

Country Code

1. **Guard against all risk of fire.**

Plantations, woodlands and heaths are highly flammable; every year thousands of acres burn because of casually dropped matches and cigarette ends.

2. **Fasten all gates.**

Animals cannot be told to stay where they are put. A gate left open invites them to cross the road and wander, a danger to themselves and to traffic. Use common sense if a farmer has tied the gate open leave it open and check that there is water in the field before shutting the gate.

3. **Keep dogs under proper control.**

Farmers have good reasons to regard visiting dogs as pests; in the country, a civilised town dog can become uncontrollable. Keep your dogs on a lead whenever there is livestock about, also on country roads.

4. **Keep to paths across farmland.**

People's feet can ruin crops. Remember that grass is a valuable crop too, sometimes the only one on the farm. Flattened corn or hay is very difficult to harvest.

5. **Avoid damaging fences, hedges and walls.**

They are expensive items in the farms economy; repairs are costly and need labour, which is scarce. Keep to recognised routes using gates and styles.

6. **Leave no litter.**

All litter is unsightly and some is dangerous as well. Take litter with you for disposal at the end of your trip. In the country, it costs a lot to collect it.

7. **Safeguard water supplies.**

Your chosen expedition may cross a catchments area for the water supply. Avoid polluting it in any way. Never interfere with cattle troughs.

8. **Protect wild life, plants and trees.**

Wild life is best observed, not collected. To pick or uproot flowers, carve on trees and rocks, or disturb wild animals and birds will destroy other people's pleasure as well.

9. **Go carefully on country roads.**

They have special dangers, blind corners, and high banks, slow moving tractors and farm machinery or animals. Walkers should keep to the right so to face the on-coming traffic.

10. **Respect the life of the countryside.**

Set a good example and try to fit in with the life and work of the countryside. In this way, relations are preserved and those who follow are not regarded as a problem.

Remember the rule of "C"

Courtesy Consideration Commonsense