Kimblewick Team Chase

Sunday 1st November 2026

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Entries through the BTC Entries System – (www.teamchasingreg.co.uk) &
Horse events **https://www.horse-events.co.uk/** **(pairs only)**

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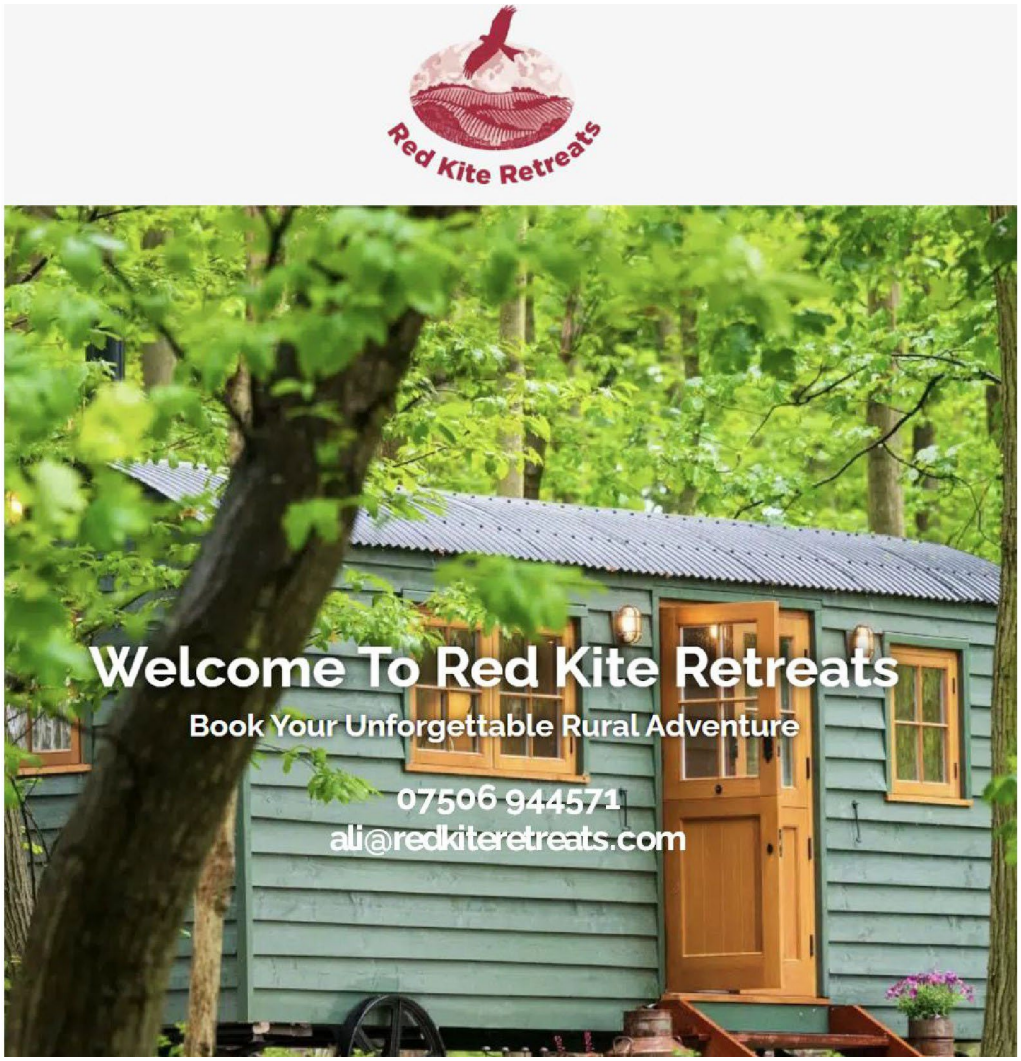
Entries Close Tuesday 27th October 2026 @ 10PM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Classes starting at 9am

Class 1: Mini Team Chase – Optimum Time
The team nearest to the Optimum time will win. All riders under the age of 12 must have a riding reference from a MFH or the DC of a pony club. The fences will be approximately 70 – 80cm in height and will be straightforward. Entry fee: £130 per team (including BTC rider levy)
Prizes: Rosettes to 8th

Class 2: Pairs Hunter Trial – Optimum Time
The team nearest to the optimum time will win. This class will follow the Novice TC course. All riders under the age of 12 must have a riding reference from a MFH or the DC of a pony club.
Entry fee on BTC: £70 per pair (including BTC rider levy)
Prizes: Rosettes to 8th

Class 3: Novice Team Chase – Optimum Time
The team nearest to the optimum time will win. All riders under the age of 12 must have a riding reference from a MFH or the DC of a pony club.
Entry fee: £140 per team (including BTC rider levy)
Prizes: Rosettes to 8th and prizes in kind

