered, any thoughts that it was going to be a full on day soon went when it became apparent that there were no hunt staff present!!!. The hounds were brought a short distance from the meet and boxed up, inquiries revealed that the staff were all sick (some thing we've known for years) and the hounds had been brought to be
paraded. Instead sabs visited *Dart Vale FH*, and after a few hours of searching the area found the hunt on their way to box up.

Bath sabs got back on the road to sab twice this season, joining up with **Pewsey Vale**. However due to ongoing vehicle problems the van is once again off the road. They are on the lookout for a "new" secondhand engine to fit a Sherpa 1800 diesel van. Any offers of engines, help and donations would be greatly appreciated. Bath sabs are also holding a benefit night to raise funds in June (date TBC) @ Leftism, the Porter Buff, London Road, Bath...my lover!

Taunton sabs would like to say ta to **Dorchester** and **Axminster** sabs (who never stop whinging about it) for ferrying them around. Additional thanx to **Hastings**, **Dorset**, **Axminste**r, **Plymouth**, **Bournemouth** & **Torbay** Sabs for lots of fun and vegan chocolate cake! **Taunton** sabs also sabbed the *CA marches* at Bourneouth!

SOUTH

After a somewhat hectic cubbing season, **Reading** along with **West London** and **Southampton** paid a visit to the opening meet of the Sandhurst Beagles. So much fun was had by all that it was decided to go along again the following week. The opening meet of the *Garth and South Berkshire FH* was visited, stopping to discuss differences of opinion with a shooting party on the way. The Thames Valley Police Over Reaction Squad was out in force, including a helicopter ensuring that there was not a fox above ground for miles.

The next few weeks **Reading** visited *The Garth FH* but the group also found time to sab the *Hampshire FH* and run away from the police on the *Surrey Union FH*.

National Beagling Day was marked by a visit to the *Palmer Milburn Beagles* with **Southampton**, ***New Forest*** and **Guildford** sabs. The hunt unsportingly decided to stay at the meet most of the day. The words 'non' and 'event' seemed appropriate. Any newcomers must have been given the impression that beagling is all about walking across a field, then standing in a farmyard in the rain, followed by "tea" in a derelict barn. You can see the attraction!

Boxing Day saw **Reading**, **West London** and **Southampton** back at *The Garth FH*. The mounted field was the smallest anyone could remember for what is supposed to be the hunts biggest day of the season. The field was a lot smaller by the end of the day after at least four riders had failed to stay in the saddle. The group saw in the New Year with a hung-over visit to join the **Guildford** group at the *Surrey Union*. The hunt were kept very firmly on the run all day ensuring that the local fox population had a very peaceful new year.

Southampton have also paid visits to the *Surrey Union FH* and the *Chiddinfold Leconfield & Cowdray FH*. The group would like to lay claim to the last sab arrest of the MIllenium, which occurred on Boxing Day at the *Garth & South Berks FH* at the hands (and boots) of Thames Valley Police. Any other takers?

West Sussex Wildlife Protection Group have been out twice a week, concentrating mainly on the *Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray FH*
On 16 October around ten sabs turned out at their meet at Coldharbour Farm near Wisborough Green in Sussex. Police evidence gatherers had been following sabs all morning when one of them took it upon himself to trip up a sab on an asphalt road. The sab badly injured his arm and was taken to hospital. After such drastic action one would have usually awaited arrest! but the offending officer simply grinned, obviously pleased at his handiwork! The injured sab commented: "I've been attacked by the hunt before, one almost expects that, but never by the police. they normally focus their attention on making wrongful arrests!"
Needless to say, the case is now in the hands of a good solicitor.

In November **W.S.W.P.G**. members were joined by sabs from **Portsmouth** and **Guildford** when they visited a meet of the *Crawley and Horsham FH* at Coolham in Sussex. They were joined by a German film crew, reporting for the national TV station, ARD.



Dorset sab turns matador on raging Landrover

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Super day for indiscriminately blasting things out of the sky, wot old bean?...

.....oh shite!


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The **Shoreham Protesters** also turned up making hunting very difficult! Riders showed their disapproval by constantly trying to ride into sabs. Frustrated at not having a kill the hunt continued in vain until it was dark.

On 13 November sabs were once again out with the *Chiddingfold, Leconfield & Cowdray FH* at a meet at Fittleworth in Sussex. Despite very few sabs and 15 police, a kill was prevented. The hunts-man kept returning to the same covert in search of the fox, but to no avail.

In desperation the hunt sneaked onto West Sussex Wildlife Trust land. However, sabs caught the hounds marking to ground and digging with their paws into the soft soil where a fox had obviously taken refuge. The hounds were swiftly evicted while embarrassed hunt members promptly sneaked back out again. This incident was captured on video and complaints are being made.

SOUTH EAST

Hastings have had a well travelled season so far. Starting with the *East Sussex & Rodney Marsh* (!) during cubbing and progressing onto hunts all over Sussex, Surrey and Kent. Numbers are slowly increasing and the van (recycled from the Portsmouth sabs, ta very much), is being put to good use. **Hastings** ("small group, lot of firepower"- anonymous Croydon sab!) have disrupted the following idiots: *South Downs FH*, *Burstow etc FH*, *Ashford Valley FH*, *Tickham FH*, *Essex Union & Bumpkins FH*, *Surrey Onion FH*, *Wye College Beagles* (always a favourite!), *Bolebrook Beagles* and the *East Kent FH*. Phew!!

"This has gone too far. You're really fucking pushing it!". Surely not the words of *South Downs & Eridge FH* huntsman Stewart Blackburn?! Since the end of cubbing the **South Downs Hunt Sabs** (nice sabs, shame about the mullets! - ed) have concentrated almost entirely on the one pack, the *South Downs*, known and beloved by one and all as one of the fluffiest packs in the country! (I mean this was a hunt where you could call the pack with the gizmo whilst standing in the middle of all the support and the bumpkins would stare off at the horizon, fascinated by distant trees!)

Encouraged by this the **SDHS** sabbed them twice a week, preventing any kills and virtually all chasing. Eventually, however, it got to the point where huntsman Blackburn was rarely in control and things came to a head.

This came in the form of two nightclub bouncers an idea which flopped after a sharp exchange of views on New Years Day Which ended in the police telling the Eridge they would stop protecting them if any more goons were bought in! Following this large numbers of sabs turned up, forcing the hunt to cancel for the next two saturdays. See News for more of the Eridge's antics. Otherwise **SDHS** have sabbed the *Surrey & Burstow*, *East Sussex* and old favourites the *Crawley & Horsham FH*, together with **West Kent** (nice sabs, shame about the beards! - ed), Croydon (nice sabs shame about the..sabs! - ed) and the mighty **Hastings** Nuff respect to all the posse's on channel (etc).

West kent sabs steamed into the main season with a few good sabs on the *Old Surrey, Burstow and West Kent FH* in the company of **Croydon** sabs including a return visit to the Isle of Grain where sabs managed to stop 2 digouts. **West Kent** also joined up with **Dover** sabs to do a demolition job on the *Wye College* and the *Blean beagles* joint meet, packing them up in less than half an hour. Continuing the beagle theme, **West Kent** and **Hastings** sabs tracked down the elusive *Bolbroke beagles* for a fine but wet days sabbing in a load of orchards. At one point a hare sprang up from the middle of the pack and had to leap over the lead beagles to make good it's escape.

Boxing day was spent with the *'Burstow'* and saw huntsman Mark Bycroft nearly in tears due to a large sab presence. **West Kent** (with a little help) also managed to squeeze in a couple of X-mass meets with the comical *Wye College beagles* where the pack was split, boxed up, unboxed, split, lost, boxed up before sabs had the chance to do anything. Sabs also visited the *East Kent FH* and packed up a pheasant shoot over X-mass.

