

Basic advice for dealing with hunt saboteurs and monitors

1. Hunts should have a clear policy not to speak or engage with, or provoke anti-hunt protesters. If they need to be spoken to, the hunt will appoint an appropriate and briefed person to do so.
2. Protesters are more experienced than you are in dealing with protest and know how to get an adverse response from you for social media or, at worst, a criminal prosecution.
3. Do not attempt to account or explain what the hunt are doing, the only persons who know what the intention of the hunt is on the day are the Master(s) and the huntsman.
4. If challenged about the actions of the hunt and any accusations are made, you could say: "The hunt is set up for trail laying or exempt hunting within the confines of the law, so please take your evidence to the police" or "I'm here just to watch the hunt as you are, please take any evidence to the police."
5. If they continue to ask you questions, tell them they are now harassing you and to leave you alone. If appropriate, state clearly that you find their behaviour intimidating and ask them to step back.
6. Move away from the area of confrontation and **REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE BEING FILMED AT ALL TIMES.**