

The County Limerick Hunt was established about 1830. Previous to this in the Eighteenth Century, there was a number of smaller private packs of Hounds owned and hunted by various members of the landed Gentry throughout the Co. Limerick. The Hunt territory roughly coincides with the county boundaries but the country west of Foynes & Newcastlewest is not hunted, the terrain not being suitable. The hounds are bred to hunt the fox and great pains are taken to preserve their pure blood. Until recently they hunted 4 days a week at different venues throughout the hunt territory but now due to modern farming practices 3 days a week is found to be more suitable. The hunting season extends from early August to early March. The Hounds have been Kenneled at Clonshire, Adare since 1900 at which time the Hunt acquired the property. Celebrated Masters have been Sir David Roche, of Caherass Croom who was a wealthy miller and landowner, John Gubbins, of Bruree who owned 2 Derby Winners, Nigel Baring of the well known banking family who lived at Rockbarton and Lord Daresbury whose Mastership lasted for a record 30 years.

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