

WARWICKSHIRE BADGER GROUP ROAD CASUALTY INFORMATION

Road casualties provide valuable information on the distribution and population density of badgers. Our Group plots all reported casualties on 1:25000 scale Ordnance Survey maps and records the details on a database. **The essential information for road casualty recording is the date of sighting and the exact location of the carcass.**

It is preferred that the location should be provided by supplying an Ordnance Survey grid reference, to eight figures when possible, but six figures is acceptable. It is recognised that many people are not familiar with the OS grid system so we ask for a brief description of the location, either the road number (e.g. A3400) or a description such as "road from Knowle to Temple Balsall".

To describe the location on the road, the direction and approximate distance from any feature shown on the map should be used. Examples of features are:- road junctions, rivers, railways, canals and, in open country farms. Most farms have a name sign at their access driveway. Please remember to state which direction the casualty is from the quoted feature.

Please remember that your Recorder is very likely to be completely unfamiliar with the area of your report and that he works exclusively to Pathfinder maps. Remember also that Public Houses are shown but not named. Note also that supermarkets, garages, garden centres etc. are not shown. Factory premises are usually shown simply as 'Works'. Lay-bys are not shown. (None should therefore be used as reference features unless absolutely necessary).

Some roads include a succession of roundabouts and/or new roundabouts so please quote the road numbers at the roundabout in question. If a road is a minor one without a number then quote the place to which it leads.

Don't worry if you cannot provide an OS grid ref with your casualty report :
Some examples of acceptable reports with and without grid refs are as follows :-

(SP 2394/6061) - A 46 - 50m short of Fulbrook Island before S o A exit

A445 - Bubbenhall to Ryton rd - 40m S of Police Training College

A46 - 150m short of Temple Grafton turn - just N of Redhill Farm

(SP3679/6532) - Welsh Rd - 200m after turn for Offchurch from Fosse Way

All reports should please be made to Steve Hawkes (sahyll@yahoo.co.uk)