

THE BERKELEY HUNT LTD
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The Hunt Committee is very grateful to all those who made donations in kind and particularly to Messrs Barfoot-Saunt, R.T. Blake, I Camm, D.Cuff,

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Other donors are listed elsewhere.

HUNT SUBSCRIPTION RULES

Please note that the Berkeley Hunt now requires, for insurance reasons, all subscribers to be members of the Countryside Alliance and therefore receive the benefit of insurance cover whilst hunting. We cannot accept a subscription without a valid Countryside Alliance membership number.

1. Subscribers are those who hunt with the Berkeley Hunt (but who are not Hunting Farmers, para 2) over the age of 23.

2. Hunting farmers (which expression includes wives) are those whose sole occupation is farming with land over which the Berkeley Hounds run, and their immediate families up to the age of 23 or leaving full time education, unless they remain in the employment of the family farm over that age. They are not required to pay subscriptions, field money nor caps. If they wish to bring guests, they should contact the Hunt Secretary at least 24 hours in advance to discuss any cap which is payable, otherwise normal capping rules apply. If their guests are hunting farmers para 7h applies.

3. Subscribers and hunting farmers must be members of the Countryside Alliance.

4. It is hoped that all details about subscriptions, caps and details of charges are contained in this book. If there are any queries they must be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Tom Whittaker not to the Masters nor any other Hunt official

4.a. Subscriptions. All subscriptions include Autumn and Hill hunting if paid by 15th May. Subscribers will be asked to pay as follows:

Payment by	15 Aug	15 May
A. Saturdays only	£1460	£1213
B. Wednesdays only	£1323	£1097
C. Wednesdays only north	£735	£630
D. Wednesdays only south	£735	£630
E. Five days- Wednesdays and/or Saturdays	£630	£500
F. Point to point qualifiers- see para e below		

Subscription E includes a maximum of one Marsh Day. Only one Subscription E may be taken out in a season. If further hunting is required three more days may be taken under normal capping rules (Para 7) otherwise a full A, B, C or D subscription must be paid without discount.

b. Field money is payable in addition to subscriptions A, B, C, D and E.

c. Payment by Banker's Order. Those who wish to pay their subscriptions by Banker's Order will pay over a period of 10 months starting on **15th** May at the full rate.

Subscription	Monthly
A	£146
B	£134
C	£74
D	£74
E	£63

d. Payment Dates Subscriptions are due to be received in full by the Hunt Secretary by 15th August before autumn hunting starts or by **15th May** for those who wish to pay at the discounted rate. Those whose subscriptions have not been received by the due date will have to pay a non-refundable daily cap for each day until it has been received. After the opening meet such payments will count as part of the three days maximum cap allowed per season.

e. Subscription F. Point-to-point owners and syndicates must pay at a rate to be agreed with the Hunt Secretary. As a guide £310 is payable for the first horse and £200 subsequently. This subscription allows a maximum of four days hunting per horse subscribed for.

f. Half or fractional subscriptions are not available.

g. Serving members of the Armed Forces are subject to special rates and should apply to the Hunt Secretary.

h. For any further queries please contact the Hon Secretary.

i. **NEW SUBSCRIBERS** Any subscriber who enlists someone who takes out an A or B subscription will be entitled to a refund of £100.

YOUNG PEOPLE

5a. Young people who will be over the age of 21 and under the age of 23 on 1st November will pay a subscription of 50% of the 15 August rates either by Banker's Order over 10 months from **15th May**, or in full by 15th August. There are no further discounts. Field money is payable in addition. Bona fide students between the ages of 21 and 23 should apply to the Hunt Secretary for a special rate.

b. From the opening meet young people under the age of 21 on 1st November will be called to pay a cap for each day they hunt as follows:

	18 – 21 years
£40	
	12 – 17 years
£25	
	under 12
£15	

c. Young children under 10 may be accompanied by an adult and may hunt for two hours from the time of the meet at a special cap of £25 for both.

d. During autumn hunting the cap will be:

12 – 21	£15
Under 12	£10

DISMOUNTED/CAR FOLLOWERS

6. From 1st October Dismounted/Car followers will be asked to pay an individual daily rate of £3, or a season's rate of £50 which will entitle them to a Hunt car sticker.

