

Please read the Wounded Badger Patrol protocol carefully. You acknowledge that your participation in Wounded Badger Patrols comes with the risk of loss or damage to property or injury to your person. While we, by way of our procedures and guidance, use all reasonable efforts to minimise these risks, they remain nonetheless. You also acknowledge that you are yourself responsible for your safety and should at all times comply with the guidance provided by Wounded Badger Patrol.

The Wounded Badger Patrol aims to get help for badgers which have been shot and wounded but not killed. We are in attendance to help suffering animals which need veterinary help; not to disrupt the cull.

We will only act within the law:

- We will wear the Wounded Badger high visibility vests and carry torches at all times during the patrol. We will not become separated from the rest of the patrol.
- We will stay on the public highway and public footpaths and cooperate with the police if they are present.
- We will not deliberately make disruptive noise or intimidate landowners. However, for our own safety, we will use a whistle or call out to make gunmen aware of our presence **if they are shooting in our direction** as they are required to put down their guns if they are aware of people in the area.
- If the police are not already present we will call 101 (or 999 depending upon the circumstances) to ensure that there is a licence as part of the legal cull.
- If we find a wounded badger we will not touch it as badgers, even cubs, can be dangerous if injured. However, if it is safe to do so, we will cover the badger's head with a towel or blanket to decrease its stress.
- We will call The Vale Wildlife Hospital on **01386 882288** or **07961 413574** after 5pm, to make them aware of where we are and wait for them to attend.
- Only where safe to do so, we will take photographs of any wounded badgers in order to highlight the horrors of free shooting of badgers. These must be forwarded to GABS asap.
- Personal safety is paramount. Everyone must take responsibility for protecting their personal safety and no one should take any risks with either wounded badgers or gunmen.
- Patrollers must be aged 16 years or over.
- Any equipment used during patrols will only be used to look for wounded badgers and will only be used within the law.

As patrols only act within the law we do not anticipate any difficulties with the police. However, the unexpected can happen, if taken into custody ***PLEASE STAY CALM, STAY QUIET*** and you'll be out soon. Please call GABS who will assist you.