

THE MELTON HUNT CLUB CROSS COUNTRY RIDE
in Cottesmore country

SCHEDULE

The Ride is kindly sponsored by:



VENUE

Ladywood Lodge
Braunston Road
OAKHAM LE15 8LW
Sunday 9th November '25 at 13.00

All entries online www.melton-hunt-club.org.uk

A 3/3.5 miles cross country ride with approximately 20+ fences including hedges, rails and open ditches across some excellent Cottesmore Hunt country with natural obstacles.

Our grateful thanks to the following Farmers and Landowners for their support:

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DETAILS

- Melton Hunt Club Cross Country Ride at 13.00 (followed by the Cottesmore Hunt Foxhunter Ride).
- Entry fee for the Melton Hunt Club Cross Country Ride is **£80** plus **£1.50** admin Fee. MHC Members £70 plus **£1.50** admin Fee. *Late entries incur a **£15** surcharge.*
- The Melton Hunt Club Ride is part of the GB Hunt Ride League
- Entrants to the Melton Hunt Club Ride *must* be current members of the Melton Hunt Club, have paid their subscriptions for the current year (minimum £10) or have added their unpaid membership to the entry fee.
- The Chairman of the Melton Hunt Club will need to confirm that all entrants meet the necessary standards and requirements of entry, and if he or she deems 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 (i.e. not used as part of the course).
- 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 Secretary's Tent before and after the race. Riders don't need to weigh with a hat.
- There will be minimal flags on the course to allow riders to pick their own route from flag to flag, therefore the course must be walked thoroughly so that riders know which options are available to jump.
- Prizes (in Kind) for Melton Hunt Club Ride: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Overall; 1st Gentleman; 1st Lady; 1st Cottesmore Subscriber; 1st Local Heavyweight Farmer (Quorn, Cottesmore or Belvoir); 1st Middleweight (13 to 15 stone 7lbs); 1st Heavyweight (over 15st 7lbs); 1st Veteran (over 50); 1st under 25; 1st Soldier on an Army Horse; special prize for 1st non-thoroughbred.
- Prize giving will follow 30 minutes after the Foxhunters at approx. 2.30pm

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Booking closes **Sunday 2nd November 2025** or earlier if the event is FULL.
- All riders must declare on the day of the Ride, and **declarations close at 11.30 on 9th November.**
- Members who participate do so entirely at their own risk. The organisers, landowners whose kindness makes this event possible, Melton Hunt Club or Cottesmore 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, Cottesmore 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 3/3.5 mile course before being entered, and may be subject to a veterinary inspection.



- Hats will be identified by a BTC, BE, PC or BRC approved Hat Tag. Only the following hat standards are accepted: British and European PAS 015 (2011) or VG01 040 2014-12 – both with a BSI Kitemark or Inspect IC Mark; American ASTM F1163 2004a onwards with SEI mark, Snell 2016 or 2021 (no other mark is needed with Snell) or Australia and New Zealand AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards with SAI Global mark.
- All competitors must also wear a body protector to British Equestrian Trade Association BETA 2018 Level 3 standard (blue and black label). 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 if the horse is considered unfit to continue for any reason. The decision is final.
- Minimum age to compete is 16 years old.
- All entrants must be BHSA members 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 Saturday 1st November and the course map will be added to the Melton Hunt Club website on the 31st of October.
- By entering this event, riders must have read the above rules and agree to abide by them while accepting all liability for competing in the Melton Hunt Club Ride on Sunday 9th November 2025.

REFUND POLICY

In the very unlikely circumstance that we cancel the event, all monies will be refunded except for an admin charge. Entrants can cancel their own entry for a refund up to the date that entries close. No refunds are available after entries close.

Any Queries to Secretary Joey Newton 07785 291915 or joeynewton1@gmail.com

