

# ADVISORY CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TARKA TRAIL USERS

The Tarka Trail is enjoyed by many different types of user: Walkers, cyclists, wheelchair users, dog walkers and horse riders.

- **Be sensitive** to the needs of others and follow this simple code.
- **Give Way!** Cyclists always give way to walkers, people in wheelchairs and prams. Pass them slowly. If you cannot get past safely, stop and dismount.
- **Ring! Ring!** Fit a bell on your bike. Special Tarka Trail bells are available from the Railway Carriage Visitor Centre at Bideford Station. Make sure other Tarka Trail users are aware of your presence. Ring your bell or call out a warning.
- **Relax! Take it easy!** Keep your speed down; the Tarka Trail is not a racing track. Slow down and enjoy the scenery.
- **Watch out!** The Tarka Trail is used by many more cyclists than walkers. Take care and be aware.
- **Two's Company!** When the Tarka Trail is busy, especially in the summer months, keep to just two abreast so as not to hinder other users.
- **Take the lead!** Please keep your dogs under control at all times. The Tarka Trail is a haven for wildlife, which is vulnerable to disturbance. Cyclists in particular do not like being chased by dogs. If necessary, put your dog on a lead.
- **Mucky pups!** Dog mess is unpleasant for everyone. Take a plastic bag and clean up after your dog.
- There are red dog bins along the Tarka Trail where it can be deposited.
- **Hoofing it!** The Tarka Trail is used by horses between Servis and Petrockstowe. Approach considerately at all times. See Separate guidance for Horse Riders.
- Please be considerate to other users.
- Follow the Country Code and close all gates after you pass through.