

The Morpeth Hunt aims, at all times, to operate within the Law as laid out in the Hunting Act 2005.

Our objectives following the implementation of the law banning hunting with dogs in England and Wales is to:

1. Act at all times within the law
2. Conduct legal activities that enable the Hunt to maintain its structure and integrity with regard to hounds, staff, supporters, subscribers and members.
3. Maintain the Hunt's good relationships with farmers, landowners and shoots in our hunt country and to respect and abide by their wishes at all times.

The type of activities we intend to carry out within the law and with consent and support of the farmers and landowners are:

1. Simulated Hunting. Hunting an artificial trail laid across natural open country or in woodland and undergrowth.
2. Hound Exercise where trails may not be suitable.
3. Discretionary fox control within the law, at the request of farmers, landowners and gamekeepers, for the protection of game birds.

- We will continue to control the hounds by hunting horn and traditional methods.
- Stand followers; both mounted and on foot; around any coverts to stop hounds hunting a fox or any other mammals.
- Fox sightings should be reported quietly to the hunt staff or officials so the fox can be avoided. We ask followers not to holloa to attract hounds.
- Stop fox holes (in accordance with the law) to ensure foxes are underground and out of hounds' way.
- We ask that everyone following the hunt takes great care on the roads and shows consideration to other road users.
- Quads should not be driven on public roads unless they are road legal, fully insured and driven by someone with a driving licence.
- As numbers of quads will be limited, all non subscribing quads must seek permission before coming out.
- Please ensure that if a hunt jump is broken it is reported to a Master or the secretaries when it happens. If there is stock in a field where a fence is broken you must ensure it is stock proof before moving on.
- The Masters and committee can not be held responsible for the content of any messages posted on social media sites by followers of the hunt.