

GUIDANCE FOR HUNTING

Lady Clark has very kindly provided this information as a guide to all those planning to go hunting. These are really important points for everyone – do please read beforehand.

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We are fortunate to be given Meets with refreshments so please turn yourselves and your mount out cleanly and tidily (ideally plaited). Tack should be soaped and safe with your pony correctly bitted to enable you to have brakes! Numnahs ideally should be shaped to saddle (not square) in brown, navy or black and without a logo.

Make sure you are dressed correctly and warmly: Cream jodhpurs or breeches, tweed or navy jacket, jodhpur boots and chaps, or long boots, Pony Club tie or stock and Pony Club badge. Crash hats must be fitted correctly with plain navy or black hat cover. Dark gloves.

Park your horse box or trailer so that it does not block the roadway or gate. Always ring to check you can park in someone's yard beforehand. There is usually a designated place to park.

Arrive early at the meet, and pay your field money to the Secretary. Email secretary@wynnstayhunt.co.uk beforehand to see how much you need to pay. DON'T let the Secretary have to find you. (The Hounds move off promptly from the meet at 11am).

Find out who the Field Master is for the day. Mounted followers will be controlled by the Field Master and should remain in touch with him or her. Always stay behind the Field Master and do not overtake going into a fence.

Put a red ribbon or red tape on your pony's tail if it kicks. Be careful to turn hind your pony's hindquarters away from other horses and hounds when possible. Keep away from other riders especially when queuing.

Keep away from other horses with red or green (young horse) ribbons. Never ride into them.

Try to ride in the middle of the mounted followers (the field). Subscribers and other adults will likely wish to ride at the front of the field and ponies jump much slower than horses, so to avoid being jumped on, do be sensible. Get a lead from someone reliable that you know will jump. Always wait your turn when jumping and don't barge in front of others. Give the rider in front of you plenty of space to jump. **IF YOUR PONY STOPS TAKE HIM TO THE BACK OF THE FIELD AND WAIT YOUR TURN AGAIN.** Never turn immediately into the fence again in front of the others waiting to jump and never attempt to jump your pony over a fence from a standstill. Always ride straight to a fence.

Be ready to open gates and hold anyone's horse if asked. Wait and help anyone on their own to shut a gate, and if you have gone through a narrow gate or bridge wait until the person behind you is through before galloping off.

Ride on the headland around the edge fields. Do avoid riding on crops and seed fields as well as mown verges.

Shut any gates that have been opened by the hunt. If you are not sure Shut It. Pass messages, for example “Gate Please” “Wire” – to the person behind you, who will do likewise.

Do be polite and considerate to motorists at all times. Never block a road and always thank a motorist if they slow down for you.

Be aware that some horses take a dislike to small ponies and you may not be seen on the other side of a fence.

Finally, please parents, do not block the roads and interrupt traffic flow. Remember every delayed motorist or lorry driver will be understandably annoyed by the presence of the Hunt. Hunt followers’ behaviour may affect the management of the hunting day.

REMEMBER IF IN DOUBT, ASK SOMEONE.

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