

West Knoydart Deer management Group

Code of Conduct

The following sets down the way in which WKDMG will operate and conduct its business:

All members will be asked to sign up to this agreement and to implement it and share its contents with their representatives. Membership of the group will imply agreement to the operation of this code. Attendees who are non-members are welcomed at WKDMG meetings but will be made aware of this code and they shall abide by it.

The aim of any WKDMG meeting is to operate best practise with regard to deer management of the area as set down in its constitution. It is acknowledged that deer management can be a contentious issue with many different views. Members of the group are asked to respect the differing aims of the group members with regard to deer management. Whilst the meetings will aim to come to a consensus we acknowledge that there will be occasions when we 'need to agree to disagree'

Meetings

- Members are asked to be open and to share any information they may have with respect to deer management (or other grazing pressure) in the area
- Discussions, where possible, will be evidence based and will focus on facts presented
- Disagreements will focus on information presented rather than personalities.
- Members will treat fellow attendees with respect and courtesy and will not discriminate against any person
- Members will be sensitive to different aims and will not attempt to bully or intimidate other members into agreeing with their view
- Members will agree to abide by decisions of the chair in respect to conduct at our meetings

Other activities

- Members will aim to make sure they are represented at meetings. If it is not possible to attend they will be asked to comment on agenda items prior to the meeting
- Members will aim to take part in group activities eg deer counts
- Members will keep in touch by appropriate means to ensure they can contribute to such activities
- Members will specifically share information with regard to poaching or other activities which impact on land management or could be a danger to the public

Representation

- Members may be asked to represent WKDMG at other meetings or events. In such instances they will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with this code.