Class 4: Open Team Chase – Speed
The fastest time will win, all riders must be 16yrs or over on the day of the event.
Entry fee: £170 per team (including BTC rider levy)
Prizes: 1st £300, 2nd £200, 3rd £150 Rosettes to 8th

Class 5: Intermediate Team Chase – Speed
The fastest time will win, all riders must be 16yrs or over on the day of the event.
Entry fee: £150 per team (including BTC rider levy)
Prizes: 1st £200, 2nd £150, 3rd £100 4th £60 Rosettes to 8th

Class 6: Intermediate Team Chase - Optimum Time
The team nearest to the optimum time will win. All riders under the age of 14 must have a riding reference from a MFH or the DC of a pony club.
Entry fee: £150 per team (including BTC rider levy)
Prizes: 1st £150, rosettes to 8th and prizes in kind

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Start Times: Start times will be available from 4.00pm on Friday 30th October via https://www.britishteamchasing.co.uk/kimblewick and on the App.

Course Walking: The course will be open to inspection **from 2.00 pm on Saturday 31st October**

Competitors will need to provide their own number bibs. Numbers will be printed by the secretary and can be picked up at the secretary's tent on the day.

Competitors will need to have their hats tagged in order to ride. Tags will be available from the Secretary prior to riding. In addition spot checks will be conducted on body protectors at the finish to ensure compliance with new rules. Anyone not wearing a compliant body protector will ensure elimination for their team.

2026 Course Details

The courses run over old pasture and through woods and are designed to flow well. There are photos of all fences on the cross country app. https://www.crosscountryapp.com/courses?q=kimblewick

This is the fifth running of the team chase and for the first time there are no new fences, but we have rebuilt some of the older ones in a similar style to before. Every year enhancements are made to several fences such as new groundlines, rails and courses continue to evolve to make them more appealing and hopefully ride better.

The Mini class follows a similar, but shorter route to the novice class. It is approximately 1 mile with 19 fences which are between approximately 70 – 80cm in height and are straightforward. The Novice and Novice Pairs is approximately 1.5 miles with 20 jumps, fences will be between approximately 80cm & 95cm. The intermediate course is just under 1.75 miles with 25 fences and the majority of jumps have a maximum height of 1.05 metres for the fixed fences, the track includes a pen towards the end.

At the request of BTC we have fast tracked our open course for this year, which has long been an ambition of ours. We've been building it for the last 18 months or so and the course incorporates several mature hedges that haven't been included in our courses before. There will be 25 fences, of which five will be shared with the intermediate and about ten will be timber with the rest hedges (15). The course is designed to be a decent first open and twists and turns through the fields and woods in the same vein as the other courses, it's about 3100 long. The route and pictures of the fences will be available on the Cross Country App as we finish them. If anyone wants to come and look at the course prior to entering just ask.

Rules and Conditions of Entry

This Team Chase is held under the auspices of the BHSA Governing Body and in accordance with BHSA Team Chasing Rules. The making of an entry constitutes acceptance of those rules. Full rules at: www.britishteamchasing.co.uk/rider-guidance

NB: TEAM CAPTAINS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE READ A COPY OF THESE RULES

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: The Kimblewick Hunt, Organiser or Landowner does not accept any liability in respect of any accident, illness or disease caused to or suffered by any horse, owner, rider, groom, spectator, sponsor or any other persons or property present at the site of the Event and their property and accoutrements. All cars, horseboxes and trailers are parked at owners risk. Cars to be parked in the designated areas.

HEALTH & SAFETY STATEMENT: The Organiser of this event has taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of every person present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accidents occurring and must obey the instructions of the Organiser, officials and stewards.

The Organiser advises that, due to uneven and, in parts, irregular terrain at this event, it may be difficult at times for spectators to move around freely and easily, as a result of which it may not be suitable for these spectators who suffer from certain medical conditions. All the spectators enter the event at their own risk and are advised to wear suitable footwear. The Organiser shall not incur any liability, except as required by law, in respect of any injury or damage to any spectators howsoever sustained. Please take special care to ensure the safety of children.

