

The Countryside Code - Respect Protect Enjoy

Respect the working life of the countryside – leave gates and property as you find them and consider other people

Please respect the working life of the countryside, as our actions can affect people's livelihoods, our heritage, and the safety and welfare of animals and ourselves.

Showing consideration and respect for other people makes the countryside a pleasant environment for everyone – at home, at work and at leisure.

Protect plants and animals - take your litter home and keep dogs under effective control

We have a responsibility to protect our countryside now and for future generations, so make sure you don't harm animals, birds, plants or trees.

The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it's every owner's duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people

Enjoy the countryside, and all it offers- plan ahead and be prepared for the unexpected.

Even when going out locally, it's best to get the latest information about where and when you can go. For example, your rights to go onto some areas of open access land and coastal land may be restricted while work is carried out for safety reasons, or during breeding seasons. Follow advice and local signs, and be prepared for the unexpected.