



Dear All,

#### The South Tetcott Hunt – Chairman's Letter October 2020

I think you would all agree that it's been an incredibly difficult year for everyone including the hunt but I hope you are all fit and well, as we look forward to this forthcoming season. As opening meet is fast approaching I thought I would give you a brief update with what's been going on over the past couple of months here at the hunt.

Firstly I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous and continued support over the past few months from the kind donations received, to the prompt payment of subscriptions it has been very much appreciated. There has also been generous support given by individuals given up their time to maintain the Kennels and opening up country for us. The hunt can't function without this help.

During the September the hunt employed a new hunt groom to manage the horses for the season and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lucy Musgrove to the team and hope you all extend a warm welcome to her if and when you see her out with the horses, as I know some of you already have.

As you all can appreciate it has been a very difficult time financially for the hunt over the summer, and due to the COVID restrictions. This prevented us from running the normal calendar of fundraising events which go a long way to topping up the funds. Therefore I would appreciate that any subscriber who hasn't paid their subscriptions for this forthcoming season please do so by the opening meet. To help protect hunt officers and staff I would ask that where possible payments are made via BACS as to minimise contact, these details can also be used for your cap monies for those who would like to do so but please bring proof on your phone if done on the day.

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As like everything this year we are having to adapt how we meet and therefore following guidance from the Masters of Foxhounds Association, we will not be having the traditional lawn meets but rather asking the mounted followers to assemble shortly before the allotted time given by the masters at the meet location. The hounds will not be paraded but will arrive at the allotted time of the meet and move off immediately, rider please follow instructions given by the masters once the hounds move off. I would ask both riders and foot followers to remember to keep to the social distancing guidance of two meters apart and no more than six in a group. The MFHA guidance has also asked that the masters and hunt staff not to wear red coats at this current time but this will be reviewed throughout during the season.

Lastly it's for me to give the following meet dates in November which are listed below:-

Saturday 31st October - Opening Meet, Tetcott Manor

Tuesday 3rd November - Moorlands, Patchacott

Saturday 7th November - Burdon Farm, Highampton

Tuesday 10th November - South Blagdon, Thornbury

Saturday 14th November - Woodhills, Black Torrington

Tuesday 17th November - Lower Brazacott Farm, Brazzacott

Saturday 21st November - East Park, Druyton

Tuesday 24th November - Eden Chapel, Jacobtsow

Saturday 28th November - Hornacott Barton, Boyton

I look forward to seeing you shortly out in the field.

Yours sincerely

Derek Ellis

South Tetcott Hunt Chairman