EAST ANGLIA

Since the start of the '99 season **Essex & Suffolk** sabs have been out virtually every weekend and some enthusiastically mid-week. *Essex & Suffolk FH* bore the brunt of sabs attention for most of the cubbing season and with help from **Colchester** & **Basildon** sabs. A *Cambridge Mink Hunt* visiting Essex failed to keep their hounds under control, they quite clearly preferred to be with the sabs, and then the hunt decided to call it a day as soon as sabs from **Hastings**, **Kent**, **Croydon East London** and **Cambridge** turned up. Cheers people.

Another good day was had at an *Essex & Farmers FH* meet, where again with help from **East London**, **Ca mbridge**, **Basildon** and **Colchester** sabs managed to take control of their hounds as soon as they got in the field; keeping them running about for an hour much to the hunts dismay and Anglia TV's delight.

Next up a trip to Norfolk, where sabs were called upon to help with the **Waveney Harriers** after local sabs had one of their vehicles tampered with by a hunt supporter. A successful day was had despite Norfolk Police confiscating everything in sight.(Radios mistaken for scanners for the umpteenth time, etc)

Boxing day passed without serious incident. **Basildon** and **Essex & Suffolk** sabs decided to stick with tradition and annoy the *Essex & Farmers FH*. At the At the same meet **Basildon sabs** managed to stop a rid-erless horse running into a barbed wire fence. Reports this season of Essex plod respecting sabs right to use foot-paths are currently unconfirmed! (surely you just dreamt it)

4 Hastings & Maidstone sabs stop the '*watch out we're handy*' Southdowns & Eridge terrier-men from digging out

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other campaigns

NO REST FOR THE WICKED!

There are a whole range of other campaigns needing support around the country and sabs are just the people needed to help close the animal prisons listed below.Two such campaigns are Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty & Save The Newchurch Guinea Pigs.

STOP HUNTINGDON ANIMAL CRUELTY:

Huntingdon Life Sciences is the infamous location of the disgusting "Beagle" documentary shown on Channel 4 with secretly filmed footage of workers punching and kicking the dogs "for fun". It is a huge lab complex with thousands of animals being tortured and abused inside. Don't let its size deter you though, these animal abusers are having a really bad time lately. A sister lab in Cheshire closed; share prices crashing to a few pence each; Natwest Bank bailing them out when they were on the brink of collapse! Add to this the recently disclosed news that the Labour Party had to sell their 75'000 shares (what an ethical bunch they are!) Natwest are being bought out by the Royal Bank of Scotland and continual pressure from activists is all leading up to another victory for the animals. Huntingdon L.S are based just off the A1, nr Huntingdon, Cambs.

Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty
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e-mail:info@shac.u-net.com www.welcome.to/shac

SAVE THE NEWCHURCH GUINEA PIGS:

N.P.G. is on the A515 ,nr Burton-on-Trent ,Staffs. It is a breeding centre that supplies G.Pigs for vivisection. There are thousands of them crammed into tiny pens in appaling conditions over three separate sites in the area This campaign is short of numbers an could really do with more support from all you sabs up there in the Midlands, especially as it's the smallest of the three places listed (it is the "family" business of the Hall family) and potentially the easiest to close - no multi-million pound hand-outs for these!

Save the Newchurch Guinea Pigs
PO Box 74, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 5WF. 01902 564732
www.enviroweb.org/arc/newchurch/index.html

I know demos at these places can clash with sabbing on Saturdays but weekday and Sunday events are happening too so show some support. If sabs turn up for more demos then the organisers will start to arrange them at more sab-friendly times.
Sunday does now seem to be the preferred day for large demos. Any other campaigns wanting a mention contact Howl through the H.S.A

The Game Conservancy, Horse and Hound magazine, Country Life and The Field are holding an event called **Countryside Live**.

It is due to be heldon **May 19th - 21st** at Syon Park, West London.

Further details can be obtained from the Game Conservancy's James Crowley on 0171 924 3583.

recipe corner

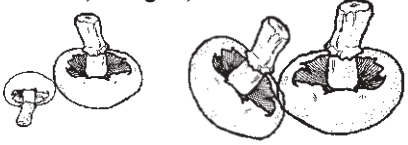


The more radical elements within the HSA keep urging me to have a recipe section in Howl. Indeed, some extremists even send their own recipes in! So, bowing to peer group pressure I have included my favourite post-sabbing meal, **Potato Supreme**!

Take a shit load of spuds and wash the soil off (alternatively, get the pre-washed ones from the supermarket with added pesticides and preservatives for flavour!). Peel if you can be bothered and cut into strips. The size of the strips will vary depending on whereabouts in the country you live, ranging from wafer thin slices in the south-east to chunky wedges up north! Then place the strips in hot oil (lard is not acceptable at this stage but olive is is perhaps a bit too lah-dee-dah.

I recommend a good cheap "Happy Shopper" veg.oil). Deep fry until brown-again, regional differences will occur-and serve with a selection of dressings (red sauce if you're normal; brown sauce if you're weird; vegan mayo if you're posh!) and lots of bread and marge. If it's giro week why not splash out on a **vegetable Pukka Pie** (subject to availability!) - great with a splash of brown sauce on a round of bread (also known as "Pie & a Piece"). This meal should be served with the alcohic beverage of your choice (I recommend huge quantities of cider as I'm a sab of the old school!) and if possible followed by a nice relaxing "herbal dessert" for that ideal post-sab wind down.

Recipe corner is a one-off feature, please send all future recipes to **Mr. S.Claus, The North Pole, Glasgow, G12 FU2.**



OFFICEAPPEAL.

The gang down at the office have asked for footage of hunting and sabbing to be sent to them to deal with the many requests they get for such stuff.

Whether home video or taped off TV,send it on down to the usual address in Brighton.

As a friendly tip,make sure you don't send anything too incriminating through the post and check you don't leave snippets of any other "home videos"on at the end (Croydon sabs take note!!).



Legal News

Legal Briefs

Four Reading sabs were in court last week for section 68. Three relating to an incident on the Vale of Aylesbury and one on the Garth and South Berks. The three got not guilty and the one from the Garth was dropped by the C.P.S. the day before it went to court.

A Chiltern sab appeared before Oxford magistrates on 14.2.200 charged with aggravated trespass. Halfway through the trial the prosecution solicitor collapsed mid-sentence into a heap on the court-room floor. In the face of mounting evidence (including camcorder footage) the perplexed magistrate ordered a measly 12 month bindover.

Some of you might be thinking that the legal section is a bit low on cases ...and you'd be right.The reason for this is that all I have on recent legal happenings is a couple of very biased reports from the Telegraph whinging on about sabs winning huge payouts from appeal courts or European courts. Basically stuff that is useful for sabs to know about so that they can learn from the experiences of others but which I know nothing about ! When all I have to go on is a paper clipping which claims sabs are convicted of "disrupting a foxhunt" then I'm not going to write a feature on it. All I can say is this, quite a few sabs have recently had rulings over-turned and been given substantial amounts of cash to smooth over the disruption the convictions caused them! Good on you people for taking the buggers all the way, enjoy spending the money on your various vices and spare a thought for me, the poor Howl editor who knows nothing of legal matters (except don't put your hands in your pockets when up in front of some power crazed magistrate and the best liar wins the case!) and send in some details of such cases! Oh yeah, a few quid would be nice too seein's how your so flush!!

The new HSA legal officer has requested that groups send in details of sab-friendly solicitors so the list can be updated.The importance of a list of friendly legal bods is apparent enough to all who o sabbing so send in all details to the HSA office.

TERRIERWORK IS NOW A CRIME...PERHAPS!

