

The Country Code

Aim

To teach new cadets the importance of respecting and looking after the countryside.


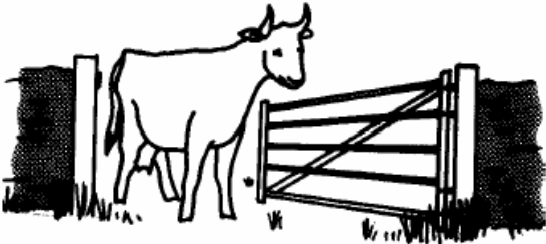

Introduction

As an Army Cadet you will frequently train out in the countryside. Much of the countryside we train in is very beautiful and is home to many different types of wildlife. The Army is a responsible land owner and wants to keep the countryside nice for everyone to enjoy.

You must not do anything that damages the countryside or wildlife. You must not disturb the people who live in the countryside or damage their property.

The Country Code

The Country Code is a list of 10 simple rules. Obeying these rules will help keep the countryside an enjoyable and safe place for everyone.

<p><u>Code 1.</u> Guard against the risk of fire: <i>Plantations, woodlands and heaths are highly flammable. Every year acres burn because of carelessly dropped matches, cigarette ends and pipe ash.</i></p>	
	<p><u>Code 2.</u> Fasten all gates after use: <i>If gates are left unfastened the animals in a field may stray, causing danger to themselves and traffic.</i></p>
<p><u>Code 3.</u> Keep dogs under proper control: <i>In the countryside a civilised town dog can be dangerous to livestock. Keep your dog on a lead when walking in a field with livestock and on country roads.</i></p>	



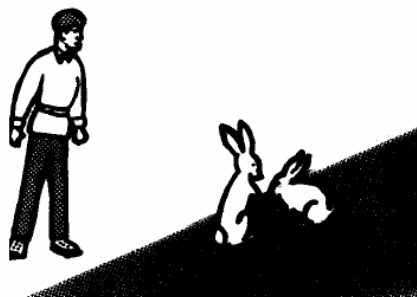
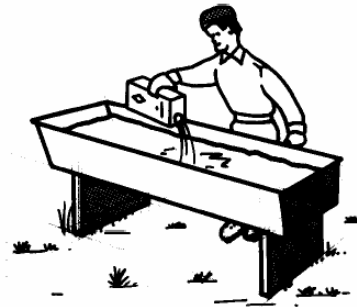
Code 4.
Keep to the path:
Crops can be ruined if you walk on them. Remember that grass is a crop too – sometimes the only crop on a farm. Flattened corn and hay is difficult to harvest.

Code 5.
Avoid damaging fences, hedges and walls:
These are costly and take time to repair. Always use gates and stiles if you can.



Code 6.
Leave no litter:
Litter is unsightly and may be dangerous to wildlife. Take your litter away with you at the end of the day or exercise.

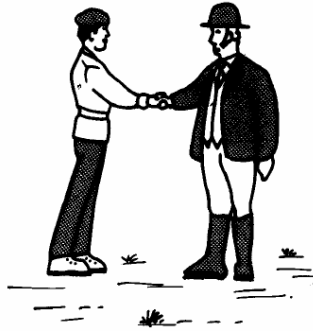
Code 7.
Safeguard water supplies:
Watercourses may provide the drinking water for thousands of people. Do not pollute the water in any way. Do not tamper with cattle troughs.



Code 8:
Protect wildlife.
Leave only footprints and take only photographs. Do not damage trees or disturb wildlife.

Code 9:

Go carefully on country roads.
*Country roads are often very narrow and with high hedges – traffic may approach without being noticed.
Walk on the right hand side of the road facing oncoming traffic.*



Code 10:

Respect the life of the countryside.
Set a good example and try and fit in with the ways of the countryside.

Summary of Key Points

- As Army Cadets you will often train in beautiful countryside. You must keep the countryside a clean, pleasant and safe place for everyone by obeying the Country Code.