

## Animal Accident Investigations

**63 animals died on New Forest Roads in 2016**  
**146 accidents were recorded in total**

Free roaming ponies, pigs, cattle and sheep are one of the iconic features of the New Forest National Park. They are also essential to managing habitats that have been established for hundreds of years and to sustaining the culture of “commoning”- a way of life established since the first kings of England.

Here are a **selection of activities** to help your pupils **consider the impact** of drivers on New Forest livestock, and how the issues can be managed.

To find out more about the practice of commoning and who owns the ponies visit:

[http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/info/20089/rich\\_cultural\\_heritage/48/commoning](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/info/20089/rich_cultural_heritage/48/commoning) or  
<http://www.verderers.org.uk/education.html>



- **Animal Accidents spinner** or dice game- multiple choice activity to introduce students to facts and figures about this issue
- **Managing Animal Accidents**- images of methods used by the Verderers and Highways Agency to try and reduce accidents, do pupils think these will work?
- **Animal Accident posters**- examples of pupils' work, competition winners

## Animal accidents spinner

Print this table and attach it to a spinner or dice to randomly select questions

Give pupils time to give reasons for their answers *or if they "don't know"*\* ask them to identify questions that would help them decide. \*They don't drive cars yet after all!

Follow up with the correct answers and the Managing animal accidents images.

<p>At which time do most animal deaths occur?</p> <p>7-8am                  10-11am 5-6pm                  10-11pm</p>	<p>Who should you call if you witness an accident involving an animal?</p> <p>Police                  Fire service Vet                  Verderers</p>
<p>How many animals were injured on Forest roads last year?</p> <p>21                  86 152                  253</p>	<p>What is the reward for reporting a hit and run which results in an animal death?</p> <p>£100                  £500 £1000                  £5000</p>
<p>Which age group kills the most animals?</p> <p>18-24                  25-35 35-50                  50+</p>	<p>What is the speed limit on open Forest roads?</p> <p>30mph    40mph 50mph    70mph</p>
<p>Which is the worst month for animal deaths?</p> <p>February                  June September                  December</p>	<p>How many stock animals were killed on Forest roads last year?</p> <p>24                  73 102                  345</p>

# Animal accidents spinner- answers in red

<p>At which time do most animal deaths occur?</p> <p>7-8am                      10-11am 5-6pm                      10-11pm</p> <p><i>Most accidents happen around dawn and dusk where there are more vehicles on the road travelling to and from work</i></p>	<p>Who should you call if you witness an accident involving an animal?</p> <p>Police                      Fire service Vet                          Verderers</p> <p><i>The police will then call out the necessary people</i></p>
<p>How many animals were injured on Forest roads last year?</p> <p>35                      86 152                      253</p> <p><i>The relatively small number of injuries is because most animals actually die after a collision with a vehicle on the Forest roads</i></p>	<p>What is the reward for reporting a hit and run which results in an animal death?</p> <p>£100                      £500 £1000                      £5000</p>
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<p>Which is the worst month for animal deaths?</p> <p>February                      June September                      December</p> <p><i>Darker mornings and evenings mean tricky driving conditions during the rush hours</i></p>	<p>How many stock animals were killed on Forest roads last year?</p> <p>24                      63 102                      345</p>

## Managing animal accidents

- Share these images and key questions with your pupils
- Ask them if they think they will be effective in reducing animal accidents
- Ask them to score how effective they would be on a scale of 1-5 and display the results next to the images
- After weighing the pros and cons of these examples, can they design their own solutions (nb- fencing all forest roads is in contradiction to laws that are over 900 years old, currently only 3 'a' roads are fenced where drivers can drive at 60 mph)
- Can pupils design their own posters to persuade motorists to drive safely? Some example of pupil's work are included.



### Key questions

WHO does this method target?

WHERE would you see it?

Do you think it is expensive? Who pays?

WHEN would this help? Would it help all year round? Day/ night?

Do motorists have a CHOICE about whether to change their behaviour?

**IT'S THE LAW:**

Report all accidents involving a pony, cow, donkey, dog, pig or sheep to the Police as soon as possible, and within 24 hours.



