

## Police Message

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" Recently there was an incident where a dog walker had veered off a legal footpath onto a farmer's land. The farmer was holding a pheasant shoot and the dog walker missed this by less than half an hour. This highlights how important it is to stay off farmers' land, as you cannot anticipate what activities they may be holding but also because some use snares to protect their crops and/or livestock.

Please stick to the marked footpaths and dont go down a route where there is a sign clearly marked 'no entry' or similar. If you are new to the area or to dog walking and wish to use country footpaths, the best advice is to buy a map or look on the internet for some recommended walks.

Dog walkers are reminded that when using a highway footpath that goes through farming land, that their dogs need to stick to the footpath and not be allowed to roam around the farm land.

Advice to farmers is that they need to put 'no entry' or similar signs up on any road, that leads off a legal footpath, onto their land."

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