

Question to the Leader of the Council submitted by Councillor Nick Clarke

The guilty verdict against Mark Hankinson; the former Director of the Masters of the Fox Hounds Association on Friday 15th October 2021 highlighted that the use of 'trail hunting' as a cover for illegal hunting will not be tolerated by the courts. This is a timely reminder for all Landowners within Bolsover District who permit their land to be used for trail hunting of their liability under Section 3 of the Hunting Act 2004 should the trails be a ruse to cover up any illegal activity.

Will the Leader of the Council therefore please write to all the major landowners in the District of Bolsover, such as the Welbeck and Chatsworth Estates to request that they familiarise themselves with the risks associated with allowing trail hunting on their land and recommend cessation of such activities?