At the end of February 2000, came a decision from the High Court that has put the use of terriers under threat. We all know that terriermen are the worst elements of hunting. They dig badgers, they pit dogs,t hey attack sabs and other anti-hunt groups. They are not ones to shy away from breaking laws. However the High Court ruling which was given last month will put pressure on hunts to sever their links with terriermen, thus severing any claims of respectability that terriermen can lay claim to. **Stuart Bandeira**, Middlesborough, and **Darren Brannigan**, Stockton-on-Tees, were jailed for 60 days after being found guilty of ill-treating a terrier.

They were charged and convicted under S.1 (1)(a) Protection of Animals Act 1911.The Act in question deals only with 'domestic' or 'captive' animals but does define cruelty to animals in very wide terms:-

1. (1) If an person-
   (a) shall cruelly beat, kick, ill-treat, over-ride, over-drive, over-load, torture, infuriate, or terrify an animal..... such person shall be guilty of an offence of cruelty with the meaning of this Act.

The terrier had been sent down a badger sett and sustained horrific injuries to it's face. The conviction was upheld by Justice Schiemann and Justice Astill. The Crown Court judge agreed that a person could be guilty under the Protection of Animals Act 1911 if they

".... *deliberately put a dog into a burrow, den or other habitation of a wild mammal of which exits had been deliberately sealed off and which may contain a large carnivore which is likely to and does cause it injury* ".

Commenting on the case ,the RSPCA said "the landmark decision gives legal recognition to the fact that people who use terriers for hunting foxes can be guilty of cruelly ill-treating their dogs"(I'm not the biggest fan of the RSPCA but that about sums it up !-Ed).

Responding to the ruling, the CA claimed that terrierwork is pest control, not a sport. (The MAFF dis-agree on such issues but that is another story - see Inquiry feature.) Trying to defend terrierwork but making a bit of a bodge job of it, Alaister Jackson, Master of Foxhounds Association Director, claimed "*skilled hunt terriermen would not put dogs at risk in this way*"!Basically saying then that hunt terriermen don't put terriers at risk of having to fight large carnivores - such as foxes. Can anybody actually explain what it is that terriermen actually do then when they put terriers down holes where a fox is known to be holed up? Or is it just another lie by the pro-hunt gang that the Telegraph printed? Consider the number of terriermen who are employed by hunts that have convictions for animal cruelty and interfering with badger sets plus ex-Surrey Union terrierman Noel Cahill's website (http://www.workingdogs.free-online.co.uk/) which openly depicts pictures of terriers with severe facial injuries and you come to the conclusion that Jackson is being somewhat liberal with the truth.

Whether this ruling will affect hunt terrierwork remains to be seen. I suspect it will be a very different story in different parts of the country. It is however, just one more reason to advocate the use of video and stills cameras in obtaining evidence against terriermen of cruelty to their dogs.

SAB DETAINED UNDER P.T.A.

A Southampton sab returning from a visit to Dublin came under the scrutiny of Hampshire Police. Passengers on the British Airways flight from Dublin to Southampton were told they had to fill in cards issued by Hampshire Police under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.
When passing through a checkpoint staffed by 7 non-uniformed officers, the sab was picked out of the passengers and led away for questioning with his partner.
Thinking that the police had mistaken him for a Republican he was surprised when an officer made a point of informing him that they had "noticed" his HSA sweatshirt. He was asked whether he was "active" in Hampshire, what group he was a member of, and other questions relating to animal rights. Their reasoning was, he was told, that Hampshire Police have noticed an upsurge of "activity" in Hampshire around Christmas - "probably something to do with turkeys"!!

When questioned about their activities in Ireland, the pair were told that police were concerned that they had been liaising not with the IRA but, wait for it , hunt saboteurs!!!. Given Hampshire Police's past record regarding unlawful arrests, malicious prosecutions and information gathering directed at those protesting for the rights of animals it would be safe to say that they were taking advantage of the PTA powers to gather information on sabs and other animal rights activities. Suffice to say, the sab - who has been arrested by Hampshire cops 4 times without charges being brought in the last 3 years and has one case under appeal - didn't give anything away and has issued a formal complaint about this abuse of power.

Legal News



NEW LABOUR, NEW TERRORISTS!

The government is trying to introduce a new "Terrorism Bill" which is going to be aimed at animal rights activists, making terrorists out of protesters simply because they have the guts to stand up for what they believe in. Whether the HSA will become a proscribed organisation or not is anyones guess. If so then a whole load of MP's are also going to become "terrorist sympathisers" too (see news page!) which should be interesting! We just need to wait and see.

The basics of the Bill are that the Home Secretary, our old mate Jack Straw (once under surveillance himself by Special Branch as a potential threat to national security!!) can add other organisations to the list of proscribed groups. Membership of such a group, or indeed suspected membership or sympathies with it, can lead to detention and imprisonment. As usual the definition of "terrorism"in the Bill is left deliberately vague so it can cover anyone the Home Secretary takes a dislike to.

Terrorism is described as ;

"...*the use or threat for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause, of action which*

a) *involves serious violence against person or property,*
b) *endangers the life of any person, or*
c) *Creates a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public.*

None of this affects the HSA which has always maintained its use of non-violent direct action as the basis of it's campaigning. However we are relying on the police implementing the Bill for the purpose of what it is introduced for. The precedents set in Northern Ireland prove that the police cannot be trusted to act in a lawful manner. There are plenty of people who have been imprisoned for being Irish that could testify to this. When the Tories tried to introduce similar measures, the Labour Party opposed them. Now they're in charge it seems okay to bring it in. We'll have to keep an eye on this one.



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SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS

Those imprisoned for 'Animal Rights Offences' need your support. Show them you care by sending letters of support - these are greatly appreciated by most prisoners.

Most prisons now allow stamped addressed envelopes to be sent in with your letters and cards. Please enclose these if you write, so that prisoners don't waste their limited funds on postage.

Donations can be sent to the A.L.F. Supporters Group, who can provide financial help for these prisoners.

Make cheques/P.O's payable to 'A.L.F. Supporters Group'. Send to A.L.F S.G., BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

BARRY HORNE
VC2141
HMP Full Sutton
York Y04 1PS

Sentenced to a total of 18 years for arson at several premises on the Isle of Wight and attempted arson in Bristol.

TONY HUMPHRIES
AP7965
HMP Swaleside
Brabazon Rd
Eastchurch
Sheerness
Kent ME12 4DZ

Sentenced to 7 years for conspiracy to cause explosions + 2 years concurrent for possession of explosives.

MEL BROUGHTON
DJ8216
HMP Woodhill
Tattenhoe St
Milton Keynes
Bucks MK4 4DA

Sentenced to 4 years for explosives charges

JUSTIN SAMUEL
Gevangenis Hasselt
Martelarenlaan
42 - 35000 Hasselt
BELGIUM

Being held while facing extradition proceedings to the USA in connection with raids on fur farms in Wisconsin in which 3,600 mink were released.
(Justin has asked that people writing to him should not use the words militant, war, attack, fight, warrior, violent, revenge, or anything like that when referring to his situation, so as not to prejudice his case.)

AARON RUDRA
PB 43
5726 Vaksadal
NORWAY

Sentenced to 10 months for the same arson attack as Arild and for other DFF (Norwegian ALF) actions.

WILLIAM 'BILL' DALE
EC6733
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International Action: Germany

A rare treat for all you group news groupies out there with a report sent from Germany. Before we start there is an International A.R Gathering in Berlin from the 22nd-29th July where you can meet up with friends old & new, young & old! Anyone interested can get more info from:
Bar TA, **c/o M99 Infoladen**, **Manteuffel Str**, **99**,**10997 Berlin**, **Germany**.
Email: **arg@squat.net**
Website: **www.org.squat.net**
Good old fashioned **phone**!: **0049 30 4473 4800** Should be fun!!

