



# DEER ON YOUR DOORSTEP

## WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY ARE WILD DEER?

*Deer belong to no one. The Code for Deer Management says that deer are the responsibility of the person who owns the ground on which they live.*

Local Authorities and other public bodies have a 'duty' to manage the deer on their ground 'sustainably'. Private landowners have a responsibility to manage deer on their ground.

If not managed properly deer numbers can increase. This could give rise to issues in relation to deer and undermine their status as one of our iconic species.

The Minister for the Environment has the final responsibility for how Scotland's deer are managed. Legislation such as the Wildlife and Natural Environment Act sets out the rules in conjunction with the Deer Code. Delivery of deer policy is overseen by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

***Scotland's Wild Deer – A National Approach*** is the Scottish Government's 20 year vision for deer management. It says: "We manage wild deer to achieve the best combination of benefits for the economy, environment, people and communities for now and for future generations."

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