

## ***Foxhunting: past, present, future?***

### ***Transcript of interview extract for Anthony King***

#### **Anthony King**

Hunt foot follower

#### **Interview date**

07.03.2006

#### **Brief description**

Talks about the impact of the ban on his activities and feelings about town and country.

#### **Duration**

2mins 51secs

#### **Interview extract**

Anthony King: ... Now I, I daren't go out and follow the hunt now and point me camera at 'em because they would think I was trying to gather evidence. You know, that they're not hunting legally and all this nonsense. It, it's completely finished hunting as we know it, and, until, you know, until – a lot of people say that the hunting law will be repealed but I, I can't ever see it, not now. I, I don't know what they could do to repeal it I'm sure, er, but to me I can't understand what anybody who lives in a town, never goes out into the country, is never involved in anything country, never does any country sports, don't go shooting, don't do anything in the countryside, can have a say o' what goes on in the country, and as I've said before it's only the stigma and the fact that they've shown - and the media are the worst people on earth for causing this sort of thing because they're the stirrers, there the ones who go out and film. If they 'aven't got anything to talk about on the radio they say what do you think about 'untin', give us a ring, and o' cause they're probing people, they're expecting people to ring them and say "This is what I think about 'untin'" and then they feed off each other's stories and it gets blown out

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of all proportion. And, as to saying that a man ought to be torn to pieces by hounds, it is absolutely ridiculous. I look at it this way that hunting will not be the end. They'll start fishing next, but it's alright for thousands of people, both in the towns, cities and countryside to go fishing. That's quite alright, it's not what they call cruel. Now I will put it to yer. You stand the other side of a lake and put a fishing 'ook in you top lip and I will draw you across that water on the end of a fishing line and when you get to me you tell me it didn't 'urt. It's the biggest stigma there is. It'll be shooting next and fishing, and anything country, they will do everything they can to stop it. And they want to mind their own business and get on with their own life. I, I always say to people you stay in the town and get beat up and mugged and go to the pubs every night, you can 'ave that. I'll go out in the countryside where everybody's nice to each other, which they are.

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