



## THE MELTON HUNT CLUB CROSS COUNTRY RIDE

Proudly Sponsored by The Fox & Hounds at Knossington

at Barrowcliffe XC Course, South Croxton Rd, Queniborough, Leicester LE7 3RX

Sunday 10th November 2024 at 12 noon

All entries online [www.melton-hunt-club.org.uk](http://www.melton-hunt-club.org.uk)

**Melton Hunt Club Cross Country Ride:** approximately 3 miles cross country ride with around 20+ fences including hedges, rails and open ditches across some excellent Quorn Hunt country with natural obstacles.

- Melton Hunt Club Cross Country Ride at 12 noon followed by the Quorn Foxhunter Ride.
- The Melton Hunt Club Cross Country Ride is proudly sponsored by the Fox and Hounds at Knossington.
- Entry fee for the Melton Hunt Club Cross Country Ride is £65 plus £1.50 admin Fee (Late entries incur a £15 surcharge).
- The Melton Hunt Ride is part of the GB Hunt Ride League sponsored by Retraining of Racehorses and Fox Grant Estate Agents. League details below.
- Entrants to the Melton Hunt Ride must be current members of the Melton Hunt Club, have paid their subscriptions for the current year (minimum £10) or add their unpaid membership to the entry fee.
- The Chairman of the Melton Hunt Club will need to confirm all entrants meet the necessary standards and requirements of entry and if they deem that the entry is not valid, the entry will be cancelled, and money returned under our refund policy. The Chairman's decision is final.
- Roads and Bridle lanes are to be crossed, not traversed.
- Minimum weight is 12 stone. There will be a weigh in immediately after the finish for all prize winners and riders. Anyone not weighing in at the correct weight will be disqualified. Weigh scales will be available at the Secretaries Tent before and after the race.
- There will be minimal flags on the course to allow you to pick your own route from flag to flag, therefore the course must be walked thoroughly so that you know which options are available to jump.
- Prizes (in Kind) for Melton Hunt Club Ride: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Overall; 1<sup>st</sup> Gentleman; 1<sup>st</sup> Lady; 1<sup>st</sup> Quorn Subscriber; 1<sup>st</sup> Thoroughbred eligible for RoR series; 1<sup>st</sup> Local Heavyweight Farmer (Quorn, Cottesmore or Belvoir); 1<sup>st</sup> Middleweight (13 to 15 stone 7lbs); 1<sup>st</sup> Heavyweight (over 15st 7lbs); 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran (over 50); 1<sup>st</sup> under 25; 1<sup>st</sup> Soldier on an Army Horse; special prize for 1<sup>st</sup> non-thoroughbred.

### **Conditions of Entry for Melton Hunt Club Ride**

- Booking closes Friday 1st November 2024 or earlier if the event is FULL.
- All riders must declare on the day of the Race, declarations close at 11.30am on 10<sup>th</sup> November.
- Members who participate in the main race do so entirely at their own risk. The organisers, landowners whose kindness makes this event possible, Melton Hunt Club or Quorn Hunt do not accept liability for

any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, vehicles, contents or accessories or any other person whatsoever, whether caused by negligence or in any other way.

- All riders must carry Third Party Insurance for not less than £5m. It is strongly recommended that all participants also have Personal Accident Insurance. The Melton Hunt Club, Quorn Hunt and organisers of this event are not legally responsible for riders.
- Members taking part are particularly reminded that horses **should be fully fit to run** over the approximately 3 miles course before being entered and may be subject to a veterinary inspection.
- Everyone taking part in either ride, must walk the course before taking part. There will be minimal flags on the course to allow you to pick your own route from flag to flag, therefore the course must be walked thoroughly so that you know which options are available to jump.
- It is compulsory for all those mounted at the event (including grooms and helpers) to always wear crash helmets to current recognised Safety Standards – such hats must not have a fixed peak. These are the current standards: British All PAS015 1998/2011 with kitemark; VG1 with kitemark; All ASTM F1163: 2004 onwards with SEI mark; SNELL E2001 or E2016 with Snell label and number, or Australian and New Zealand All AS/NZS 3838 2006-onwards hats. Hats will be identified by a BTC, BE, BRC or Pony Club approved hat tag and will be checked on declaration.
- All competitors must also wear a British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA 2018) approved and appropriately labelled Level 3 (purple label) body protector, manufactured in the year 2018 or after. A body protector of this nature is also required when competitors are wearing air jackets of any make.
- All horses being ridden at the event, including riding in exercise areas, must be ridden in a bridle.
- Printed numbers WILL be provided on declaration; however, each participant will need to provide their own British Eventing style number bib.
- The Stewards' decision will be always final. The Stewards' have the right to disqualify any rider whom they deem guilty of 'unsportsmanlike conduct', ridden in a dangerous or inconsiderate fashion or behaved in any manner inappropriate and maintain the right to ask any rider to stop during both rides if the horse is considered unfit to continue for any reason. The decision is final.
- Minimum age to compete is 16 years old.
- A whip may be carried for either ride but can only be used to slap down neck in forearm position, with both hands on the reins. The stewards hold the right to disqualify any rider who does not adhere to this rule.
- All entrants must be members of the Countryside Alliance and will be required to provide their membership number.
- The committee does not guarantee that the course will be free from wire, but every effort will be made to take it down wherever possible.
- There will medical and veterinary facilities on site.
- Full instructions will be emailed to all entrants prior to the event.
- The course will be ready to walk on 2nd November and the course map will be added to the Melton Hunt Club website on the 1st November for downloading.
- By entering this event, I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them while accepting all liability for competing in the Melton Hunt Club Ride or Quorn Foxhunters Ride on Sunday 10th November 2024.

**All entries online <https://www.melton-hunt-club.org.uk>**

**REFUND POLICY** In the very unlikely circumstances that we cancel the event then all monies will be refunded except for a £5 admin charge. Entrants can cancel their own entry for a refund up to the date entries close. No refunds are available after entries close.

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