



Day Of Action To Prevent Livestock Worrying- Bodmin Moor

Be responsible when using the moor

Devon & Cornwall Police are holding a day of action on Saturday 2 March 2019 to raise awareness and prevent incidents of livestock worrying on Bodmin Moor.

During the day, representatives from the rural engagement team, special constabulary and local neighbourhood teams will be available to provide advice and help educate dog owners on how to be responsible when using the moor.

Reported attacks on livestock on Bodmin Moor have increased since April 2018 and so far 54 sheep have been killed, 22 injured and 11 rescued after being chased over a quarry. However, it is thought the number of attacks could be higher as many go un-reported. Incidents of livestock worrying can result in horrific injuries to animals, the loss of unborn lambs and a devastating impact financially on a farmer and their livelihood.

The awareness events will be held at at Minions and Pensilva between 11am and 3pm.

PC Chris Collins, Cornwall Rural Affairs Officer from Devon & Cornwall Police said: "We are hoping by having a day of action, we will try and educate people to be more responsible when out about on Bodmin Moor. We don't want to stop people walking their dogs on the land but we want them to be aware of the consequences of what happens both to the livestock, and a dog should there be a report of livestock worrying.

"From the beginning of March until the end of July dogs must be on a short lead at all times and at any time when there is livestock in the area this prevents any incidents and ensures the livestock and dog remains safe. If a person lets a dog chase or attack livestock then this is a criminal offence, and they may be prosecuted, they could receive a fine or a dog control order and in some circumstances a dog could be destroyed.

"Our day of action hopes to remind people of the law and these preventative measures and reduce the number of livestock worrying incidents."

All incidents of livestock worrying should be reported to the police by [emailing 101](#) or by reporting the incident [online](#).

If you witness an attack on livestock, do not intervene, keep yourself safe and call 999.

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