

DBVP Code of Conduct

We set out here what you, the landowner, can expect from us, and what we would find helpful from you, in order for us to provide you with a good service.

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

1. We will discuss your needs with you to establish whether we can help you vaccinate your badgers.
2. We will survey the sett(s) and communicate our findings to you.
3. We will then discuss with you the best time of year, wherever possible, to schedule the job having regard to any particular needs, ie hay growth/cutting.
4. We will keep you advised about the possible numbers of helpers that will accompany us at different stages of the operation.(the initial deploying of cages and final removal needs more manpower), however if you are able to assist us with transport to the setts, the number of our people required will be fewer.
5. We will keep you informed throughout the process, if you wish it.
6. We will respect your gates and fences and keep to areas that you specify.
7. We will keep your information confidential if you request it.
8. We will disinfect our footwear and vehicles/ equipment in accordance with AVHLA Regulations.
9. We will leave your property as we found it to the best of our ability.
10. We can provide you with names and qualifications if you request it.

The process normally takes 10 days, the first 2 or 3 days we pre-bait to establish where we might site cages. This will normally be late afternoon/early evening.

The cages are then sited and wired open. They are dug in to make them safe and the peanuts are moved closer each night until day 7/8 when the cages are set with the peanuts at the very back.

Day 9 (usually a Saturday) at dawn the cages are checked and any badgers trapped are vaccinated and released after being marked with coloured spray.

Day 10 is a repeat of the vaccination process and at the end of it the cages are removed and taken away to be steam cleaned and disinfected.

We have a team of helpers who are essential to us, in many ways.

They will be involved at different stages and in varying numbers.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ASSIST US

1. Show or tell us where the setts are, if you know, prior to the sett survey.
2. If you are able, and have suitable transport, help us to get the cages as close as possible to the setts, or permit us to use our own vehicle on your land.
3. Keep any stock at an appropriate distance throughout the process.
4. Discuss/ negotiate any particular needs or concerns to allow for explanation and resolution.
5. Provide us with a map of your land for the purposes of our Licence.
6. We would request that you are accepting of our need to balance our personal lives with a desire to give a good service, and this sometimes involves additional helpers to lessen the physical and time elements.