



**Quantock  
Hills  
National  
Landscape**

## Provisional Events Notification Form

- This form should be completed, and your intended route should be marked on a map.
- This information should be returned to the Quantock Hills National Landscape Team at [quantockhills@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:quantockhills@somerset.gov.uk) at least **8 weeks** before the intended event.
- The Quantock Hills Team recommends that you don't promote/advertise your event until you have the proper permissions in place.

### **Please read the information below before completing:**

The Quantock Hills National Landscape Team exists to help people enjoy the Quantock Hills in a sustainable way and we are happy to meet organisers and help with planning appropriate routes for events.

All event organisers should consider the impact of their activity on the landscape and wildlife of the hills. The Quantock Hills Team consults with Natural England and acts on behalf of Landowners and the Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee to ensure compliance with a **code of practice** for events. However please note, event organisers are still required to independently seek landowner permission.

In brief, this provides protective measures as follows:

#### **Group size:**

A group of more than 20 individuals will be considered as an event.

#### **Event Free June:**

June is the peak bird-nesting and deer calving month.

#### **Minimum Disturbance months December and January:**

Events should avoid the months December and January as these are the wettest months of the year when the ground is subject to most erosion.

#### **Event Free Days:**

- Events should avoid Fridays. This ensures that the hills are not subjected to continual human pressure.
- Please avoid bank holidays and bank holiday weekends
- The annual pony round up usually takes place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weekends of September – these must be event free.

#### **Number of Events:**

Only one main event should take place on any given week so contact the Quantock Hills Team well in advance (minimum of 8 weeks).

**Size of Events:**

This will depend on the type of event, ground conditions and where it would be held, but excessive numbers of participants and/or spectators should be avoided in this small fragile area.

**Quiet Areas:**

Some parts of the Quantock Hills are relatively undisturbed and will remain so. Events will not be supported in these areas and should be avoided.

**Access:**

- Events should use public rights of way which are appropriate to the proposed use.
- Organisers should ensure that there are sufficient parking arrangements and need to consider the requirements of visitors also accessing the hills.
- Most of the Quantock Hills land is privately owned. Remember to notify and gain permission from landowners (an additional cost may be incurred).
- Orienteering and similar events will not be allowed between 1<sup>st</sup> April and 31<sup>st</sup> July to avoid disturbance to wildlife.
- Please inform any residents that live along the proposed routes.

**Insurance:**

- Please ensure all events have suitable insurance.
- We strongly recommend event organisers undertake a full risk assessment.
- The AONB Service does not support the use of motorised vehicles off metalled roads other than for emergencies and hill management purposes.

**Other useful contacts:**

National Trust: 01823 451814

Forestry Commission: 01278 732319

**PLEASE CONTACT THE QUANTOCK HILLS TEAM WELL IN ADVANCE TO SEEK ADVICE AND GUIDANCE:**

Email: [quantockhills@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:quantockhills@somerset.gov.uk) (for a more prompt response).

Telephone: 01823 451884

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# Notification of Event

## Details of Group Organisers:

Contact Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Contact telephone number	
Email	

## Type of Activity:

What are you planning	
Description of event	
Contact name and number on the day	

## Date, time, Route/location:

Date and time of intended event	
Start and finish point (6 figure grid ref and description in words)	
Route/Location (can be shown on map)	

## Number of:

Participants	
Spectators	
Marshals	

## Additional Info:

What provision has been made to marshal the event? (all aspects of safety are the event organisers responsibility)
How will safety of participants and public be catered for?
Will a 1 <sup>st</sup> aider be on site?      Y/N
Do you intend to have any facilities? (e.g. Hot dog, ice cream vendors) If yes, where?

Type and colour of route markings on the ground (if any). All way markers must be removed.
Special requests (e.g. erection of tents, checkpoints, support vehicles, assistance with way markers etc.)
Other information (e.g. beneficiary of charity events etc.)

**THE QUANTOCK HILLS TEAM GUIDANCE AND ADVICE IN RESPECT OF EVENTS ON THE QUANTOCK HILLS REFLECTS GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICE. THE SAFETY AND LEGALITY OF AN EVENT REMAINS ENTIRELY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVENT ORGANISERS AND/OR LANDOWNERS.**

**QH Office use only**

Date received	
Comments	