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## HUNT SABS NEWS

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Welcome to our first bulletin! The reason for this is to increase peoples awareness of our activities and to give a much needed public profile following police harrasment of our stall preventing us showing to the public the true face of hunting. HOPE YOU ENJOY IT!!

### CUBHUNTING

August-October. The period when the hunt train the young hounds to hunt and kill foxcubs and the huntsman learns to control the pack. Obviously this is the most important period in the foxhunting calender and below is a summary of our activities during this period.

2nd September: Cottesmore Foxhounds. 6:00 A.M. meet. 24 sabs from Nottingham, Leicester and Manchester present. 20 riders, 20 supporters and 5 police in 2 cars as well. We took the hounds from the hunt on several occasions by bloxing of horns. Overall it was a fairly quiet day with poor scent and no wind. There were no kills seen and the hunt finished at 9:30 A.M.

9th September: Atherstone Foxhounds. 6:30 A.M. meet. 25 sabs present from Nottingham, Leicester and Leamington Spa. 35 riders, 20 supporters and 25 police including riot vans, C.I.D., plain clothes, Chief Inspector and lots of ordainary plods. We gained control of the pack frequently by blowing horns and holloaing. It was a good sab despite the constant violence from the hunt and heavy police presence. The scent was poor with little wind. There was 1 kill just as we arrived and the hunt finished mid-morning.

16th September: South Notts Foxhounds. 7:00 A.M. meet. 20 sabs from Nottingham, Leicester and Northampton. 35 riders, 5 supporters and only two police who, for a change, were fairly unbiased. We had a Central T.V. news crew out with us all day. There was the usual tactics of horn blowing, holloaing and use of whips which seemed to work well although it was a difficult area to sab. There was a little bit of violence from the hunt, mainly the terrier man. The Central T.V. coverage following was typically biased towards the hunt who packed up late morning.

30th September: Cottesmore Foxhounds. 7:00 A.M. meet. 25 sabs from Nottingham, Leicester and Peterborough. 25 riders, 25 supporters, 13 uniformed and two plain clothes C.I.D. police. The police filmed our actions all day possibly for future use against us. We took the hounds off the scent of a fox twice using horns and holloas thus saving both. It was a good sab with two lives saved, poor scent and no violence from the hunt although the police film crew harrased us all day. The hunt packed up midday.

7th October: Cottesmore Foxhounds. 7:00 A.M. meet. 30 sabs from Nottingham, Leicester and Peterborough. 30 riders and 25 supporters. There were 25 police present who threatened to arrest anyone who blew a horn (except the huntsman!) Due to this sabs could do little of value to disrupt the hunt except holloa on specific occasions. Despite poor scent a fox was killed in a hedgerow surrounded by riders-sabs could not prevent the kill. There was no violence from the hunt and they packed up at midday.

14th October: High Peak Harriers. Opening meet 11:00 A.M. 23 sabs from Nottingham and Sheffield. 40 riders, 10 supporters and 6 police in 2 cars. The hunt seemed to move on anytime we closed in on them thus creating a cat and mouse situation which lasted all day with sabs chasing the hunt on foot. We called the hounds frequently splitting the pack. We stopped the hounds literally 5 feet from killing a hare using horns, holloas and whips which resulted in some riders attempting to mow down sabs using horses and hunting crops. We managed to calm things down and no further threats occured. They possibly killed a hare towards the end of the day when they managed to gain some distance on us. Overall a good days sabbing with good scenting conditions and lots of much needed exercise was had by all. The hunt finished at 4:30 P.M.



21st October: Cottesmore Foxhounds. 8:00 A.M. meet. 28 sabs from Nottingham, Leicester and Peterborough. 30 riders, 20 supporters and 15 police who again prevented us from blowing horns. They are continuing their campaign against us in order to make us completely ineffective in sabotaging the Cottesmore F.H. Not much could be done all day except that a hunt supporter knocked down and killed a hound. The hunt have since tried to blame sabs (see press cutting) for this and as mental as ever Captain Fanshawe, the huntsman, has stated that we will kill them next. Ha! Ha! Ha! We treat the above comment as a pathetic attempt to discredit us and dismiss it outright. Overall it was poor scenting and they packed up at 11:00 A.M.

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21st October: Oakley Foot Beagles. 12:00 meet. 20 sabs from Nottingham and Leicester. 15 supporters, the huntsman and two whipper-in's. No police!! As the Cottesmore finished early it was decided to tackle a second pack. The hounds responded slightly to sabs horns but the huntsman kept tight control using whistles. Some sabs kept up with the hunt all day. They covered a lot of ground and seemed to try to tire us out. (No such luck!) We were told that the hunt had killed before we arrived. Poor scent, strong winds and driving rain livened things up and the hunt finished late afternoon.

Well thats bulletin No. 1. Hope you found it interesting. If you want to go sabbing contact us at our address below. If you support us but can't go sabbing and would like more information or would like to make a donation write to the box number or fill out the standing order form to become a member of the Nottingham Hunt Sabs Supporters Group. **(£5.00 MIN)**

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## Row over death of hound

HUNT saboteurs have been blamed for the death of a hound during a hunt meeting in Leicestershire.

Members of the Cottesmore Hunt claim the saboteurs blew distracting hunting horns which led some hounds on to a road near Uppingham, at the weekend.

The Hunt says one of the hounds, a bitch called Styl-ish, was struck by a passing car on the Uppingham to Lyddington road and killed.

Captain Brian Fanshawe, Master of the Cottesmore Hunt, claimed the hound's death was a direct result of the saboteur action, and warned similar protest actions could cause more accidents.

Now Captain Fanshawe is asking for a meeting with senior police officers to discuss the way hunt meetings are policed. No spokesman for the demonstrators was available for comment.

# Hunt protest anger

Atherstone Hunt members clashed with saboteurs who tried to wreck their meet at Fillongley today.

Hunt Saboteurs Association members from three Nottingham groups converged on the village and police were called to the scene, although no arrests were made.

There were heated exchanges and saboteurs accused hunt members of violence while riders said the group's tactics endangered the lives of hounds and road users.

"We only experience disruption from the saboteurs about twice a year, and they certainly won't stop us hunting," said Mr Stuart Groves.

"There is no objection to them protesting but it is disconcerting that they come carrying cudgels, wearing balaclavas and using language which is, to say the least, unsavoury."

A saboteur, who refused to be named, said they had been intimidated by some hunt members but paid tribute to police who, he said, had been "reasonable" and allowed them to stage their protest.

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