NEW FOREST  
NATIONAL PARK

**New Forest Animal  
Emergency Hotlines**



## Hotline Cards-

To keep in your glove box or wallet.

<p><b>POLICE (24hrs) – 999 (emergency)</b> <b>101 (non-emergency)</b></p> <p>Road traffic accident involving a pony, cow, donkey, pig, sheep, dog or deer</p>	<p><b>REMEMBER:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even if it runs off, the animal may have serious injuries.</li> <li>• Forest animals have no road sense and have right of way!</li> <li>• Drive slowly, especially at night, and give animals a wide berth.</li> <li>• If you feed animals, they may stay by the road and be killed.</li> </ul> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">NPA 00453</p>
<p><b>VERDERERS' OFFICE</b> <b>023 8028 2052 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)</b></p> <p>Sick, injured or distressed pony, cow, donkey, pig or sheep</p>	
<p><b>FORESTRY COMMISSION</b> <b>0300 067 4600 (24hrs)</b></p> <p>Sick, injured or distressed pony, cow, donkey, pig, sheep or deer</p>	

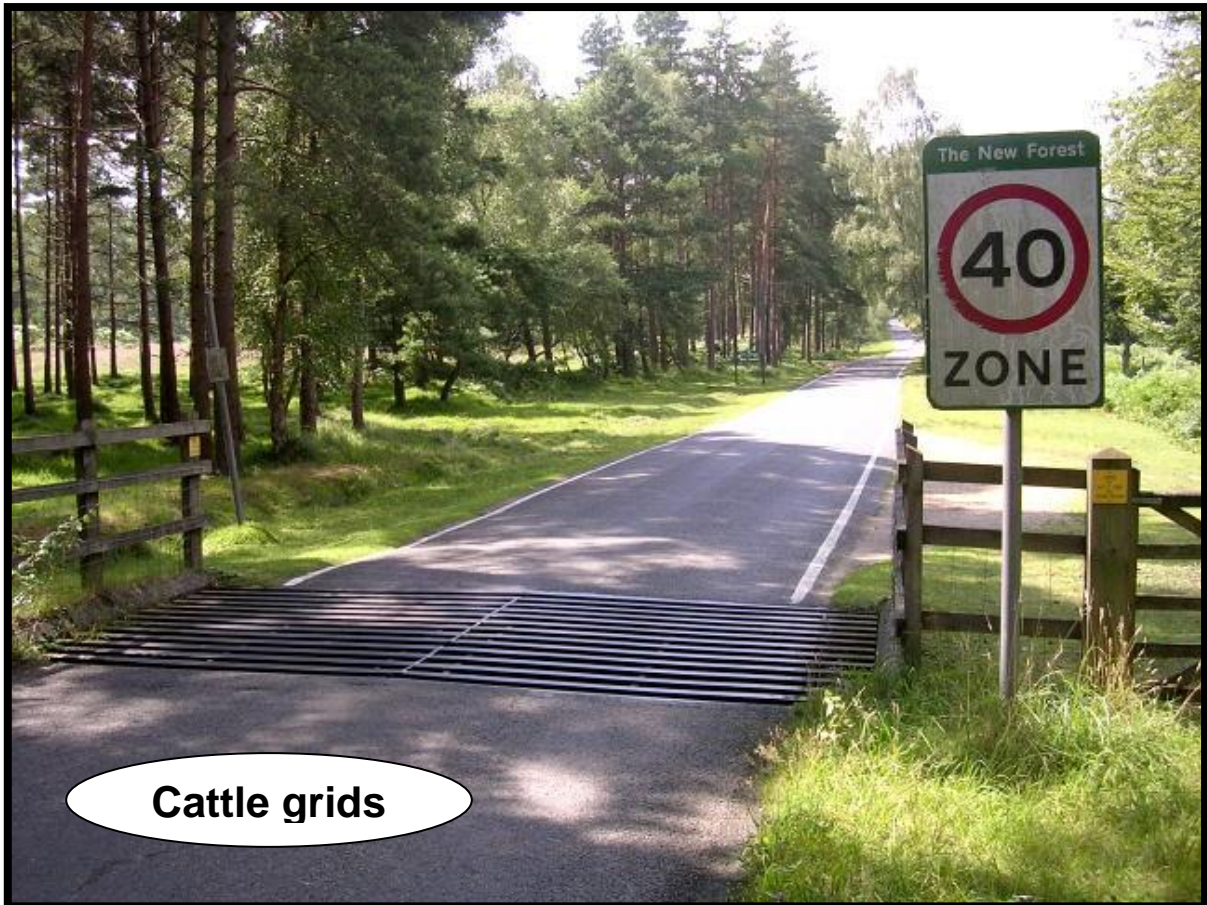




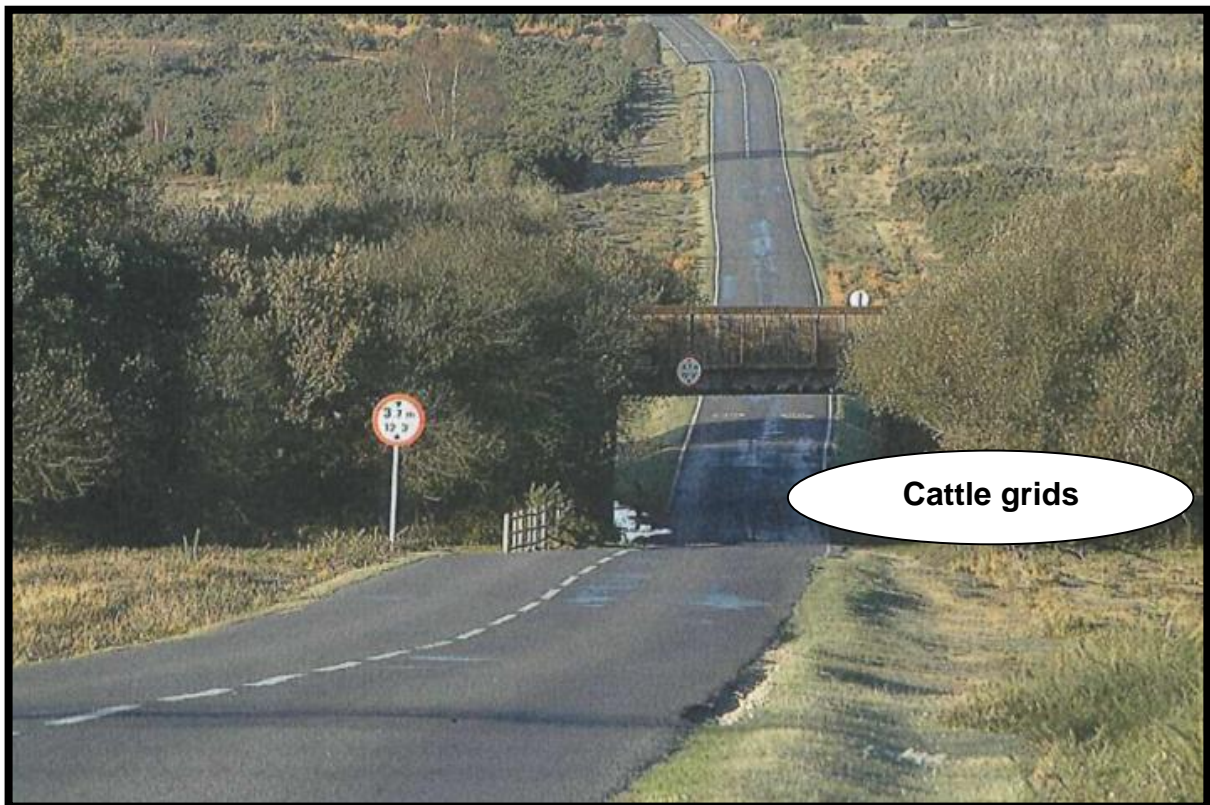








**Cattle grids**



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# Reduce night-time accidents

Please fit a  
reflective  
collar **today**



Road signs with changing messages

PASS SLOW  
AND WIDE

FOALS  
Day and Night

**Road signs  
with  
changing**

**Poster  
campaign**

**Poster  
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KILL.  
YOUR.  
SPEED.



# HORSES DON'T DENT THEY DIE.

