

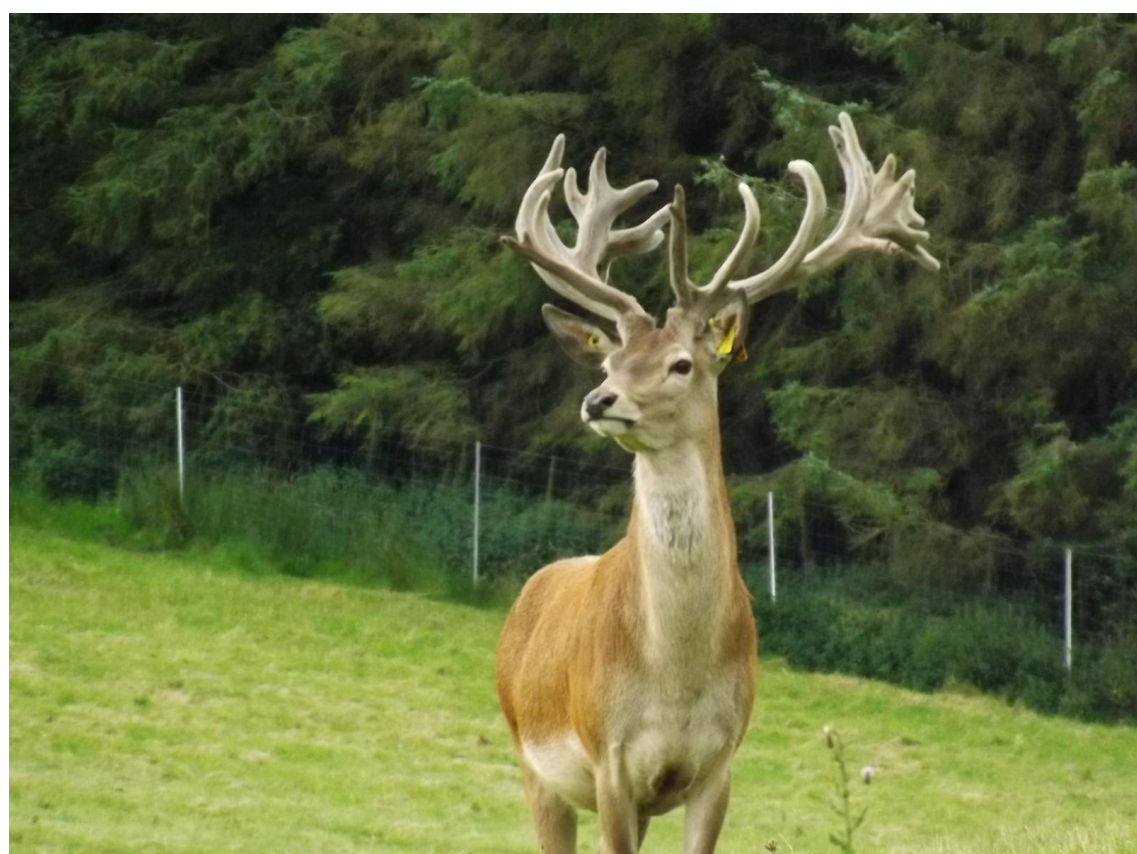


Thank you to the Trees Doctors Volunteering Group for helping us remove tree guards on the 8th June 2025 from the trees and hedgerows (N.B. Trees that are older than 5 years)*

Please meet us at Ingram Bridge Carpark.

Sat Nav postcode: NE66 4LT What3words: ///pumpkin.chum.flasks

Time 10am | Lunch 12 noon at Ingram Cafe | Mini safari 2pm | Depart 3pm



- Please bring a pair of gardening gloves 🧤
- Sunglasses 😎 and outdoor caps 🧢
- Sunscreen 🧴
- Outdoor clothes that you don't mind getting mud on 🧥
- Long sleeves & trousers to protect from any nettles 🌿
- Dress for the weather 🌦️
- Bring a reusable water bottle 💧

Tree guards can be essential for helping trees establish by protecting them from browsing animals such as deer and rabbits, sheltering them from other damage and making them visible whilst they grow. The issue however, comes from plastic tree guards being left in the environment for too long and forgotten about. This then leads to plastic pollution. A tree guard is expected to be on a tree for around 5 to 7 years before they complete their job at protecting the tree and can now be removed and disposed of correctly.

Source: <https://www.forestplasticsworkinggroup.co.uk>

*A tree guard can stay on a tree 10-15 years in some instances- the key is taking it off at the right time and when it wouldn't get eaten.

Plot That Plastic

Help us reduce plastic pollution by mapping plastic tree guards.

With more trees than ever being planted, tree guards have been used to protect and support growth. The problem comes when these guards are not removed, and are left in the environment. We need your help to **locate the tree guards** so we can make plans to **remove** them in future and facilitate new specialist **recycling** hubs.



How to take part:

1. Scan the QR code
2. Download the survey 123 app or open on your browser
3. Start plotting your plastic tree guard sightings



Please do not remove any tree guards you see, they may be protecting the tree from damage or be on private property. We will work with landowners and volunteers to remove tree guards in the future.

For more information visit
www.forestplasticsworkinggroup.co.uk