**COTTESMORE SCURRY**

**‘THE COTTESMORE HUNT CROSS COUNTRY RIDE’**

**with Cottesmore Foxhunter Ride**

**Date & Time:** Saturday 5th October 2024 at 2pm

**Location**: The entrance is off the Knossington to Oakham road. The nearest postcode is LE15 8LR and the What3words for the entrance gate is <https://w3w.co/nicely.asleep.slightly>

**Cottesmore Scurry:** 3 mile cross country race ride with approximately 20+ fences including, hedges, rails and open ditches across some excellent Cottesmore Hunt country with natural obstacles. Cottesmore Scurry will be held at 2pm immediately followed by the Cottesmore Foxhunter Ride

* Part of the GB Hunt Ride League sponsored by Retraining of Racehorses and Fox Grant Estate Agents. League details to be found on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/ghhuntrideleague.
* Entrants to the Cottesmore Scurry and Foxhunters must be current members of the Countryside Alliance, have paid their subscriptions for the current year and must add their membership number to their entry.
* Minimum weight is 12 stone. Entrants must declare by 1.15pm, where optional weighing out scales will be available for use. There will be a weigh in immediately after the finish for all prize winners and riders not weighing in at the correct weight will be disqualified.
* There will be minimal flags on the course to allow you to pick your own route from flag to flag, therefore the course must be walked thoroughly so that you know which options are available to jump
* Prizes (in Kind) for Scurry: 1st , 2nd , 3rd Overall; 1st Gentleman; 1st Lady; 1st Cottesmore Hunt Subscriber; 1st Thoroughbred eligible for RoR series; 1st Cottesmore Hunt Farmer; 1st Middleweight (13 to 15 stone 7lbs); 1st Heavyweight (over 15st 7lbs); 1st Veteran (over 50); 1st under 25; 1st Soldier on an Army Horse; special prize for 1st non-thoroughbred.
* Entry fee for the Cottesmore Scurry is £65 (Late entries incur a £15 surcharge)

**Cottesmore Foxhunter Ride**

* About 2.5 miles with approximately 20 fences over a different course against an optimum time at a good hunting pace with easier/smaller options than the Scurry.
* A traditional cross country ride across stunning Cottesmore Hunt country with a section in every fence that is no larger than the average size fence you would encounter on a day’s trail hunting in that area. It is roughly equivalent to an Intermediate team chase, so the Foxhunter Ride is suitable for all those who wish to have a fun ride across country at their own pace on a FIT horse, as well as those who wish to compete for the prizes.
* Cottesmore Foxhunter Ride will follow shortly after the Cottesmore Scurry.
* All entrants must declare by 1.15pm in order to sign a disclaimer.
* Entrants to the Cottesmore Scurry and Foxhunters must be current members of the Countryside Alliance, have paid their subscriptions for the current year and must add their membership number to their entry.
* The results for the Foxhunter Ride are set against a Bogey time and therefore stopwatches are not allowed in the foxhunter class. Prizes 1st, 2nd, 3rd closest to bogey time and 1st Cottesmore Hunt subscriber.
* There will be minimal flags on the course to allow you to pick your own route from flag to flag, therefore the course must be walked thoroughly so that you know which options are available to jump.
* Entry fee for the Cottesmore Foxhunter Cross Country Ride is £60 (Late entries incur a £15 surcharge)

**Conditions of Entry for both Cottesmore Scurry and Cottesmore Foxhunter Ride**

* Booking closes Monday 30th September 2024 at 11pm or earlier if the event is FULL. Following this date, any entries will incur a late entry fee of £15
* Riders will be required to sign a disclaimer on declaration. All entrants who participate in the main race and foxhunter class do so entirely at their own risk. The organisers & landowners whose kindness makes this event possible, and the Cottesmore Hunt do not accept liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land, vehicles, contents or accessories or any other person whatever, whether caused by negligence or in any other way.
* All riders must carry Third Party Insurance for not less than £5m. (Riders are covered by “enhanced” Gold & Equestrian membership of the Countryside Alliance). It is strongly recommended that all participants also have Personal Accident Insurance. The Cottesmore Hunt , landowners and organisers of this event are not legally responsible for riders or spectators.
* Riders taking part are particularly reminded that horses should be fully fit to run over the 2.5 or 3 mile courses before being entered and may be subject to a veterinary inspection.
* Everyone taking part in either ride must walk the course before taking part. There will be minimal flags on the course to allow you to pick your own route from flag to flag, therefore the course must be walked thoroughly so that you know which options are available to jump.
* It is compulsory for all those mounted at the event (including grooms and helpers) to always wear crash helmets to current recognised Safety Standards – such hats must not have a fixed peak. These are the current standards: PAS015:2011 with kitemark; VG1 01.040 2014-12 with kitemark; ASTM F1163 2004a or 04a onwards with SEI mark; SNELL E2016 with Snell label and number; or AS/NZS 3838 2006-onwards with SAI Global Mark. Hats will be identified by a BTC, BE, BRC or Pony Club approved hat tag and will be checked on declaration.
* All competitors must also wear a British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA 2018) approved and appropriately labelled Level 3 (blue label) body protector, manufactured in the year 2018 or after. A body protector of this nature is also required when competitors are wearing air jackets of any make.
* All horses being ridden at the event, including riding in exercise areas, must be ridden in a bridle.
* Printed numbers WILL be provided on declaration, however each participant will need to provide their own British Eventing style number bib.
* The Stewards’ decision will be always final. The Stewards’ have the right to disqualify any rider whom they deem guilty of ‘unsportsmanlike conduct’, ride in a dangerous or inconsiderate fashion or behave in any manner considered inappropriate. The Stewards maintain the right to ask any rider to stop during both rides if the horse is considered unfit to continue for any reason. The decision is final.
* Minimum age to compete is 16 years old
* A whip may be carried for either ride but can only be used to slap down the neck in a forearm position, with both hands on the reins. The Stewards hold the right to disqualify any rider who does not adhere to this rule.
* All entrants must be members of the Countryside Alliance and will be required to provide their membership number on entering.
* The committee does not guarantee that the course will be free from wire but every effort will be made to take it down wherever possible.
* There will medical and veterinary facilities on site.
* Full instructions will be emailed to all entrants prior to the event.
* The course will be ready to walk on 3rd October and the course map will be added to the Cottesmore Hunt website on the 2nd October for downloading https://www.cottesmore-hunt.co.uk/
* By entering this event, you have read the above rules and agree to abide by them while accepting all liability for competing in the Cottesmore Scurry or Cottesmore Foxhunters Ride on Saturday 5th October 2024.

All entries online www.horse-events.co.uk

**REFUND POLICY**

In the very unlikely circumstances that we cancel the event then all monies will be refunded except for a £5 admin charge and this will include us paying the horse-events fee for refunds. Entrants can cancel their own entry for a full refund up to the date entries close however please note that Horse Events charge a small fee for refunds. No refunds are available after Monday 30th September 2024.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

For queries please contact Harriet Bishop 07969 293 868 or hmwalker365@gmail.com

**KNOSSINGTON RIDE**

The annual Knossington Fun Ride will be held the following day, Sunday 6 October at the same venue but over a different route to the races. Approx 8 miles with lots of OPTIONAL jumps ranging from 70cm-110cm including hunt jumps, rails & hedges. The perfect opportunity to also bring a young horse along to school over fences the following day. Overnight stabling is available if required – please contact Harriet Bishop 07969 293 868 or hmwalker365@gmail.com