

**The threat to hunting with hounds is live.**

**Taking action now will protect our hounds, our hunts and our way of life.**

“The threat to our sport is now the greatest since the passing of the Hunting Act nearly 20 years ago.... Many hunts have a heritage of 150 years or more. It is our duty to protect that heritage. We must think of the next generation and make sure they can go out with a pack of hounds, too.”

**Lord (Nicholas) Soames**



## THE THREAT

**“We will ban trail hunting”**

Labour Party manifesto, June 2024

**“When the hunting ban came in originally, trail hunting was allowed to continue but only on the grounds that it would not be used as cover for continuing the illegal hunting of foxes. The police tell us that there are countless examples now of trail hunting being used in that way. Now drag hunting will remain, but we will have to close the loopholes that are being used as cover for illegal activities.”**

Steve Reed, Defra Secretary, June 2024

**“The Hunting Act is not working effectively and illegal hunting is still common practice.... The simplest reason for the lack of prosecution is that the law needs revisiting.”**

National Police Chiefs' Council hunting lead Chief Superintendent Matt Longman



## CHANGING THE PERCEPTION OF TRAIL HUNTING

**“How trail hunting is conducted and perceived will be reflected in future legislation, so we must take action now to persuade politicians there is no case to strengthen the law.”**

Lord (Nick) Herbert, Chairman of the Countryside Alliance


**“The urgent challenge facing hunting now is the perception that not all hunting activity is legitimate and that not all hunts are operating to the highest standards.... It is clear there needs to be a change in the way hunting is run to give all stakeholders confidence that we are operating legitimately.”**

Andrew Osborne, Chairman of the Masters of Foxhounds Association

**“The 2024/5 season is an opportunity for hunt staff, masters and hunt supporters to showcase their lawful hunting activities to create a greater understanding of what our activities involve and why hunts play an important role in today's society. Newly-elected MPs, the police, media and the public will be invited to attend the BHSA's national trail hunting day on 14 September. Trail hunting meets are being hosted at 30 different venues across the country on this day, with hunt supporters encouraged to support the meets being held in their area too.”**

Oliver Hughes, Managing Director of the British Hound Sports Association (BHSA)





“This is not the end for our hounds and our hunts. This is the beginning of the next chapter in hunting’s history and we are ready to face whatever challenges come our way and we will overcome them as a community. By taking action, we can protect our hounds, our hunts and our way of life, and we will.”

**Polly Portwin, Director of Hunting, Countryside Alliance**

## By taking the right decisions now we will:

Reduce the impact of hostile legislation

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Prevent direct action from animal rights activists

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Enable a strong and positive media campaign

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Build public support for hunting with hounds

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Ensure a future for our hounds, hunt staff and generations to come

Take action for hunting today so that we can protect lawful hunting activities for future generations.

Support our important campaigning work by signing up to Action for Hunting by scanning the QR code.



## The future of hunting is in our hands