

Our Hunting Country

The Minehead Harriers are extremely fortunate to have such welcoming and supportive landowners.

A significant proportion of the Minehead Harriers hunting country belongs to the National Trust who welcome trail hunting and many other recreational activities on their land.

The Minehead Harriers trail hunt on National Trust land by licence issued annually; all must comply with the licence terms and conditions.

The remainder of the country is hunted by kind permission of the individual landowners.

Minehead Harriers Code of Conduct for Lawful Hunting on National Trust Land

1. The Minehead Harriers recognise the importance of keeping strictly to all licence conditions when lawfully trail hunting on National Trust Property.
2. Anyone who is found to be responsible for breaches of this Code will no longer be welcome to hunt with the Minehead Harriers.
3. Anyone following the Minehead Harriers in vehicles will show courtesy and consideration to other road users. Roads must not be blocked by members of the hunt under any circumstances. If vehicles used by activists cause any problems they are to be reported to the Mastership. Please try to record details of number plates, type and colour of such vehicles.
4. Quad bikes will under no circumstances be ridden on to land that we do not have permission from the National Trust to cross with quad bikes. If any third party quad bikes appear on hunt days to be breaching this rule they are to be reported to the Mastership.
5. No person shall follow the Minehead Harriers on National Trust land equipped for the use of terrier work.
6. Mounted followers will show courtesy and consideration to other road users at all times.
7. If third parties such as activists engage in offensive and provocative behaviour they should be treated with courtesy. No attempt should be made to engage them. They can be filmed in order that they can be reported to the National Trust or the Police.
8. If at any time anyone hunting with the Minehead Harriers is threatened or fears for their own safety or the safety of others they must dial 999 and make a report. Such incidents should also be reported to the Mastership.
9. The Minehead Harriers engages in lawful trail hunting at all times. If hounds are seen to be chasing any wild mammals every effort should be made to stop them. Followers and supporters should obey any directions given to them by the Mastership and the Whips in this regard. If activists attempt to prevent hounds from being stopped they should be filmed and reported. No attempt should be made to engage them.
10. Remember at all times you are representing the Minehead Harriers and the wider hunting community.