

**PLEASE WRITE TO YOUR ELECTION CANDIDATES - DETAILS HERE:**

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**Is our countryside being cleansed of our iconic mammals?**

Wolves, lynx, beavers, wild boar – all were hunted to extinction. Badgers are more resilient, but have been persecuted for centuries. Persecution has intensified under this Government.

**Are badgers a native species?**

Yes, they've been here for 400,000 years. They have legal protection, but a loophole in the law allows them to be killed to prevent the spread of disease. Some say this loophole is being exploited to drastically cut badger numbers.

**Is this latest attack on badgers justified? How is bovine TB spread?**

Bovine TB in cows is mainly passed from cow to cow and the skin test is unreliable, leaving infected cows in herds. Bovine TB is in soil and slurry. It is carried by other mammals. Peer-reviewed science says that badger culling is ineffective\*. The Government has introduced stricter cattle measures so when they make claims about the impact of culling they can't separate the effect of cattle measures from the effect of culling.

**How are badgers being killed? Do they suffer?**

Most are shot whilst foraging – a method which the British Veterinary Association condemned as inhumane. When shooters aim poorly, shooting badgers in the abdomen/spine, they suffer appallingly. It is horrifically cruel.

**Is it just badgers on farmland being shot? Won't the others be safe?**

Badgers are being targeted on shooting estates and MoD training areas, in National Nature Reserves and in our Public Forests, as well as on *some* farmland (there are farmers who are strongly anti-cull).

**Are those who are culling badgers paying for it?**

For some of the costs, yes, but the taxpayer is bearing the brunt and not all costs are disclosed. Known costs to the taxpayer are £62+ million, meaning every UK resident has put £1 in the pot.

**When will the killing end?**

230,000+ badgers have been killed so far and this Government intends to keep on killing. On 4th July there is a chance to stop the cull. The Labour Party said that that they will end the ineffective cull. Contact your election candidates to ask if their parties will end the cull. Vote to save our badgers!

\*<https://bvajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/vetr.1384>

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# BADGER CULLING



CRUEL

EXPENSIVE

DOESN'T WORK

Write to your ELECTION CANDIDATES or ask them at the hustings about the cull. WILL THEY STOP:

- POOR TESTING OF CATTLE FOR BOVINE TB?
- SALE OF COWS FROM INFECTED HERDS?
- GOVERNMENT LIES ABOUT BADGER CULLING WORKING?
- ALL BADGER CULLING LICENCES ON 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY?