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A pack of hounds has to be the way forward for flushing fox's to guns in the Scottish Countryside where the terrain is steep, wooded and vast.

A pack of hounds is visual and audible in the aforementioned terrain and therefore safer for all concerned and the 'marksman' will be far more aware of strength of numbers.

Fox numbers need to be controlled but not irradiated altogether, and the safest and best way is to employ a 'pack' of hounds.

The huge community of rural dwellers, farmers, feed merchants, farriers, vets all benefit from hunting as it is at present. A large swathe of older people on foot, following by car and the mounted field; all take something home at the end of a day spent in magnificent Borders Countryside.

In the past we have provided housing and a job to go with it for a girl to work with horses and ponies which on the whole were kept for foxhunting – That would be hard to maintain in the present climate of uncertainty.

Yours Sincerely  
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