

# Enjoying the countryside...



## during the Coronavirus pandemic

- Please remember that farms are workplaces where farmers are busy producing the great British food we all want to buy in the shops right now.
- Many farmers are older and at particular risk from Covid-19, so please maintain social distancing requirements - particularly where footpaths go near or through farmyards.
- Lambs and calves arrive in the spring so please take extra care if you are walking your dog and follow the advice below.

### DOGS ON LEADS NEAR STOCK

Your dog might be extremely docile and friendly, but we have to remember that farm animals won't know that.

Dog must be kept on a lead & under close control around livestock.

Livestock can be very protective of their young, so try to avoid getting too close to farm animals.



### CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Did you know that dog poo can spread disease to farm animals?

It's important to clean up after your dog wherever you are.

Simply bag it and bin it..

Any public waste bin can be used.

Please don't leave bags in the hedge bottom.

### KEEP CALM AROUND CATTLE

Cattle can be inquisitive so if you feel threatened, release your dog so you can get to safety separately.

Stay calm and walk quickly and quietly round the herd. Do not run.

Never get between cows & calves. Walk round the herd & re-join the path when it is safe to do so.

### FOLLOW THE COUNTRY CODE

The Countryside Code aims to help visitors respect, protect & enjoy the outdoors. It advises for example:

- Don't block access with your vehicle.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Follow paths unless wider access is available.
- Leave no trace - take all your litter home with you.

