



Children are expected to help whenever they see the chance.

GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN RIDING WITH THE LUDLOW HUNT

Children please read this then put it into practice to help everyone have a safe and happy days hunting.

1. Always be polite and say "good morning" to the Masters and Hunt staff when you arrive at the meet.
2. Find the Secretary and offer to pay your cap.
3. Listen carefully to what's happening and make it your job to stay with the field.
4. Never overtake the Field Master if you can help it.
5. Ensure all gates are shut by you or someone behind you. The cry "Gate Please" should be passed back through the Field, if someone is far behind, raise your arm high to indicate to them from a distance that the gate must be shut, turning around to check, and for them to do the same. Take your turn to shut gates and be as helpful as possible.
6. Do not ride over any crops, go around the edge of the field if in doubt.
7. Do not gallop downhill if it is wet.
8. Ride away steadily after a gate or bridge.
9. Go slowly through farmyards, or through cattle and sheep so as not to scare them.
10. Always put your horses head towards the Huntsman and hounds as they pass to prevent your horse kicking them.
11. Don't get too close to the horse in front.
12. Remember. Red ribbon in the tail means the horse may kick, keep well away, and Green ribbon in the tail means it's a young horse so give it plenty of room and don't rush it.
13. If someone has to remount, wait with them so their horse stands still.
14. Warn riders behind of any upcoming dangers such as a hole, wire, etc.
15. Keep very quiet when the Field master is trying to listen to the hounds.
16. If someone asks you to "hold hard" they want you to wait.
17. When you are ready go home, say "goodnight" to the people around you and thank the Field Master if possible.
18. Please ensure that if you are under 14 years of age you have a responsible adult looking after you whilst hunting.
19. Ludlow Hunt recommends that all children coming out hunting should take the Pony Club Hunting Badge to help get a better understanding of the days activities.

Thank you, and good hunting.