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UCSW 10th Anniversary Year

A round up of News and Events – November 2007

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1. **LEGAL CHALLENGES – HUNTING ACT 2004 & WILD MAMMALS (SCOTLAND) PROTECTION ACT 2002 & FIGHTING FUND**

UCSW member Brian Friend had his appeal against the Scottish Hunting Act in the House of Lords heard between the 10th and 18th October, 2007. The Countryside Alliance and Francis Derwin (Horse Dealers) appeals were also heard during the same period. The outcome is expected at the end of November.

The Union of Country Sports Workers launched a **major fund raising initiative** at the CLA Game Fair 2006 to raise £100,000 to support Brian with his travel, court, research and administration expenses. To date we have raised £25,000. There are no fees for lawyers or barristers in these cases as Brian continues to represent himself. If you would like to contribute to the fund, please send your donation, payable to the “UCSW Fighting Fund” to: UCSW, PO Box 129, Banbury, OX17 2HX.

Anyone who wishes to speak with Brian Friend can call him on 01404 881357 or contact him by email: bkldfc@aol.com

2. **DEER COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND - Consultation**

The Strategy for Wild Deer in Scotland is now available for public consultation. The consultation runs from 5th November 2007 to 1st February 2008. If you would like to contribute to the UCSW's planned submission, please contact the Office. The strategy document can be found on the website: http://www.dcs.gov.uk/joint_strategy.aspx

3. **REGULATORY REFORM (GAME) (ENGLAND AND WALES) ORDER 2007**

The above order came into effect as from 1st August 2007. Exact details on the changes made abolishing the game licence in England and Wales can be found at: <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2007/20072007.htm> or contact the UCSW for more information. NB – for all those planning to shoot in Scotland, a game licence is still required there.

4. **REGULATORY REFORM (DEER) (ENGLAND AND WALES) ORDER 2007 – CHANGES TO LEGISLATION GOVERNING DEER MANAGEMENT IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

Following the consultation which the UCSW was involved in recently, the Regulatory Reform (Deer) (England and Wales) Order 2007 has amended the Deer Act 1991, as of 1st October 2007.

For details on the changes please visit <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2007/20072183.htm> or contact the Union for more information.

5. **DRAW TICKETS – Now On Sale for UCSW CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW – WIN £200**

The Draw takes place on 20th December, 2007 - £5 per book of 5 tickets. First Prize £200, Second Prize £100 and Third Prize £50. Don't forget to enter!

6. HARASSMENT OUT HUNTING

Brian Friend, UCSW Legal Advisor, having got fed up with the way the so-called Hunt Monitors were harassing his own hunt, pursued complaints about incidents on Boxing Day and New Year's Day with the Police.

He finally got them to accept that they had a duty to protect hunt members, particularly minors, from behaviour *likely to cause distress*, such conduct being a breach of s5 of the 1986 Public Order Act.

With their help, he has produced a briefing sheet on this issue, which is available from the Office.

7. UCSW COUNTRY SPORTS RADIO – plus - down load your FREE ring tone...

UCSW Press Officer, Ian Summerell has set up Country Sports Radio and has produced a number of interesting Podcasts, which you can hear by visiting the UCSW website www.ucsw.org and clicking on **Country Sports Radio** on the Home Page.

The topics covered on the fourth Podcast include Alastair Jackson from the MFHA on hunting, Sally Merison on coursing and Clarissa Dickson Wright on a range of her books including her latest – “Spilling the Beans”. Other Podcasts cover the House of Lords Appeal, the new Highway Code, fly tying by Philip White, Charles Smith-Jones (BDS) on muncjak, the history of air guns by Colin Currie, fly fishing by Patrick Hemming and reports from many of the summer country shows.

Download your FREE hunting horn ringtone too... (under Archives March 2007 or <http://ucsw.podbean.com/2007/03/>)

8. ADVICE

Every week UCSW helps someone employed in country sports with an employment, housing or some other job related problem. If you need help, please call the office on: Tel: 01295 712719.

9. UCSW MERCHANDISECHRISTMAS SHOPPING....

- A fun mouse mat – a single fox walking with a pack of hounds - £5 each
- Small red enamelled lapel badges with gold letters “B2B” – suitable for the office, the field or in the Houses of Parliament – when you visit to lobby your MP to repeal the Hunting Act - £2 each. These are also now available in black and silver.
- Battle of Westminster dvd – a documentary about rural Britain’s struggle to preserve its wildlife, environments and traditions directed by Kevin Keating. £14 each plus donation to p&p.
- Peacock hand warmers – Giant £26.96, Standard £19.95 (p&p £2.95).

These and all other items can be purchased from the office: UCSW enamel badges £2, UCSW ties £8, navy baseball caps £7, sweatshirts £17, polo shirts £13.50 all with Union logo.

We also have the following car stickers and badges:

- “More than a Job, a Way of Life” membership car sticker – 50p
- Green “A Hunting We Will Go!” – badge & car sticker £1 each
- Maroon “Full Cry for Hunting – Fighting the Ban” badge £1.

REDUCED: B*ll*cks to Blair dog collars and leads now both £6 each and red “B*ll*cks to Blair” car stickers – Half Price at £1.

Please send your cheque, made payable to “UCSW”, with a note of which item/s you require, to the UCSW office including a donation for p&p or enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for all orders. Thank you. Most of the merchandise can be viewed on our website: www.ucsw.org

10. TRADE MEMBERSHIP

We are now able to offer all Trade Members a web-link from our website. Please make sure you take up this offer. If you are interested in upgrading to a Trade Member, please contact the office for more details – subscriptions per annum are only £40.