

## Farming and the Highway Leaflet no.2 Managing animals on or across the highway

### Other useful contacts

You can write to or email the relevant Somerset Highways office, or visit in person. We are open as follows:

Mon - Thurs      8.30 am - 5 pm  
Fri                    8.30 am - 4.30 pm

- Mead Avenue, Houndstone Business Park, **Yeovil BA22 8RT**  
[countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:countyroads-southsom@somerset.gov.uk)
- Wells Road, **Glastonbury BA6 9AS**  
[countyroads-mendip@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:countyroads-mendip@somerset.gov.uk)
- Burton Place, **Taunton TA1 4HE**  
[countyroads-tdeane@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:countyroads-tdeane@somerset.gov.uk)
- Mart Road Industrial Estate, **Minehead TA24 5BJ**  
[countyroads-westsom@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:countyroads-westsom@somerset.gov.uk)
- Dunball Industrial Estate, **Bridgwater TA6 4TP**  
[countyroads-sedgemoor@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:countyroads-sedgemoor@somerset.gov.uk)

**Countryside Section – Highway Trees** - 01823 355420

**Farming and Wildlife Advisor** - 01823 355427

**Rights of Way** - 0845 345 9166



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## Moving Animals on or Across the Highway

The Highways group maintains the highway for the use and enjoyment of the travelling public. Farming is a vital local industry, but some of the activities necessary in modern farming can cause inconvenience to highway users.

These lists of do's and don'ts are intended to encourage farmers and contractors to plan their operations.

### DO...

- ✓ Make sure you have enough assistance to control both the animals and the traffic.
- ✓ Use high visibility clothing where necessary.
- ✓ Put up signs if the animals are likely to carry mud onto the road.
- ✓ Clean up afterwards.

### DON'T...

- ✗ Allow animals to dawdle. They are more likely to damage banks, hedges and verges.
- ✗ Assume drivers will know what to do. Visitors may well need to be directed where to stop, whether to pull in or not.
- ✗ Use fences or gates to enclose verges or other areas of highway. If this appears necessary you probably need more assistance.

## Protected Species - Reporting a Dead or Injured Animal on the Highway

The Environment Officer records road casualties, deaths and injuries of protected species\* to provide information and statistics for the Somerset Wildlife Trust and Somerset Environmental Record Centre.

\*Protected species include:

**All bat species**(locations are recorded)  
**Otters** (analysed by DNA)  
**Great Crested Newt** (analysed by DNA)  
**Water Voles and Barn Owls**

### DO....

- ✓ Where a protected species is found injured please contact us so that a vet may be contacted from a list of vets willing to attend roadside casualties.
- ✓ Where a protected species is found dead please contact us so that records can be updated and arrangements for removal can be made.

## Reporting a Dead Animal on the Highway

Such as cats and dogs

### DO...

- ✓ Notify us and we will arrange for the local district council to arrange for removal of the carcass.