



Forestry England

Higher Level
Stewardship
Scheme



Protecting verges

Please park with care

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

The New Forest is of international importance for nature. It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and has the highest possible conservation status and protections.

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

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Why verges matter



These verges are important for...

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

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.
- Maintaining a network of over 130 car parks across the Forest.

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. Please move on to the next car park which will usually be very nearby.

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

Please do not block gates and barriers onto the Forest. Access to these is needed at all times in case of an emergency.

Working in partnership with:



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We are working across the New Forest to protect verges. To find out more, visit hlsnewforest.org.uk/verges

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