On Saturday 30th October,a Hubertus Hunt took place in Hammelburg / Glauschach. Around 20 hunt protesters got between the beaters and shooters and disrupted the hunt with whistles and calls. Everything "which the hunt season allows" was to be killed, around 8-10 hares were killed.

The hunters were quite aggressive. Apart from general insults and threats ("They should all be shot too") one female saboteur was hurled to the ground and injured, reports have been made to the police against the hunters. As another hunter started to get violent his colleagues had to hold him back.Only the police presence prevented more violence. At the Hubertus Mass (!!!) at 8:30 and at the evening celebration demonstrations and pickets were held. Some protesters tried to disturb the Mass but were soon chucked out by the congregation!

A wild sow and deer shoot took place in Brandenburg, E.Germany on 20th November which was attended by sabs rom Berlin, Senftenburg & Dresden. Shortly after the shooters were found they tried to drive off to another area of forest. Sabs were able to block a full jeep so the shooters had to go the rest of the way on foot. The attempt to block the road with logs and trees didn't quite succeed and the jeep was able to pick them up after a while. After a second vehicle was blockaded the police were called and took down the I.D from several people. Issuing them with injunctions (dunno what "platzverweise" are in English but it means you're immediately banned from an area an will be arrested if you stay there or return.) for the village of Beesdau and the surrounding area. Up to this point not one pig or deer had been killed although just before the sabs arrival one fox had been murdered.

On the 4th December the Count and Countess of Spree organised a deer shoot. Next to countless hunters around 25 sabs from the Ruhr Gebeit (W.Germany) and Berlin had found their way there. The police were called immediately but left the forest again after





INFORMATION

Shooting here takes two main forms either shoots with beaters in a line on one side of a cover and hunters on the other or with the shooters further away from each other or alone on shooting platforms or hides on the edge of fields and woodlands.

Hubbertus celebrations are the hunters "Harvest Thanksgiving". They take place around the feast-day of Saint Hubertus, patron saint of hunters! The hunters "decorate" the church with the bodies of their victims; ducks, hares, stags and sprays of green leaves. Hunt horns are blown in celebration and the corpses, the "harvest" are blessed by an incense waving priest. (Sounds like a relic of a pre-Christian Germanic hunting god ritual to me! Any naked dancing round bonfires?-Ed)

LEGAL SITUATION

In some states in Germany, hunt sabotage itself is a minor offence which can result in a fine of a hundred or so quid. However this is rarely the case. If the hunt takes place on private property you may be charged with "a breach of the peace on private land" (Hausfriedensbruch) or , now and then, with "Notigung" - similar I think to Section 2.
It is often possible to stop charges from being placed in that you don't give your ID over.

Usually only a few police will be present and won't always be willing to trudge over muddy fields to get you! (Now there's a surprise! - Ed). In Germany you are legally obliged to have an ID card or passport on you to produce on demand. If your ID is taken down you'll generally be banned from the area. If you then continue to sab ,you can reckon with being arrested 'till the end of the hunt.



a short time, giving the job of getting rid of uninvited guests to the beaters and so they began to hunt the sabs. They surrounded the sabs, threw some to the ground and even layed into some with planks of wood. The cops showed little interest in this, and just looked on and let the hunt scum get on with shooting despite the presence of persons in the shooting field. The high point of the police's bloody mindedness was when they stopped a woman (who allegedly wanted to pick up sabs from the hunting area) in her car and took away her driving licence and car keys, leaving her on a country lane alone amongst the shooters. She luckily found shelter in the nearest house. One man mistakenly thought to have been filming was chased across fields and beaten by several shooters and beaters. During the day mobile phones, cameras, films and even press cards were confiscated by the police. Despite the trouble some good sabbing did manage to take place and the lives of many animals were saved. On 11th December in Glauchau, Saxon a shoot with beaters which was to take place was completely disrupted by sabs. As the exact shooting area was known in advance pre-beating was possible. Much to the bewilderment of motorists, all t raffic on the road through the forest was stopped by sabs, providing a safe path for the animals while the rest got on with beating!

Around 20 hunters plus a photographer from "Pirsch"(a hunting magazine) came to the meeting point and were soon met by 30 masked-up sabs! The two cops who turned up didn't really know what to do, so asked everyone for their ID cards ,which nobody gave. Reinforcements were called but they weren't a great deal of help either! The result of the day was that after dark the shooters were still standing in the same place and had done nothing more than be insulted and carry out some weird "hand-on-heart and blow your horn ritual"!!! Frustrated they made their way home!

So there you have it .Many of you will recognise the similarities with German and British hunting-violent blood -junkies being aggressive towards sabs, aristo's organising killing orgies, police doing nothing or treating sabs like the criminals because they care about life! Show support for German sabs (and have a nice little break from mink sabs! Yeah right!!)and go along to the International Gathering if you can. Previous events have been good fun and certainly not a case of talking about direct action...if you catch my drift!

DIARY OF ACTIONS

28:08:99.
7 shooting platforms were sawn down by Vegan Action Group-Berlin.

01:09:99
1 shooting platform was destroyed in Neubrandenburg.

06:09:99
2 more platforms destroyed in Neubrandenburg.

17:09:99
The windows of a shooting shop were smashed in Neubrandenburg.

22:09:99
1 shooting platform destroyed in Neubrandenburg.

24/25:10:99.
Among other actions, two angling shops were sprayed with slogans and the windows of a hunting shop were smashed in Berlin.

02:11:99.
The Peter and Paul (!!) Church in Berlin had it's walls sprayed with anti-hunting slogans and paint thrown over it. A Hubertus Mass was to be held there the next day.

25/26:11:99.5
'luxury" hunting platforms with hides were sawn down in Luchow, Dannenberg.

12:99.
Several more platforms destroyed around Dusseldorf.

02:99.
All 30 windows plus the door of a hunting shop in Berlin were smashed.

VERMIN PATROL

CRUELTY CASES IN THE COURTS

badger
VERMIN

The South Lakes Badger Protection group called in the RSPCA when they found dead badger carcasses and illegal locking snares on the Holker Hall estate of Lord Cavendish, near Cark-in-Cartmel. One badger was found hanging over the edge of cliff where it had asphyxiated after dragging a snare for 30 yards. Badger bones and skulls were scattered around the area and a dead buzzard was found hidden in a hole. On 11/6/99 **John Drummond** (32) of Old Park Farmhouse, Orange-Over-Sands who is the Head Gamekeeper for the estate was found guilty on 46 out of 65 charges against him. Drummond was found guilty of willfully killing two badgers, willfully taking one badger and cruelly mistreating all three. On 12/7/99 Drummond was jailed for three months.

A leading Carmarthenshire huntsman and three others pleaded not guilty in court to a charge of interfering with a badger set by destroying it. **David Lvnn Llovd** (46) who is Master of the Vale of Clettwr Hunt, from Blaenpant Farm, Pencader; **John Gareth Jones** (64) of Golygfa, Heol Gilfachwen, Llandysul; **John Geraint Owen Thomas** (48) of Gwarbistgwynwydd, Maesycrugiau; and **Gethin Jones** (46) of Gardde, Cwmdwyfran, Carmarthen, appeared before Ceredigion magistrates in Lampeter on 27/9/99. Magistrates adjourned the case for a pre-trial review on 5/11/99.





