



DARTMOOR COMMONERS' COUNCIL

Code of Guidance for Prevention of Winter Damage to the Commons of Dartmoor

1. Carrying of foodstuffs on to the commons should be reduced to a minimum.
2. Silage should **NOT** be carried on to the commons nor anything conserved in plastic. If any damage is caused by winter feeding of stock on the commons then such stock will be required to be removed from the commons.
3. Feeding sites should be varied throughout the winter and no site should be used more than one day in any week.
4. Access points and routes should be similarly varied.
5. Feeding should **NOT** take place near moor gates, rights of way nor at places popular with the public.
6. Stock should be fed in as small groups as possible.
7. Feeding should avoid wetland and bog.
8. Feeding should avoid heather.
9. Feed delivery should be in the smallest, highest vehicles, and wide tyres used where larger vehicles have to be used.
10. Concentrates should **NOT** be fed alone and in any area where there is evidence of damage or overgrazing the feeding of concentrates may be banned periodically at the discretion of the Council.

The amended Code was approved by the Commoners' Council on 5 April 1995 and is commended to all Local Associations and individual commoners with stock out wintering on their commons.

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The Council may require the removal of stock from the commons or from a particular part of the commons where stock is being grazed or fed in contravention of any Code of Guidance approved by the Council or in order to prevent or limit damage to the commons.