



Forestry England

Higher Level
Stewardship
Scheme

Help us to protect the Forest



**Parking on the verge
erodes and damages the
Forest. Please park only
in an official car park or
within your own property.**

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Roadside habitats

Protecting the New Forest's grass verges

The New Forest is of international importance for nature and has the highest possible conservation status and protection.

As an unfenced, open landscape this includes its miles and miles of roadside verges.

These verges are important for...

- **Nature** – the extensive network of verges supports many rare and endangered plants and wildlife species long since lost from other parts of the UK.
- **Landscape** – they soften the visual impact of roads and buildings.
- **Animals** – the New Forest is famous for its free-roaming ponies and other livestock who rely on all areas of the forest for food.

How are we protecting verges and helping damaged areas to recover?

- Installing measures such as ditches, banks and wooden posts called 'dragon's teeth' to prevent erosion.
- Explaining the importance of verges to residents and visitors.



How can you help?

Please remember the only places parking is allowed in the Forest is within official car parks. A full list can be found at forestryengland.uk/new-forest

Do not park on or drive over verges even when car parks are full.

Park within your own property, not on the forest outside your fence.

Spread the word!
Tell others why it's important not to damage verges.



We are working across the New Forest to protect verges.

To find out what is planned and when, visit hlsnewforest.org.uk/verges

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