Above: **The Fenton brothers**
Below (L-R): **Gilmore, Woolcock** & **Williams**

Police on an undercover operation against badger baiters found a disturbed sett, a freshly killed badger with wounds consistent with badger baiting, and five men with dogs hiding nearby Lampeter magistrates heard on 11/11/99. The men claimed to be hunting foxes, but one, who told police he would never touch a badger, was later found to have two stuffed badgers and a mounted badger's head at his home. In court were **Gary David Venton** (24) and his brother **Kevin Venton** (22) both of Bryn y Wawr, Pentregat, New Quay; **Gary Alan Williams** (22) of Heol y Graig, Clydach; **Geraint Ronald Woolcock** (21) of Cowbridge Square, Gwaen-Cae-Gurwen, Ammanford; and **John Alan Gilmore** (30) of Bryn Teifi, Cilcennin. All have pleaded not guilty to killing or injuring a badger, ill-treating or digging for one and interfering with a badger sett. On 1/12/99 magistrates dropped the charges against all five. However, Gary Venton was due to appear at magistrates on 17/12/99 charged with possessing excess ammunition and failing to notify the transfer of a shotgun







Three men travelled from South Wales to Milton Keynes on a badger baiting trip Milton Keynes magistrates heard on 26/10/99. **Paul Rivenberg** (34) of Coed-Coe, Nantyglo, **Michael Dutton** (27) of Merthyr Vale, Merthyr Tydfil and **Stephen Booth** (20) of Coed-Coe, Nantyglo, all deny a charge of killing, injuring or attempting to take a badger and a further charge of interfering with a badger sett. Rivenberg also denies two charges of cruelty to an animal. Booth is also accused of badger baiting but he failed to appear before magistrates. They are alleged to have attempted to lure badgers out of their sett during an evening's "hunt". The men were equipped with dogs, spades, nets and bags. The previous night they had been lamping for foxes

Two men who were caught red handed trying to set a terrier on a badger in its sett have escaped jail. **Paul Sheridan** (43) of Johnson Fold Avenue, Johnson Fold, Bolton and **Shaun Harwood** (34) of Selkirk Avenue, Astley Bridge, Bolton were both found guilty of digging for a badger, damaging and obstructing a badger sett and causing a dog to enter a sett by Blackburn magistrates on 21/8/99. They were each sentenced to 150 hours community service and ordered to pay £150 costs.

bird
VERMIN

Haydn Williams a gamekeeper on the Kentchurch Estate in Herefordshire and also a falconer, was fined £500 for illegal possession and non-registration of two goshawks, and illegal possession of two barn owls. He was also fined £210 for driving while disqualified and obstructing the police with £40 costs. At court Williams admitted he had illegally trapped the goshawks to reduce predation at his pheasant release pens.

Willy Enzlin of JV Eyckgracht, Holland was sentenced at Inverness Sheriff Court in January 1999 on a charge of offering to purchase wild peregrine. Enzlin was fined £2, 000, forfeited his car and forfeited the £4,000 cash he had received to buy the birds.

A Maltese man, who attempted to export wild British birds to his brother's pet shop in Malta, has been ordered to pay £4,814 in costs after breaching the Wildlife and Countryside Act. **Vince Ellul** (42) a London hotelier, was intercepted at Heathrow Airport with two boxes containing 47 greenfinches, all were wearing rings that had been tampered with. They were part of a consignment of 101 greenfinches en route to Malta, Uxbridge magistrates heard. The 47 British wild birds were confiscated and are due to be returned to the wild. Ellul pleaded guilty to possessing live wild birds and was also given a two-year conditional discharge.

equine
VERMIN

An exotic bird lover has been fined £2,500 after a trap he laid near his South Devon aviary caught a protected Tawny Owl. The bird was so badly injured in the spring trap it had to be destroyed, Totnes magistrates were told on 20/12/99. The RSPB claimed that traps and cages were being used by **Carl Garnham** to stop birds of prey harming his collection of doves and other birds at his aviaries at Broadhempston, near Totnes. Garnham claimed he used them for catching rats and other vermin. Gamham was fined £1,000 on two of the charges and £500 on a third. Garnham who now lives at Hawthorne Drive, Ibstock, Leicester was also ordered to pay £538 costs.

assorted
VERMIN

A farmer/landowner who spent more than £40,000 defending a horse cruelty charge has been fined £1,000 after a mare in her care died. She was also ordered to pay £11,558 costs. At Melton magistrates on 12/10/99 **Susan Cavanagh** (63) of Withcote Hall, near Oakham, a well-known figure in the equestrian world and **Christopher Fryer** (42) of Brookdale, Great Dalby, admitted to permitting unnecessary suffering to the horse. An examination on the horse showed deformities to the animal's legs and a pelvic injury, believed to have been caused by the kick from another horse. Although treated, sadly the mare died shortly after. Magistrates fined Cavanagh £1,000 and Fryer £500 but there was no order for them to be disqualified from keeping horses.

On 27/9/99 at Preston Crown Court paper making company **Sappi UK** from Feniscowles, Blackburn admitting polluting local waters, however, they said the death of 10,000 fish was unrelated. The River Roddlesworth and River Darwen were polluted following a chemical leak from their factory. They were fined £17,500 and made to pay costs of £37,000.

A sweetcorn farmer admitted spraying his crops with illegal pesticides before selling them to major high street shops. Portsmouth Crown Court heard on 13/8/99 that **Colin Boswell** (41) of Mersley Farm, Newport, Isle of Wight was one of the biggest sweetcorn producers and that he admitted 11 breaches of the Heath and Safety law. The court fined him £220,000 and if it was not paid in 14 days a 3-year prison sentence maybe imposed.

A farmer was cleared by Wigan magistrates of killing a protected species on 28/5/99. **Kenneth Winstanley** (64) of Cheetham House Farm, Park Lane, Abram denied 8 offences of killing a protected species and 14 of removing hedgerows. The court heard how Winstanley had filled in some ponds found to be populated by newts.

farm
VERMIN

Dusty Hare (46) of Wheatholme Farm, South Clifton, Nottinghamshire was convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to sheep and failing to dispose of animal remains. Hare the former England Rugby Union full-back was fined £5,000 and ordered to pay £1,450 costs. Newark magistrates were told on 8/6/99 that council officials found a sheep that was starving because of a broken jaw and two had kidney failure through tapeworm infection.

Alex Butcher (48) of Castle Farm, Badingham Road, Framlingham was convicted of 11 charges of causing distress to livestock and one of cruelty to animals. Lowestoft magistrates were told on 13/4/99 how he crammed 20 animals into a tiny pen, failed to provide clean drinking water and foodstuffs and did not bury the bodies of dead pigs. Magistrates were also shown a video of rotting animal carcasses littering Butcher's farm. He was given a three-month suspended prison sentence and banned for life from keeping stock.

Case 1): Farmer **Roger Baker** (57) of Ventongims Common, Callistick, near Truro who has a 25 year record of cruelty to animals and a life ban on keeping sheep, has been jailed again for nine more charges of causing unnecessary suffering to sheep. Truro magistrates heard on 22/6/99 that Baker has been banned for life from keeping sheep as a result of a 1997 cruelty conviction. Baker pleaded guilty to nine charges of causing unnecessary suffering to sheep and one charge of having sheep in his custody while being disqualified from doing so. Magistrates jailed Baker for a total of six months for the offences and re-imposed the lifetime ban on him keeping sheep. The previous week Baker was jailed for six months for using threatening behaviour towards the two female vets who visited his farm. See Howl 67 for previous court case details

Case 2): **Roger Baker** was jailed for five and a half months by Truro magistrates on 2/11/99 for causing cruelty to more than 260 sheep and cattle. Baker defied a previous life ban from keeping sheep and has been sent to prison seven times before for a string of previous convictions for animal cruelty spanning 31 years. He admitted 23 charges of causing unnecessary suffering to animals, failing to provide them with proper care, and failing to dispose of animal carcasses. The magistrates also imposed another life ban on Baker keeping any animals.