CONFIRMATION OF MEETS

Queries about Saturday meets should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary and about Wednesday Meets to the Field Secretary. (Telephone numbers are on page 1)

CAPS (over 21 years)

7a. Main Hunting Season. The rate to be agreed with the Hunt Secretary. Such caps can only be granted to an individual up to three times a season, and after that a full subscription must be paid. As a guide for most of the main hunting season the cap for those over 21 is:

Saturdays	£125
Wednesdays	£80
Autumn hunting to 1 st October and Hill hunting:	£25

b. A subscriber who wishes to hunt on a day not subscribed for should apply to the Secretary **before the day's hunting**. Subscribers can swap days a maximum of three times a season. Those wishing to hunt on a Saturday rather than a Wednesday will be charged an additional £30. This charge is for swapping and is not for an additional days hunting. There is no charge for swapping from a Saturday to a Wednesday.

c. All caps are inclusive of Field Money.

e. Autumn Hunting

From the first autumn hunting meets in August until the Opening Meet all those hunting, except those under 21, will pay a non-refundable Cap of £25 until their full

subscription has been received by the Hunt Secretary. For those aged 12 – 21 the Cap will be £15. For those under 12 it will be £10.

h. Farmers visiting from another hunt will be asked to pay a cap of £25 per day. No more than two visits a season are allowed. Please check with the Hon. Hunt Secretary in advance of hunting.

FIELD MONEY

8 a Field Money is payable from the start of Autumn Hunting. Until the Opening Meet the rate is £10. After the Opening Meet the rate is £25. This payment will cease when the compounded rate is received by the Hunt Secretary. Caps include Field Money (see para 7c)

b. Ladies and Gentlemen may compound their Field Money at the following

rates:

A subscription	£430
B subscription	£420
C subscription	£220
D subscription	£220
E subscription	£158

Young people aged between 21 and 23 pay 50% of these rates

HUNT WEBSITE

www.Berkeleyhunt.co.uk

The Hunt website carries useful information both about the Hunt, and about the Hunt Supporters Club who have their

own pages. Please use the website and encourage others to do the same. All Hunt news will be included on it.

BUTTON MONEY

Those who are in receipt of the Berkeley Hunt Button are to pay Button Money of £30 per year, whether they still subscribe or not. The payment of Button Money entitles holders to wear Hunt uniform both in the hunting field and on social occasions.

DONATIONS

The Hunt Committee are very grateful not only for support to Hunt Funds but also for donations in kind to the kennels.

However, on the basis of having made a donation it is not reasonable at a later date to ask the Secretaries to accept this as a payment to allow a family member, a friend or a groom to hunt without further payment. Anyone hunting, other than a farmer, must pay either a subscription or a cap.

HUNT TERRITORY

In the North the city of Gloucester with the most northerly meet at Elmore. In the South the city and county of Bristol but now normally considered to be the M4 motorway with the most southerly meet at Aust. In the West the River Severn. In the East the railway line from Westerleigh to Wickwar, the brook from Wickwar to Charfield, the road from Charfield to Kingswood, the brook from Kingswood to Alderley and Ozleworth Bottom, the lane past Scrubbits Farm to Bagpath, past Kingscote School to Hunters Hall, (the three coverts by Kingscote School are neutral to both the Berkeley and Beaufort Hunts), the road from Kingscote to Calcot cross roads, the A46 to Painswick then the B4073 to Gloucester.

RULES AND CUSTOMS IN THE HUNTING FIELD

1. The control and management of a day's hunting is the responsibility of The Joint Masters. In the hunting field

their word is law. In the event of a follower being sent home, no refund is available.

2. Damage, or repair work needed, should be reported to the Hunt Secretary as soon as possible. The Joint Masters and Hunt Secretary also welcome suggestions for innovations or improvements which would lead to the opening up of the country or would benefit the farming community in general.

3. Kicking horses are an abomination in the hunting field! Red or green ribbons do not excuse the rider from responsibility. If a horse with such a ribbon is brought to a meet it must be kept very well clear of hounds and of other horses.

4. Mounted followers are expected to be at the meet no less than five minutes before the appointed time. **On arrival at the meet first greet the Hunt Secretary and pay any money due, then the Master; (a polite ‘Good morning’ is all that is needed) and the Huntsman.** Late arrivals risk being sent home unless an arrangement has been made with the Hunt Secretary at least 24 hours ahead. It is never acceptable to start hunting when second horses arrive.

5. Good and correct turnout for both rider and horse is a tradition of the hunting field. If you are not sure please ask. After the Opening Meet Barbour's or waterproofs are not acceptable. Pony Club members should seek advice from the Pony Club.

5. Please ensure that horse boxes do not cause inconvenience either to landowners and farmers or to other road users.

6. Those who hunt are advised to ensure that they are covered by the appropriate insurance. **(See the note above under subscriptions)**

7. Please enjoy hunting but remember that it can only take place through the goodwill of landowners and farmers.

8. Car followers are particularly asked not to block farmers' gateways and drives.