



Malvern Hills Conservators



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DOG OWNERS

Dogs are a great source of fun and companionship for many people. Malvern Hills Conservators welcome responsible dog owners, but recognise that there can be a conflict with other users of the Hills and commons. Please act responsibly when exercising your dog on Conservators land.

The Malvern Hills and surrounding commons, although designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, are open to the public for a wide variety of recreational uses. They are also used for the grazing of stock, for which local commoners have legal rights. Our land is especially important for its wildlife and scenic value. Ground nesting birds, such as skylarks are declining nationally.

To enjoy our land and avoid conflict between dogs, grazing stock and other users, please follow these simple guidelines:

1. 1 Keep your dog under control at all times and do not allow it to chase livestock or disturb wildlife. Stock are needed to graze the Hills for conservation reasons and if a dog moves sheep away from the area we are trying to graze then they will not settle on the Hills. Ewes are particularly vulnerable to disturbance during winter and early spring when they are in lamb; they may abort if frightened.

REMEMBER *that the worrying of stock (which includes chasing) is an offence for which the destruction of the dog can be ordered.*

2. If you lose your dog, see a stray dog, or a dog worrying stock, please report it to the Police or the Dog Warden.
3. **DOG FOULING** is a constant source of concern. We do not provide bins everywhere because of the high cost of emptying them and subsequent transportation of the waste to a disposal site away from Malvern. Please help by taking your dog's waste home. Importantly, do not leave plastic bags with waste lying on our land as this takes longer to break down.

USEFUL NUMBERS;

Police	01905 723 888
Dog Warden (Office)	01684 862 306
(Out of Hours)	01684 892 700
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