A farmer could face jail after admitting keeping 36 ewes and 20 lambs in a pen with rotting sheep carcasses. **Michael Anson** (48) from Newick Lane, Mayfield, East Sussex pleaded guilty to causing distress to 56 sheep when he appeared at Lewes magistrates on 16/8/99. Anson also pleaded guilty to a further allegation of failing to dispose of the carcasses of 26 sheep. He admitted he had a serious alcohol problem although he denied it had affected his judgment as far as the management of his flock. Anson has now put his farm on the market. Magistrates asked for pre-sentence reports and adjourned the case until 1/9/99.

A farmer who feared he would go to jail and lose his livestock killed himself after a visit from animal welfare officers. **Brinley Court** (47) hung himself from a cross beam in a shed three days after an inspection by officers from Pembrokeshire County council and a vet. The officers described how they found some of the animals at his farm in the village of Star living in appalling conditions. At an inquest into his death on 19/11/99 they heard how two sheep dogs were found living on top of sheep carcasses while nine terriers lived in a shed in complete darkness. A vet said some of the animals had definitely been caused unnecessary suffering.

update
VERMIN

Update from Howl 69 - **Kevin Brown** (34) and **Ann Brown** (32) from Montgomery Road, Tunbridge Wells who left more than 500 chickens to starve have won a partial victory over a penalty imposed by magistrates. Ann Brown need not now carry out the 120 hour community service order imposed by the magistrates, and the 160 hour order made in respect of her husband has been reduced to 120 hours. The couple had also been banned for life from keeping any animals. But the judge at Maidstone Crown Court on 16/8/99 said the order would be modified to allow them to keep not more than two family pets. At the appeal against the sentencing the court heard how they had both pleaded guilty on 22/4/99 to 17 summonses of causing unnecessary suffering to 535 chickens.

domestic
VERMIN

A pub landlord who killed his pet cat by pulling its neck and hitting its head on the floor has been banned from keeping animals for three years. The cat lived after suffering injuries inflicted by **Robert Hicks** landlord of the **Thirst and Last** pub in London Rd, Hildenborough, Sevenoaks magistrates were told in May. Hicks pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to his pet cat. He was fined £100 with £400 costs. He said he killed the cat because it did not use its litter tray He picked up the cat and pulled it from below and it started ripping at him, he fell down in the mud at the back of the pub and the cat hit its head on the side of a rock he then tried to finish it off by hitting its head on the floor.

On 14/5/99 **David Bird** of Oakland Court, Penplas received 200 hours community service and a 10 year ban on keeping animals by Gowerton magistrates after being found guilty of starving 3 greyhounds to death (they were actually eaten alive by rats). On 12/11/99 he reappeared at magistrates after failing to carry out any of his community service Bird was fined £75 and ordered to still carry out the community service order

A man has been banned from keeping a pet for three years after being found guilty of cruelty to two puppies. **Michael Cleary** (24) of 10 Hylands Road, Walthamstow, London pleaded not guilty to cruelty to the two Staffordshire bull terriers. Waltham Forest magistrates were told on 11/6/99 that following a tip-off, an RSPCA inspector visited Cleary and found the puppies starved and emaciated. He was ordered to pay a £10 fine on each puppy with £1,000 costs.

A Swansea man who starved his greyhounds to death has failed to carry out any of a 200-hour community service order imposed as punishment. **David Robert Bird** from Oakland Court, Penplas, Swansea was sentenced by Gowerton magistrates in May 1999. At that hearing the court heard that three greyhounds had been found dead lying on six inches of faeces in sheds. The community service order was imposed but Bird was later ordered back to court for failing to carry it out. On 12/11/99 Bird claimed he had been forced to flee the original hearing in the back of a police car to escape animal rights protesters. This was followed by attacks on his home claimed Birds defence. Bird was fined £75 and ordered to carry out the 200 hours community service. At the original hearing he was banned from keeping animals for 10 years.

James Forsyth from Stockton-on-Tees (23) beat his girlfriend's pet chinchilla to death with a golf club following a row and warned her "You're next. Ha Ha." Forsyth daubed the message in the animal's blood in the hallway. Middlesbrough magistrates heard how the chinchilla had escaped from the cage and Forsyth had stalked it, then beat it to death with the club. Forsyth admitted causing unnecessary suffering to an animal and criminal damage and was ordered to do 100 hours community service, banned from keeping animals for life and ordered to pay £80 costs.

Two soccer fans that used a hedgehog as a football during a drunken street kick-about were each fined £600 with £150 costs on 23/9/99. **Stephen Cornes** (20) and **James McKinnon** (21) both from Warndon, Worcester laughed and joked as the animal struggled for life after being kicked into the air, Worcester magistrates heard. Both were found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal. Sadly the hedgehog died of multiple injuries.

Its owner subjected a rottweiler to a severe beating Beddlington magistrates heard on 24/9/99. The dog suffered a fractured skull and injured leg and broken teeth following the attack by **Kenneth Hodge** (25) of Stanton Avenue, Blyth, Northumberland. A vet said the dog had been "severely and repeatedly beaten" on at least two separate occasions. Hodge was banned from owning any animal for 10 years and ordered to pay £300 costs after admitting cruelty to the dog. The dog who is now in the care of the RSPCA.

Alan Pittaway (43) of Walden Rd, Portsmouth killed his wife's kitten by drop-kicking it across the kitchen was fined £2,000 by Eastleigh magistrates on 16/7/99, She had rushed the cat to a vet who discovered it had a ruptured spleen. The kitten died a few hours later after surgery. Pittaway pleaded guilty to one charge of animal cruelty.

An animal breeder neglected rodents in his care so badly they ate each other. When the RSPCA visited the Minerva Summefield Nurseries in Pontefract, Yorkshire which is a business breeding hamsters, gerbils, rats and mice for pet shops they discovered dozens of animals had died of starvation. **Andrew John Brown** (38) of Roseberry Avenue, Hatfield, Doncaster admitted 14 charges of causing suffering to 1,219 animals. The case was adjourned until 26/10/99 at Pontefract magistrates.

David J. Pusey (57) of 8 King's Rd, North Chingford, London has been found guilty of shooting cats and was convicted of causing unnecessary cruelty to a cat. A family who live just 30 yards away from Pusey owned the pet cat. Waltham Forest magistrates were told on 23/9/99 that three other cats belonging to the same family were shot between 1997 and 1998. The court heard that the police searched Pusey's home and found a loaded air rifle in his wardrobe. Despite his not guilty plea magistrates convicted him. He was fined £750 and £150 costs. He was also ordered to pay £500 to the family for the distress he caused.

A policeman was physically sick after discovering the rotting carcasses of five animals during an RSPCA investigation. A dead cockatoo, a dead budgie and the carcasses of three rabbits were found at the home of **Anne Heason** (75) and her grandson **Mark Heason** (26). A flea-ridden dog dying of cancer, a caged cat and a starving budgie were also found in the house. Both from Anmer Close in The Meadows, Nottingham were banned from keeping animals for life, after pleading guilty to failing to protect their pets at Nottingham magistrates on 3/11/99. The pair was also ordered to pay a £100 fine.

Scott Taylor (19) of Goodall Crescent, Hucknall, Nottingham was convicted in his absence on 22/11/99 of ill-treating a cat, and of failing to ensure it had appropriate medical treatment. Nottingham magistrates heard he had put the oven on full power while the kitten was inside. The animal had to have a leg and its tail amputated. On 10/1/00 he was sentenced to three months in jail and banned from keeping animals for life.



Scott Taylor

Torbay magistrates jailed **Andrew Colley** (21) from Queen Elizabeth Drive estate for two months after they heard how he had strangled a cat because he was "peeved" about being accused of burglary and kicked out of a pub. On 19/8/99 Colley pleaded guilty to destroying a domestic cat, a charge brought under criminal damage rather than cruelty legislation.

