

The Future for Hunting campaign

Future for Hunting – Take Action Now

The Government has launched a consultation on proposals to ban trail hunting in England and Wales — and we need every supporter of the Cotswold Hunt to make their voice heard. Trail hunting is a lawful, well-regulated countryside pursuit that plays a vital role in the life of our community. It contributes over £100 million to the rural economy each year, sustaining hundreds of jobs and supporting local businesses including farriers, feed merchants, vets, saddlers, and country pubs. Here in the Cotswolds, the Hunt is woven into the fabric of rural life — bringing people together, supporting livelihoods, and caring for thousands of hounds and horses.

A ban would not just end a tradition; it would remove a lifeline from communities already under significant pressure, and leave over 10,000 hounds and thousands of horses facing an uncertain future.

Future for Hunting is the national campaign fighting these proposals. It is a joint initiative between the Countryside Alliance and the British Hound Sports Association (BHSA), bringing together regulatory authority, campaigning expertise, and grassroots support behind a single, coordinated national response.

The consultation runs until 18 June, and the campaign has produced a simple online tool to help you submit an effective response in just a few seconds. Your response will also be shared with your local MP, ensuring they understand the strength of feeling in this area.

What you can do:

- Respond to the consultation using the Future for Hunting online tool at futureforhunting.co.uk
- Sign up to the campaign to receive updates and guidance
- Share this page with family, friends, and neighbours — every response matters

This is the moment for all supporters to come together and show that we will stand up for this pursuit, which remains such an important part of rural life. The Masters and Chairman urge everyone who values our countryside community to act before the 18 June deadline, and spread the word as widely as possible.