The Fernie Team Chase

at Tur Langton Lodge, Cranoe Road, Tur Langton, Nr Market Harborough, Leics, LE8 0PD

Sunday, 29th March 2026

THE WELLAND VALLEY FEEDS NOVICE

To start at approx. 9.30am. The course is approximately 1½ miles long, with about 17 inviting & well-built natural cross country fences, height 2'9" – 3'0". The class will be judged against the Optimum Time.

Entry charge: £140 per team

Prizes: The Fernie Puppy Cup to the winning team. Prizes in kind to 6th. Rosettes to 10th place

Roaming Giraffe have kindly donated a prize to be awarded to the highest placed 'Young' team consisting of 2 or more Riders who are aged 16 and under.

THE FERNIE OPEN

To start at approx. 12 noon. The course is approximately 2 miles long with about 30 inviting & well-built fences. Teams must be suitably experienced for this level of competition. This class is a Qualifier for the National Team Chase Championship 2026.

Entry charge: £170 per team

Prizes: 1st – £400, 2nd - £240, 3rd - £150, 4th - £80 – subject to 12+ teams starting. Rosettes to 10th place.

The **John Brody Trophy** to the winning team.

Spillers Feeds have kindly donated a goodie bag to the winning team.

THE WATLING JCB UK HUNT TEAM CHASE

To start at approx. 2.00pm. The course is approximately 1¾ miles long, with 25 fences height approximately 3'6". This class will be judged on a timed section over about ¾ mile. Eligible teams must consist of three or four riders, with no more than 1 team member having ridden in the Team Chase National Championship in the last 3 years. All riders must be subscribers from one Hunt only and must provide a certificate to that effect from the Master of their Hunt *(see for further details).* Riders must be aged 16 or over. Please see 'Special Rules'.

Entry charge: £150 per team

Prizes: 1st - £400, 2nd - £200, 3rd - £100, 4th - £60 – Prize money will be paid directly to the team's Hunt. Rosettes to 6th place.

The Admiral Hill Founders Cup to the fastest Adjacent Hunts team with other special prizes.

The Henry Beeby Cup to the Best Fernie Team with other special prizes.

Spillers Feeds have kindly donated a goodie bag to the winning team.

THE FERNIE INTERMEDIATE

To start at approx. 3.15pm. The course is approximately 1¾ miles long, with over 25 fences height approximately 3'6". The Fernie Intermediate is an Allcomers class judged against the clock. Riders must be aged 16 or over.

Entry charge: £160 per team

Prizes: 1st - £240, 2nd - £120, 3rd - £80, 4th - £50 – subject to 10 or more teams starting. Rosettes to 6th place.

The Fernie Cup to the winning team.

Spillers Feeds have kindly donated a goodie bag to the winning team.

Entries

Enter online via the Fernie Team Chase App or the team chasing website: www.britishteamchasing.co.uk

Please note Each rider must be a BTC member (Annual or Day) in order to enter.

Entries close at **Midnight on TUESDAY 24th March 2026**

Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Entries received after the close of entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Event Organisers, and will be subject to a late entry fee of £15.

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Any other enquiries about the event (not relating to entries) should be made to:

Event Organiser: Philip Cowen (Chairman) - 07887 838231

Start times will be available on Thursday 27th March via the **Fernie Team Chase App** or the team chasing website www.britishteamchasing.co.uk

Additional Information

Catering, Refreshments & Tradestands:- There will be a licensed bar with hot and cold refreshments and trade stands.

Competitors:- In accordance with BTC Rules, Riders must be at least sixteen years of age to enter any speed classes. All riders should ensure they have appropriate experience of cross-country riding. At the discretion of Organisers riders under the age of sixteen may be permitted to compete in Optimum time classes.

Course Walking:- The courses will be open for inspection from **4.00pm on Friday 27th March.**

Horses:- In accordance with BTC Rules, Horses must be at least 4yo to compete in Novice classes and at least 5yo and over 14.2hh to compete in Intermediate and Open classes. Horses must be vaccinated in line with current BEF guidelines.

Prizegiving Tlmings:- There will be a prize giving for the Novice and Open after the conclusion of the Open class and for the Inter-Hunt and Intermediate classes after the conclusion of the Intermediate. Prize winners will be contacted by email for BACS details.

Rules:- This Event is run under British Team Chase Rules, which can be found at www.britishteamchasing.co.uk/rider-guidance

Weather:- In case of poor weather conditions please check the website and social media channels.

Insurance:- All BTC members have Public Liability Insurance. It is recommend that all riders ensure they have Personal Accident Cover.

Fernie Team Chase Administrative Guidelines

1. **MARKING OF COURSE** - The Novice Class course will be marked by white numbers on a blue background, the Open will be marked by white numbers on a red background and The UK Hunt & Intermediate Team Chase courses will be marked by black numbers on a white background.

2. **WINNING TIME** – In the Open & Intermediate Classes the fastest team to complete the course will win. In the The UK Hunt Team Chase, the fastest team to complete the special timed section of the course (to be known as 'The Hunting Zone') will win, so long as the time they take to complete the entire course is not be more than 30 seconds slower than the total time of the fastest team's entire round. In the Novice Class, 'the team nearest the 'optimum' time will win. The 'Optimum' time will be determined by the organisers in advance of the event, and will be equivalent to a standard hunting pace around the course in the prevalent conditions. In the event of a dead heat between teams, the time of the fourth horse will count.

