

# Quantock Hills

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



## **Quantock Hills AONB Drone Policy**

- Drone use must follow the Civil Aviation Authority's rules of the air to ensure safe and proper operation (<http://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Unmanned-aircraft-and-drones/>)
- Natural England permission is required to take off, land and fly at low levels within any Site of Scientific interest (SSSI), such as the Quantock Common SSSI which is protected by law for its birds and habitats (contact [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk) or 0300 060 3900).
- Landowner's permission must be obtained before using drones.
- Drones must not be flown over nesting areas as it is illegal to disturb nesting birds under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).
- Commercial use of drones should have undertaken appropriate recognised training.