

The VLH Harriers

The Vale of Lune Harriers are a pack of medium sized hounds. Their original quarry was the Hare. Since the law changed in 2005, this pack has now been converted to follow a drag - an artificial scent laid by a rider over a trail carrying a scented cloth for the hounds to follow.

The Three Counties Bloodhounds

The Three Counties Bloodhounds were acquired by the VLH a few years ago and started work in earnest after the ban came into force in 2005.

They provide a quite different day for the followers, as they are very fast when they pick up a trail.

The trail can be laid in the same way for the Bloodhounds as it is for the Harriers, using a scented cloth over a pre-determined route. As the Hounds are becoming more experienced, they are starting to follow a 'clean boot' - that is a person running across the land with no additional scent added.

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The Vale of Lune Harriers & The Three Counties Bloodhounds



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I want to try hunting...

How do I come hunting?

Prior to your visit call the secretary on 07710 920892. They will give you permission to come along unless there is a restriction on numbers for any reason.

On the day phone the hotline on 07736 635128. They will tell you if the day is still on and confirm the location

What will I have to pay?

Non-subscribers will need to pay a cap which can be £50 to £90 per day. Or you can subscribe and pay a small wire fund each time.

The secretary will be circulating on the day to collect the money

How should my horse be turned out?

Your horse should be clean and tidy; and for lawn meets plaited if it is not hogged.

Tack is at your discretion but a stronger bit than usual is recommended.

What should I wear?

Long black boots, breeches/jodhpurs, black jacket, stock, gloves and a BS approved hard hat.

If you don't have all these then don't worry – smart dress is acceptable.

Who's in charge?

The Field Master who is identifiable by their pink coat (that's red to you and me.)

Stay behind them at all times and follow all their instructions

Do I have to jump anything?

Not if you don't want to. There is usually a way round through a nearby gate and you can catch the field up. Of course, the jumping is half the fun...

VLH Events

Hunt Meets

The meets are held at a number of locations in the stunning Lune Valley and are generally within easy distance of the M6.

Meets are held on Wednesdays and Saturdays from October until March.

Meets generally start at 12.00.

Guests are very welcome!

Vale of Loonies Children's Meets

The Vale of Loonies are the children's hunt. They have hunted hounds and whipped-in on some very important occasions and they are a fearless bunch! They hold regular meets during the season and welcome newcomers, so long as they are under 16!

Hunter Trials

The VLH hold a hunter trial at Burton in Kendal with a fantastic variety of jumps that cater from the tiniest novices to the bravest of the brave.

Social Events

The March Hare Hunt Ball is never to be missed. Our excuse to look elegant, raise money for the hunt, eat drink and be merry!

The farmers dance is less formal but enjoyed by all.

We are always open to suggestions for any other events!

About Us



The Vale of Lune Harriers has been in Hornby, Lancashire, for over 100 years and enjoys the beautiful Lune Valley in stunningly beautiful countryside. The hunt is home to a Harrier pack and also a new pack of Bloodhounds. We enjoy marvellous days in and around the Lune Valley, courtesy of the many Farmers and Landowners that allow us access to the land. Without them we could not enjoy our sport. The sport we enjoy is suitable for most riders (including children) and horses and ponies, with hedges, hurdles and stone walls to jump if you want (but there is always a way around them!). The hunting year currently runs from early October to early March, meeting every Wednesday and Saturday. There are also social and other activities to enjoy all year. We would love to see you out sometime with us, either mounted or following on foot, bicycle, quad or car!

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