



Further reading

The Highway Code

- www.highwaycode.gov.uk

Scottish Road Safety Campaign -
"Safer Horse riding on the Road"

- www.src.org.uk

British Horse Society Riding and Road
Safety manual

- www.bhs.org.uk

Scottish Outdoor Access Code

- www.outdooraccess-scotland.com



CYCLISTS

- **Be courteous to other road users - it costs nothing and goes a long way!**
- Be visible - wear light, bright or reflective clothing.
- Ensure your bike is road worthy.
- Know the Highway Code.
- Fit lights and use them in poor visibility.
- Ride in single file on narrow roads and no more than two abreast elsewhere.
- Cycle in to the left.
- Give clear hand signals.
- Warn others of your presence by saying hello and using your bell to warn pedestrians.
- Avoid using bell to warn horse riders of your presence. Speak quite loudly the horse will then recognise that you are a human on a bike!
- Slow down and be prepared to stop to let horses pass you.
- Respect land management activities such as hedge or verge cutting, animal herding or tractors on the road.

cycle

Useful addresses

Renfrewshire Council

Department of Planning and Transport
Renfrewshire Council HQ
Cotton Street
Paisley PA1 1LL
www.renfrewshire.gov.uk

British Horse Society

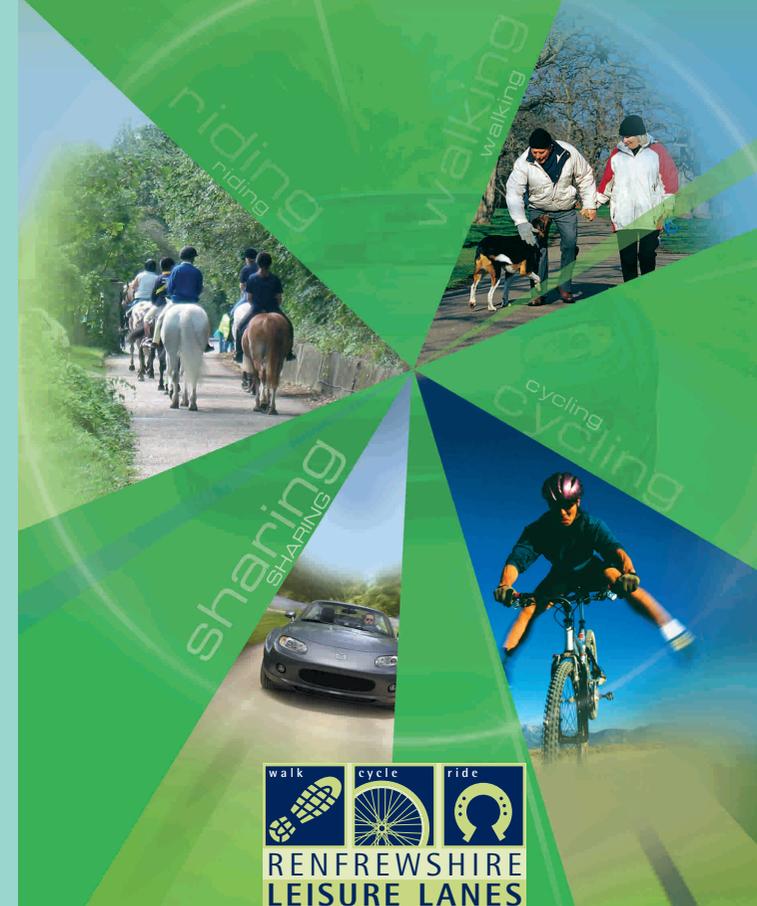
Stoneleigh Deer Park
Kenilworth
Warwickshire
CV8 2X2
www.bhsscotland.org.uk

Sustrans Scotland

16a Randolph Crescent
Edinburgh
EH3 7TT
www.sustrans.org.uk



TRAVELLING SAFELY TOGETHER ON COUNTRY ROADS



Renfrewshire has an extensive network of quieter country roads that make good routes for walkers, horse riders and cyclists to enjoy our countryside as well as being used by motorised vehicles.

Everyone - vehicle drivers, pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and land managers can act responsibly to ensure that these routes are safer for everyone to use.

This leaflet highlights the ways that YOU can make using these routes safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

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MOTORISED VEHICLE DRIVERS

- **Be courteous to other road users - it costs nothing and goes a long way!**
- Avoid excessive speeds, slow down in narrow country lanes as you are likely to meet other road users.
- Take particular care approaching bends - THINK - who might be around the corner.
- Slow down when passing pedestrians, horses or cyclists.
- Pass all horses "wide and slow".
- Give other road users plenty of room.
- Be prepared to stop.
- Do not scare horses by revving your engine or sounding your horn.
- Do not overtake horses when there are oncoming vehicles.
- Do not drive too closely to the back of a horse!
- Avoid driving on the verge as other road users may need these to avoid you.
- Be aware - there may be a reason why two horses are riding abreast - the inside horse may be young, or nervous or it's rider a novice.
- Be vigilant - horse riders and cyclists use hand signals.
- Horse riders may not move into the centre of the road when turning right watch for hand signals.
- Treat all other road users as a potential hazard.
- Expect the unexpected.
- Be patient.

drive



PEDESTRIANS

- **Be courteous to other road users - it costs nothing and goes a long way!**
- Walk on the right hand side of the road.
- Avoid walking more than two abreast.
- Watch out for the approach of other road users from front or rear.
- Use the verge to allow other road users to pass.
- Horses may be frightened of you - speak but avoid unpredictable movements.
- Remember horses do not like umbrellas.
- Wear suitable footwear for walking in the countryside.
- Be visible - wear light, bright or reflective clothing.
- Take care when crossing field entrances and at junctions.
- Respect land management operations such as hedge or verge cutting, animal herding or tractors using the road.



walk



HORSE RIDERS

- **Be courteous to other road users - it costs nothing and goes a long way!**
- Ride on the left hand side of the road.
- Ride no more than two abreast.
- On very narrow roads ride single file.
- Where there is overtaking or oncoming traffic ride single file.
- If you are on a young horse tuck in behind a more experienced horse.
- Remember to thank all those that slow down when passing you.
- Know the highway code.
- Give clear and accurate hand signals.
- Take special care to look around you before manoeuvring - check again.
- Be visible - both you and your horse - wear reflective accessories at all times.
- Wear the correct protective head gear.
- Ride with both hands on reins unless signalling.
- When leading another horse whether mounted or dismounted keep yourself between the led horse and the traffic.
- Check your tack before you set off.
- If you have to take an inexperienced horse out ensure that you have a steady horse present.
- Avoid riding on roads in foggy conditions or after dark.
- Do not trot on slippery surfaces.
- Remember other road users may be frightened of horses.

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