

Lord Bonomy Review Submission

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I am lucky enough to have lived in the countryside all my life. Although encouraged by my parents to spend as much time as possible outdoors from an early age, this lifestyle has quickly become my passion and how I wish to raise my own family in the future.

As a big believer of the moto 'work hard, play hard', every minute that I am not sat behind my desk, as a self-employed event's organiser, I spend outdoors with my animals. During the winter months I follow the hounds at least two days a week. It allows me to escape from my busy day to day lifestyle and enjoy the glorious countryside that I would not normally have access to.

Living with a farmer I realise that fox management is an essential part of running a farm. For the past 14 years this has been achievable within the law. During this time, the farmer and fox hunting community have worked in harmony to achieve this.

Many hours of my time is also spent raising funds for the Hunt along with local charities. In 2016 we aim to raise over £20,000 which will be split equally between the Jed forest Hunt and The Border Search & Rescue Unit. These funds will hopefully allow the hunt to continue to deliver a free service, and also provide a local charity with the finances there require to purchase a new Land Rover that is required to carry out their challenging tasks. Many volunteers within the hunt spend hours / days / weeks planning a (free) fox control service, as well as organising fund-raising events to allow the organisation to run effectively.