



Forestry Commission
England

New Forest
Higher Level
Stewardship
Scheme

Help us protect our forest

Parking on the verge causes damage,
please park in a designated 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 conservation, including its miles of roadside verges.

These verges are important for...

- **Grazing** - free roaming livestock, owned and cared for by New Forest commoners, rely on verges for food
- **Ecology** - verges support rare and declining plant and animal species
- **Landscape** - verges soften the visual impact of roads and buildings

How are we protecting verges?

- 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 **do not park on or drive over verges**
- **Park within your own property**, not on the forest outside your fence
- Use a designated car park found at forestry.gov.uk/nfcarparks
- **Spread the word!** Tell others why it's important not to damage verges



We are undertaking work across the New Forest to protect verges. To find out what is planned and when, visit hlsnewforest.org.uk/verges

This work is part of the New Forest Higher Level Stewardship

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