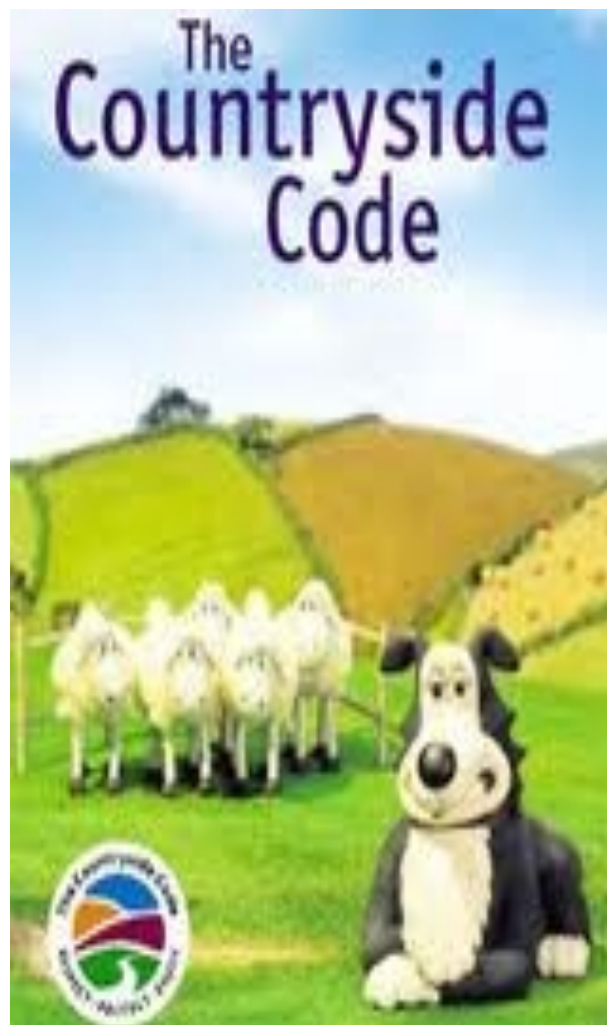


## Dogs on Walks with Tavistock Ramblers

### Excerpts from The Countryside Code:

#### “Keep dogs under close control”

“The countryside is a great place to exercise dogs, but it’s every owner’s duty to make sure their dog is not a danger or nuisance to farm animals, wildlife or other people.



By law, you must control your dog so that it does not scare or disturb farm animals or wildlife. On most areas of open country and common land, known as ‘access land’, you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July – and all year round near farm animals.

You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as it is under close control. But as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.” .....

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE can be accessed on the Ramblers website [www.ramblers.org.uk](http://www.ramblers.org.uk) or the LEAFLET can be obtained from libraries, Tourist Information or DNPA offices.

# Dogs and Tavistock Ramblers



### Important points to be considered when walking dogs with the Tavistock Ramblers

The walk Leader has a Duty of Care to the people attending the walk. **The Leader’s decision is final**, if he/she considers that the walk is not suitable for dogs OR the dog to be kept on a lead

The dog must not be allowed to run up and down the line of walkers. This can be very disconcerting, especially when the group is on a narrow path and/or the going is muddy.

The dog is ALWAYS kept on a short lead when approaching and in the presence of livestock (unless a farm animal chases you, when it is safer to let your dog off the lead)

The dog is ALWAYS kept on a short lead when in the vicinity of road traffic.

The dog is ALWAYS kept on a short lead at coffee and lunch stops.

During the ground nesting season (1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> July) dogs should not be allowed to run free on open moorland as this may disturb birds’ nests – eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.