

# Advice for New Forest drivers

- **Be ready to stop** - animals can step out, even when they've seen you approaching.
- **Drive slowly, especially at night** - there is a pool of darkness behind the headlights of approaching cars- an animal may be standing in it
- **Give animals grazing by the side of the road a wide berth** - cross to the other side of the road and be prepared to STOP if there is on-coming traffic.
- **Grazing animals on both sides of the road? Take extra care** - they may cross to join their friends.
- **One animal by the roadside means there are others close by** - be aware.
- **Bends and tops of hills need more care** - animals may be standing in the road just out of sight.
- **Reflective collars worn by some ponies may help you see them in the dark** - but be aware that not all ponies and few cows have them.
- **Deer can easily jump fences alongside roads** - like the A337, A31 and A35 and when there is one deer, more will usually follow.

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