



Avon Vale Hunt

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Dear Supporter

Subscriptions for 2009/2010

As a result of last year's change in format to compound field money and subscription into one we have been able to budget much more effectively. Accordingly the committee have decided to continue with this format. It has been necessary to apply increases to certain types of subscription this year, due to the difficult economic circumstances we find ourselves in.

As advised last year, the Farmer's subscription has increased again with a view to next season becoming one half of the Full Subscription figure

Rates can be found in the attached form.

Payment

Subscriptions are due from 1 May 2009 and must be paid before appearing mounted on the hunting field. Subscriptions paid in full before 1 August will attract a 5% discount.

In exceptional circumstances, special conditions may be arranged via the Honorary Secretary, who will present your case to the Finance Committee.

PLEASE NOTE: All those who intend to hunt with Avon Vale must make proper arrangements with the Hon. Secretary before they bring a Horse to the meet.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that subscriptions can be paid via standing order. (Those of you with internet banking will be aware this is very easy!) This is becoming a popular option as it helps spread the cost for you as well as allowing the Hunt a steady income throughout the season. If you would like to pay this way, please contact me and we will arrange it. The agreement of any payment plan also includes an acceptance that the whole of the subscription is payable regardless of any change in circumstances during the season.

Hound Exercise and Autumn Hunting

Following on from last year, a small charge will be raised for Hound Exercise and Autumn Hunting. Details will be posted on the emails giving Meet dates and times.

Visitors

By prior permission of the Hon Secretary (on 3 day's notice) to a maximum of 3 days. Visitors Cap is always applicable.

Voucher Scheme

Issued in books of 6 and applicable from opening meet onwards. Vouchers are non-transferable in terms of seasons or people.

Voucher holders may attend Autumn Hunting by prior arrangement with the Hon Secretary who will arrange the relevant donation for the day.

Point-to-Point qualifiers

In order to be granted a Hunter Certificate, a horse must be fairly hunted for a minimum of 4 days during the season (from 1 October onwards). Hunter and Rider Certificates will be issued after qualifying 4 times, by the Hon Secretary upon request. Riders wishing to ride in the Hunt Race, who have qualified with another Hunt may pay the minimum subscription (£100) to the Hon Secretary. (It is the owner's responsibility to ensure their jockey has subscribed.)

Farmers

Farmers are defined as those who derive all, or a greater part of their income from a farm in the Avon Vale Country where they live and/or work. This also applies to spouses / partners of hunting farmers and their children. (Those over 16 and not employed full time on the farm are expected to pay normal subscriptions).

Grooms

Grooms riding second horse and not continuing in the Hunting field do not pay anything. Grooms hunting on, or on their own horses, are expected to pay.

Countryside Alliance

We have for some time now insisted that members of the mounted field, car and foot followers become and remain members of the Countryside Alliance (“CA”), the only national organisation committed to defending and promoting our country sports and way of life. We ask you to add details of your CA membership when you return your subscription form. This year the CA has asked us to help them confirm their records. Therefore, by signing and returning the subscription form, you are agreeing to your name and address details and CA membership number to be provided to the CA. Pursuant to data protection legislation, we are giving you the opportunity to opt out of this exercise, if you wish to do so.
is quoted on the subscription form.

I look forward to seeing you all over the summer and I thank you for your patience with me last year in my first full season as Honorary Secretary.

Best Regards

Liz Bryant
Honorary Secretary
The Avon Vale Hunt



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HUNT SUBSCRIPTIONS 2009/2010

From: Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Countryside Alliance No. (MANDATORY) _____

- a) **Full Subscription** @ £1,090 _____
Includes compounded field money
- b) **Voucher Scheme** 6 non-transferable vouchers. @ £420 _____
Includes field money
- Visitor's Cap** Max. 3 days only. Apply to Hon. Secretary @ £80 Saturdays _____
@ £55 Weekdays _____
- c) **Point-to-Point Qualifiers** Each horse may qualify with one @ £315 _____
book of four vouchers. 1st horse = £315, 2nd Horse = £260, 3rd Horse = £210
and each subsequent horse in the same ownership = £160 (all inclusive of field
money)
- d) **Farmer's Subscription** For those AVH farmers and their spouses/partners @ £490 _____
over whose land the Hunt is welcome. Includes compounded field money.
- e) **Young Persons** (17-21 years inclusive on 1st May)
Full subscription (includes compounded field money) @ £510 _____
Voucher scheme: 6 non-transferable vouchers @ £210 _____
Visitor's cap: Max. 3 days only (apply to Hon. Secretary) @ £45 per day _____
- f) **Children** (16 years and under on 1st May)
Full subscription (unless paid up members of the Avon Vale Pony Club. Does
not include field money) @ £120 _____
Members of the AVH Pony Club (wearing their AVH badges) and children of
Avon Vale farmers: Field money only of @ £20 per day _____
Members of other Pony Clubs (wearing their badges) @ £25 per day _____
Any others: Visitor's cap: Max. 3 days only @ £30 per day _____
Compounded Field Money @ £220 per season _____
- g) **Car Followers** Car pass for the season (or £5 per day) @ £55 per season _____
- h) **Donations** To receive meet cards and other Hunt information. @ £15 minimum _____
(Subscribers and voucher holders will be sent meet cards at no extra
charge)

PAYMENT

Subscriptions became due on 1st May 2009. Full payment is required before appearing mounted in the hunting field. However, if you wish to spread the cost of your subscription you may pay by standing order, but payment must be completed before 1st January 2010. (The whole of the agreed subscription is payable regardless of any change in circumstances during the season.) A discount of 5% will be allowed on all riding subscriptions received before 1st August 2009.

Signed _____

TOTAL _____

Date _____

CHEQUE ENCLOSED FOR _____

Please Note: By completing this form you grant the Avon Vale Hunt permission to pass your Name, Address & CA membership no. to the Countryside Alliance.