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## UCSW 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

### A round up of News and Events – August 2007

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

UCSW member Brian Friend will have his appeal against the Scottish Hunting Act in the House of Lords heard between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October next. The Countryside Alliance and Francis Derwin (Horse Dealers) appeals will also be heard during the same period.

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](mailto:bkldfc@aol.com)

#### 2. **FOOT AND MOUTH**

With the Foot and Mouth situation changing on a daily basis, please contact the office with your specific queries and we will endeavour to provide an answer. For those with access to the internet the Defra website providing information is: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/footandmouth/>

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

The above order came into effect as from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 will amend the Deer Act 1991, coming into force on 1<sup>st</sup> 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. SHOWS

The UCSW are planning to take a stand at the following shows. If you would like to help on the stand, please contact the office or just come and visit us... More information and links to the show websites can be found on [www.ucsw.org](http://www.ucsw.org)

August 31 – 2 Sept	Chatsworth Country Fair
September 9	Frampton Country Fair
September 15 – 16	Midland Game Fair, Weston Park, Staffordshire

## 6. 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 [ucsw.podbean.com](http://ucsw.podbean.com) (or follow the links from the UCSW website [www.ucsw.org](http://www.ucsw.org) → news & press→ shows and information). The topics covered include the House of Lords Appeal, the new Highway Code, fly tying by Philip White, Charles Smith-Jones (BDS) on muntjac, the history of air guns by Colin Currie, fly fishing by Patrick Hemming, reports from the Cotswold Country Fair and Three Counties and much more. Also on this page you will be able find the hunting horn ringtones, which you can download for FREE.

## 7. 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.

## 8. UCSW MERCHANDISE ....

- A fun mouse mat that every countryman should have – 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.

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
- Red “B\*ll\*cks to Blair” car stickers – Half Price £1
- Green “A Hunting We Will Go!” – badge & car sticker £1 each
- Maroon “Full Cry for Hunting – Fighting the Ban” badge £1.

Other stock includes B\*ll\*cks to Blair dog collars £8.95 and leads £9.95.  
Peacock hand warmers – Giant £26.96, Standard £19.95 (p&p £2.95).

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](http://www.ucsw.org)

## 9. 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.