VERMIN continued

A man who killed his girlfriend's puppy has been jailed for three months and banned from having custody of any animal for ten years. **Joseph Corey** (38) of Longshut Lane West, Shaw Heath, Stockport, Cheshire was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to a five-month-old cocker spaniel. Stockport magistrates heard how Corey let himself back into his girlfriend's flat after she asked him to leave because she was going out. When she returned she found the dog unconscious and salivating heavily.

Philip McEvoy (19) of Occombe Valley Road, Paignton, Devon downed 14 vodkas after a row with his girlfriend and then took his drunken rage out on a pet kitten, hurling it by its tail around his bedroom and killing it. On 15/11/99 magistrates warned him that he faced jail as they adjourned the case. The kitten bore the brunt of his temper as it was hurled around his room at least six times during the savage attack. The kitten died as a result of her injuries. The court was told that the kitten received fractures to her leg and skull and was bleeding from her eyes, abdomen and nose. On 15/12/99 magistrates sentenced him to four months in a young offender's institution.

A cat owner was found guilty of animal cruelty after he pierced his pet's ear and put a fake diamond stud earring in it. Bradford magistrates heard on 23/12/99 that **Simon Whittaker** (31) put the earring in his cat ear to "look decorative" and to make him "easily identifiable". Whittaker was found guilty of two charges of animal cruelty. His wife Melanie (41) was found guilty of not seeking veterinary attention. The couple from Great Horton, Bradford, West Yorkshire, had denied the charges but were not present at their trial. Magistrates issued warrants for their arrest. Melanie Whittaker later surrendered to the court and was released on unconditional bail until 13/1/00.

Two Crufts judges had 83 dogs taken from them after an RSPCA swoop on their country home. Sisters **Mary** and **Caroline Gatherall** from Sockburn Hall, near Darlingtort, County Durham (who are also well-known breeders of sheepdogs and dachshunds), may face prosecution on charges of animal neglect. It took RSPCA inspectors 15 hours to collect all the dogs and evidence on 23/11/99. The sisters have been on the Crufts judge's panel for several years and have owned a Crufts champion.

Theresa Wright (50) a former Crufts winner was found guilty of cruelty by Gravesend magistrates on 23/6/99. She was banned from keeping domestic animals excluding horses for 15 years and was ordered to pay costs of £1,000. Wright from Rainham in Kent was accused of keeping 27 dogs and 14 cats in filthy conditions at her home.

Sheila and **Harry Creegan**,Stalvert Close,Croxteth,Liverpool and their children,**John** [20] and **Jane** [27],have been banned from keeping animals for life [10 years for John and Jane] after leaving their dogs,cats and birds for a week whilst on holiday.Fourteen dogs,four kittens and two parakeets were left with no food or water.The Creegans were given 240 hours of community service [John and Jane were given 160] and had to share costs of £1,200.All the dogs and birds were rescued but the kittens were beyond hope and put to sleep.

Raymond Byrne (21) of Westwood, East Kilbride admitted abandoning 2 dogs for over 7 weeks leading them to starve to death in agony. SSPCA Inspector Jim McCandlish said: "This is one of the worst cases of neglect I have ever come across.What happened was barbaric." Unfortunately Sherrif James Taylor said he was unable to jail Byrne under the animal protection laws involved and deferred sentencing. Watch this space....



Raymond Byrne

David Kerr(49) from Chiddingstone Hoath, West Kent, pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering after shooting a neighbours cat.Scumbag Kerr even changed "reward" posters about the cat,removing the word "missing" and writing "dead" in its place.He was fined a pathetic £350 with £600 costs.

A vicious animal killer who left carnage and devastation in his wake hasbeen sent to jail. **Paul Warner** (18) from Littlewood Avenue, Bury was sent to jail for three months for using a broom handle, an air rifle and a pitch fork to attack ducks and poultry on a Bury allotment. Warner also admitted to intimidating a 15-year-old girl who was a prosecution witness.

Oswestry magistrates heard how **Scott Hopkins** (29) of Gobowen, Shropshire, attacked two cats with a pitchfork after he claimed they were stalking his alsation. He pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to animals and is shortly to be sentenced.....



Scott Hopkins

Thanks to all those who have sent in cuttings of cruelty cases . More please!!
Send to: North West H.S.A., PO Box 155, Manchester, M60 1FT or main office.

Has anyone ever come across hunts using these prongs to block earths,warrens or sets? Hull sabs have noticed them being used by hunts in East Yorkshire to either prevent foxes going to ground or to block them in until the terrierman can get there.



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1st June 2000

Ra Ra Ra... It's **Jobs for the old boys!** network

Are you a workshy layabout without a job?

Maybe you'd like to give hunt service a try! You see, despite hunts amalgamating everywhere there still don't seem to be enough huntsman and whippers-in to go round.

The *Vale of Lune Harriers* want a huntsman for next season. Apply in writing to **Keith Thomas MH, 23 Ingleborough Park Drive, Ingleton, Via Carnforth, Lancs LA6 3AJ**

The *New Forest FH* require a whipper in and a kennelman. Applications to **Mike Squibb, Chairman, NFH, 13 Granby Grove, Highfield, Southampton SO17 3RY**. Presumably you'd have to be able to tell the difference between fox and deer, and between rail lines and forestry land as the huntsman seems to have a problem in those areas.

The *Ecclesfield Beagles* require a huntsman. Applications in writing to: **W E Outram MH, Birley Cottage Farm, Cutthorpe, Chesterfield S42 7AY**

The *Leadon Vale Basset Hounds* require a joint master .. Apply **Mrs Plath 01386 554714**

The *Albrighton FH* need a first whip/kennelman. Being a bit choosy they want you to have a current driving licence, kennel experience and to be a competent rider.
Apply **R. Hough MFH 01889 574961**

The *Old Berks Hunt* have announced that they need a "Terrier man fencer". Whether this means someone to fight terrier men with swords whilst wearing tights, or someone who can put up fencing as well as torture animals in their earths, is open to interpretation. Accommodation is available but you must be able to drive.
Interested? Phone **01235 751236**

The *West Norfolk Foxhounds* want a groom.
Apply **Mr M Lyle MFh 01485 526795**

The *Zetland Hunt* require a whipper-in/kennelman. Not just accommodation thrown in but also "a good wage". Tel **01325 374330**

The Jed Forest Hunt is looking for applications for the Mastership for next season. Being able to tell the difference between Whisky and Sheep Dip would be an advantage. Wrire to **The Chairman, Colin Sutherland, Roxburgh Mains, Roxburgh, Kelso, Borders, Scotland TD5 8NJ**

The *South West Wilts Hunt* claim to be after a master or joint masters. Apply to **Belinda Blanchard tel 01747 828468.** Rumour has it that this position has been filled but don't let that put you off phoning her.

The *Wynnstay Hunt* want a Stud Groom – would suit married couple. Cottage on site too. Apply to **William Wakeham MFH, Park Eyton Farm, Overton Road, Ruabon, Wrexham LL14 6HN. Tel 01978 823141**

The Joint Masters of *Eastern Counties Minkhounds* want someone to join them. Their country is in Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk. Apply to **James McKeran, Red House, Great Thurlow, Haverhill, CB9 7LA Tel 01440 783451.** If you're successful we'll see you on the river bank this summer!