GENERAL RULES and CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. **It is a requirement that all participants are either a member of BTC or hold a BTC day ticket.**
2. All competitors must carry third party insurance for not less than £5m which you receive as part of BTC membership. It is also strongly recommended that all participants have personal accident insurance.
3. BHSA TEAM CHASE RULES APPLY for ALL Classes. These may be viewed on https://www.britishteamchasing.co.uk and in the Secretaries tent on the day. Some of these rules are mentioned below.
4. All riders under the age of 12 for classes 2, 3 & 6 are very welcome, but must have a riding reference from a MFH or the DC of a pony club. The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry on the grounds of age.
5. Hat standards – Hats will be identified by a BTC, BE, PC or BRC approved Hat Tag.
6. The following hat standards will be accepted: **British and European PAS 015 (2011) or VG01 040 2014-12 –** both with a BSI Kitemark or Inspect IC Mark; American ASTM F1163 2004a onwards with SEI mark, Snell 2016 or 2021 (no other mark is needed with Snell) or Australia and New Zealand AS/NZS 3838 2006 onwards with SAI Global mark.
7. Body Protectors – All competitors must also wear a body protector **British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) 2018 Level 3 standard (blue and black label).** A body protector of this nature is also required when competitors are wearing air jackets of any make.

8. For TEAM CHASE CLASSES each TEAM is to consist of a maximum of FOUR HORSES AND RIDERS and at least three must complete the course to finish. Team members are started together. First horse starts the clock and the time of the third horse to finish, will be the finishing time for the team.

9. In class 1, 2, 3 & 6 the Team closest to the Optimum Time (OT), not including time faults or penalties incurred, wins (ie if a Team incurs a penalty in the pen the penalty will be adjusted to make their overall time further away from the OT). The OT is calculated according to BTC rules over the course for each Class. A slower time away from the OT will be placed higher than a faster time away from the OT.

10. COURSE LENGTHS and NUMBER OF FENCES, stated in the schedule, are approximate. FENCE HEIGHTS refer to the maximum height of fixed rails. Hedges may be higher.

11. In ALL CLASSES competitors must JUMP every fence on their course only, in order, and pass between all designated flags.

12. PENALTIES in TEAM CHASE CLASSES will be scored as follows: REFUSALS will not be penalised, but a competitor who has more than three refusals at any one fence, or five in total, will be eliminated and must leave the course. The team will be disqualified for abuse of this rule by any individual member.

13. The first three horses must be within the PEN at one time or a 20 second time PENALTY will be awarded to their time (nb in class 6 the 20 seconds will be awarded to take the time further away from the optimum time).

14. **If a rider falls or is unseated in any circumstance whilst on course then that rider is immediately eliminated and must retire from the competition**. If the competitor does continue on the course following a fall their team will be eliminated from the competition in the event of that competitor jumping a further fence. If a rider unseats anywhere on the event site, they may not start a round until they have undergone a Head Impact Assessment (HIA) and been cleared by the event Healthcare Professional. They must also be cleared by a Healthcare Professional even if they are not riding again that day or they may be ineligible to ride at subsequent events.

15. **When a horse falls during any BTC class, the competitor is immediately eliminated and must retire.** If the competitor does continue on the course following a horse fall their team will be eliminated. A horse is considered to have fallen when at the same time its shoulder and quarters have touched either the ground or the obstacle and the ground, or when it is trapped in a fence in such a way that it is unable to proceed without assistance or is liable to injure itself.

16. Any horse ELIMINATED or RETIRING must leave the course at a walk. If a competitor falls behind and is caught by the team following on course they will be asked to retire and leave the course immediately.

17. Each Team will be given a STARTING TIME. Any team missing its correct time may be fitted in at the end of the Class, if possible but this is not guaranteed.

18. Team Captains must declare any changes to their teams at least 30 minutes prior to their appointed starting time and register any change of horse or rider. Each Team / Competitor must report to the COLLECTING RING Steward 10 minutes before their actual starting time.

19. Competitors may exercise their horses beforehand only in the area provided, which includes a PRACTICE jump.

20. For safety reasons NO motorised vehicles including ATVs are permitted on the course other than officials and their vehicles. Visitors with mobility restrictions who would otherwise use motorised vehicles should contact the secretary's office for information and assistance.

21. The ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHTS to: Withhold or amend any prize or cancel any class because of insufficient entries; Alter the advertised times; Refuse any entry with or without stating reasons; Alter the

course or leave out any obstacle before or during the competition; Split a class if there is significant change in course; Eliminate any competitor not adhering to the rules; Eliminate any horse they consider to be exhausted; Eliminate any competitor for excessive use of the whip.

22. In the event of cancellation prior to entries closing a 75% refund of entry fees will be made. If the event is cancelled after entries close but more than 48hrs before the event is due to start 50% of entry fees will be refunded. If the event is cancelled within 48hrs of the scheduled start then 25% of entry fees will be refund.

23. Veterinary surgeons, Farrier and a Horse Ambulance will be on site during the competition. Competitors must pay for any services on the day.

24. Dogs must be kept on a lead at **ALL** times – no exceptions.

25. Children should remain under the care of and be the responsibility of their parents/guardians at ALL times.