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I write as a lifelong supporter of wildlife and the countryside to ask you not to alter the above Act in respect of fox control.

My husband is an amateur gamekeeper and we are both active conservationists, and we have been involved with hounds all our lives: caring for puppies, following the hunt and again caring for hounds in their retirement.

We have great respect for all wild animals and birds and would never wish to see any killed inhumanely or unnecessarily. Changing the Act would not result in any less cruelty, in reality the reverse.

We have always subscribed to the local foxhound pack and enjoyed following on horseback, though we now follow on foot. This gives us access to beautiful country that would otherwise not be available to us, and we meet a cross-section of like-minded country people. I work as a volunteer in various charities, and am pleased that the Hunt is able to raise funds for a number of good causes.

The hunt also helps to maintain the tradition of gatherings on horseback which is of great cultural significance in the Borders.

We ourselves play no part in fox control; however we are happy to support the hunt because we believe it performs a useful and necessary role in keeping the wild fox population at an acceptable level in the most humane way possible.

Daphne and Robert Thorne

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