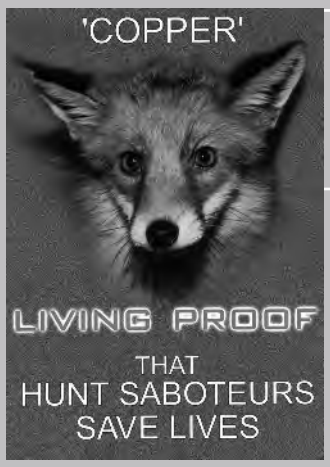
The *Park Beagles* want Masters for next season. Write to **The Chairman, Bragg's Farmhouse, Stockwood, Dorset DT2 0NG**

The *Wyre Forest Beagles* need joint Masters and an amateur huntsman. Applications to **The Secretary, The Barn, Obley, Bucknell, Shropshire SY7 0BZ Tel 01547 530851**

The *Cumberland Farmers Foxhounds* need a kennel-huntsman. Apply **P.D. Wybergh MFH, Borrans Hill, Welton, Carlisle, Cumbria CA5 7ET Tel 01677 476227**

The *Clifton-on-Teme Hunt* need a whipper-in/groom. The lucky applicant gets to live in a mobile home (might suit a new age traveller!). **Apply C.N. Burrows-Wod MFH Tel 01885 485493**

HSA PROMOTIONALS



Copper the fox is still going strong and so is our leaflet! The famous fox has been immortalised in a superb HSA full colour A5 leaflet which describes his rescue, treatment and the vet's findings. And has lovely piccies of him too!

Please help us to publicise Copper's story as the hunting debate heats up again, by ordering and giving out as many of these FREE leaflets as you possibly can. ***More than 80,000 already gone out!***

NEW 'Copper' leaflet ..... **FREE!** (+p&p)

The HSA also has a range of leaflets which are available to sabs, other animal rights/welfare organisations and individuals. Each A5 leaflet, printed in two colour, gives a brief outline of how a hunt operates, how it is sabbed and well-researched arguments against that form of hunting. Types of hunting included are: Foxhunting, Hare hunting, Hare Coursing, Game Shooting, and Mink Hunting.

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Price per 1000 'And How to Stop It' leaflets ..... £10 plus p+p **NOW HALF PRICE!**













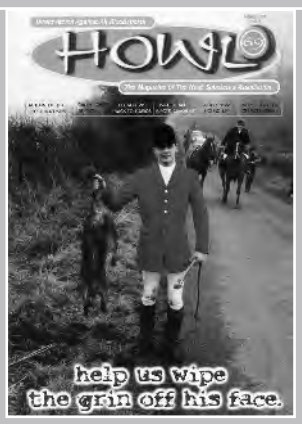
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Featuring the advert that appeared on the back of Howl 66 ("411 Mps, 2,000,000+ signatures on one petition, 80% of the population....and still the only people saving lives are hunt saboteurs"), and as seen in the Big Issue, these high quality, glossy, two colour posters can be purchased in large or small quantities.

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Individual back issues ..... 50p each

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Animal Rights Coalition
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Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade,
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Dept 29, 1 Newton St, Picadilly, Manchester, M1 1 HW
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BM 1715, London, WC1N 3XX

Genetic Engineering Network
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London Animal Action
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BM 2248, London WC1N 3XX. 0171-278 3068.

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National Fox Welfare Society
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HOW YOU CAN HELP END BLOODSPORTS

The Hunt Saboteurs Association needs your help in defeating bloodsports.

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

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

There are several ways you can help the HSA.

- Get in touch with your local sab group (details from the office on 01273 622 827) and either go sabbing yourself or help in other ways such as fundraising or mechanics.
- If you are not already a member of the HSA, please join now by using the form below - it only takes a few minutes to fill in and return to us.
- If you are already a HSA member then please photocopy the form and pass it on to someone else you think may like to join us.
- Ask the office for back copies of HOWL to leave in places where they can be read by members of the public (ie. doctors waiting rooms). If you are still at school or college why not leave a copy in the library reference section?
- Support us by buying HSA T-shirts and other merchandise. Phone the office if you don't already have a salesgoods order form.
- Let the hunters know what you think! Write to your local newspaper's letters page and write to your MP to let them know your views on Government plans either regarding hunting or hunt saboteurs. Your MP's address will be House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

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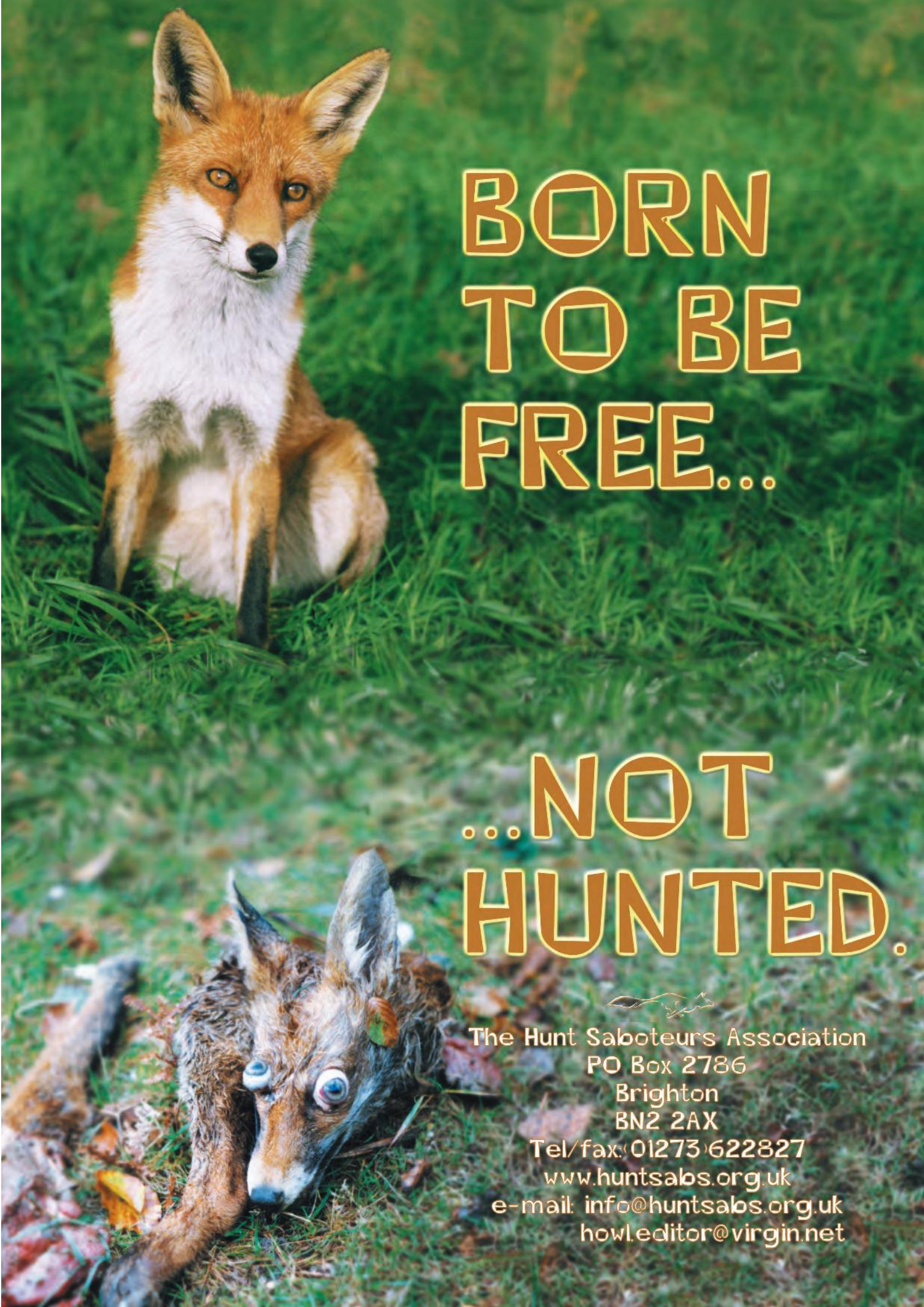
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