

Dress Code

Please note this is only intended as a guide - not a fixed set of rules. Don't let it put you off coming hunting if you haven't got exactly the correct kit. The first rule is to be dressed tidily and respectfully. Clearly newcomers cannot be expected to wear full hunt dress but being tidy and appropriate to the conditions is the key.

The same applies to your tack. By keeping your tack clean and oiled, it will stay supple and safe. You can check your stitching whilst cleaning your tack to ensure it is not damaged.

For traditional hunt dress;

- Black or blue coat should be worn with black buttons. These should be plain unless the person has been awarded the hunt buttons. A grey collar indicates that the person is an officer of the hunt. Tweed is also acceptable.
- Men should wear buff breeches and black butcher boots.
- A hunting stock should be worn with the pin placed horizontally for safety.

Ladies:

- Hair should always be tied up and held in a suitable hair net.
- It is advisable to remove earrings to prevent injury.

Children (under 18 years of age):

- Tweed jackets should be worn, but black or blue are also acceptable.
- Jodhpurs and jodhpur boots are permissible.
- Children can also wear ties instead of stocks.

During Hound exercise (before opening meet) Tweed is traditional for all sexes and ages.

Turnout of your horse

It is traditional to plait your horse for hunting but this is not required. You may want to if your horse looks smarter plaited. Hunt Masters and Huntsman will always be plaited.

Your horse should be clean as they will sweat a lot during the day and any mud or dirt will get mixed with the sweat and can cause sores.

Tidy turnout of both horse and rider is very important to the hunt. Remember, all the farmers get out of allowing us to cross their land is the spectacle of the hunt. Don't let us let them down by untidy turnout.