3. **DAMAGE TO FENCES** - When damage occurs to a fence, the event will continue at the discretion of the Organisers with that part of the fence damaged marked with white crossed sticks which must not be jumped by the competitors.

4. **DRESS** - Competitors in the Novice, Intermediate and Open Classes must wear standard cross-country / team chasing dress. All teams in the UK Hunt Team Chase are recommended to wear either standard Hunt dress or a black, blue or red jersey to match normal hunting attire. Body protectors may be worn either under or over Hunt Dress or Black/Blue/Red Jerseys.

5. **NUMBER CLOTHS & EQUIPMENT CHECKS** – Competitors should provide their own number bibs. A packet of A4 numbers on coloured inserts will be provided by Organisers. These must be worn by all team members in accordance with the colours declared. Failure to do so will incur elimination from the competition. Body protectors must be worn. Approved and kite-marked crash hats must be tagged. Checks will be made in the collecting ring and by Stewards randomly.

6. **TEAM CAPTAINS** – It is the Team Captain's responsibility to ensure that each member of the team has read and adheres to all the rules.

7. **EXERCISING OF HORSES** - Horses may only be exercised in the area provided. No competitor may ride on, or over, or near the course or nominated car parking areas, except when actually competing.

8. **CUPS** - All cups must be returned to the Hon. Secretary at least 7 days prior to the following year's event – any damage or loss must be reimbursed at cost of replacement. The holder shall be responsible for insurance of the cup.

9. **DOGS ON LEADS** – All dogs must be kept on leads at all times.

10. **COMPLIANCE WITH OFFICIAL DIRECTIONS** - Riders and Owners of competing horses and their grooms must obey any order or direction given to them by a responsible official and in particular they shall not do anything liable to upset or hinder the smooth running of the Event.

11. **PRIZEGIVING** – All competitors are encouraged to attend the prizegiving. The winning teams shall be required to attend photo calls and give interviews to journalists where requested by the organisers.

12. **CAR PASSES** – Admission to the event in any vehicle other than a horsebox will only be permitted where a valid car pass can be displayed to the gateman or on payment of the appropriate admission price. Car passes will be circulated to all officials in advance. In addition each team competing in the Novice Class will be eligible for one £10 car pass on receipt of an s.a.e. by the Hon Secretary. Each Inter-Hunt/Intermediate team will be eligible for two £10 car passes & each Open team will be eligible for three £10 car passes. No further car passes will be available prior to the event, and a team's car pass(es) will not be sent out other than where an s.a.e. is received by the Secretary in sufficient time prior to the event.

13. **OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION** - If help is required with overnight accommodation and/or stabling for team members and their horses (which can be provided locally), please contact the Secretary as early as possible for details of appropriate contacts. The Team Captain shall be held responsible for any unsatisfactory late cancellations of confirmed bookings.

14. **EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY** - in the unfortunate event that the event has to be cancelled for any reason, including adverse weather conditions, the organisers will refund 75% of the relevant Entry Fee in the event of cancellation up to close of entries (on Tuesday 24th March); 50% will be refunded up to 48 hours before the event (on Thursday 26th March) and 25% will be refunded if the event is cancelled 48 hours or less before the event (29th March). In the unfortunate event of postponement, all entries will be carried forward to the postponement date, and further detail will be announced at the time.

The Watling JCB UK Hunt Team Chase

SPECIAL RULES

This class will be run under the BHSA / British Team Chasing Cross-Country Rules, and in accordance with the Administrative Guidelines for the Fernie Team Chase. The following special rules will also apply:

1. Entries will only be accepted for **The UK Hunt Team Chase** from teams of three or four subscribers or hunt servants from one Hunt only, with the name of the Hunt in front of the Team name (eg. Fernie Friendlies, Warwickshire Wobblies, Puckeridge Punters, Tiverton Tigers, Tynedale Thrusters etc). The competition is open to subscribers and hunt servants of all properly recognized packs of hounds in the United Kingdom and Ireland, including any drag or bloodhounds providing they are properly registered with their relevant hunt association.
2. Entries for **The UK Hunt Team Chase** will be accepted from teams of three or four riders who are sufficiently competent to tackle an Intermediate Team Chase course.
3. **No team in the UK Hunt Team Chase may consist of more than one rider who has previously competed in the National Team Chase Championship during the preceding three years.**
4. Each Hunt may enter as many teams as it wishes. In the event of over-subscription, entries will be limited and it may be necessary to restrict the number of teams per Hunt.
5. Each UK Hunt Team Chase team **must** have confirmation from a Master of their Hunt that **EVERY** member of the team is a subscriber to, or Hunt Servant of, the Hunt they are representing and has hunted on at least four occasions with that hunt during the current season, in order to make their entry valid (the signature of the Master is required on the entry form). The organisers reserve the right to seek further clarification if required.
6. Late substitutions will be allowed, but the additional Master's Certificate in respect of any late substitute must be lodged with the Secretary in advance of the competition.
7. Teams will only be eligible for prize money if the 3 counting members of the team complete the entire course without a horse or rider fall
8. Any team completing the UK Hunt Team Chase course in a slower time than the "Maximum Available Time" posted on the day of the event will not be eligible for any prizes within that competition. This time will be calculated on the basis of a slow hunting pace around the entire course in the prevalent conditions. Teams will only be eligible for prize money where they complete the entire course in a time which is within 30 seconds of the fastest team around the entire course during the class.