

Gates keep cattle and sheep where they are supposed to be.
Please leave gates
as you find them.



Gateways are like driveways.

Please don't leave your car
in the way.



Wildlife needs to be cherished.

You can see plenty without disturbing it.

Bonxies and terns especially are well known for
protecting their nests. Mind your head if they are about.



She needs help.



If you find a sheep
like this - please
could you put her
back on her feet,
or get help.

She is not drunk..



Any questions?

Please ask at the Heritage Centre (Tel. 01857 677414)

Please enjoy yourself safely, and come again.

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an island
to enjoy

But please.....



When visiting Westray



please remember

you are very welcome

but this island is really just one big working farm, there are only about 600 people, but 3000 breeding cows.

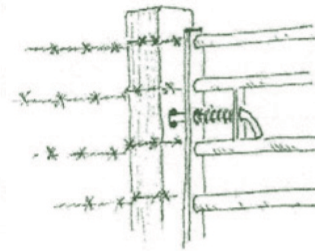


Suckler Cows.

Mother cows are wonderfully protective, which can be unbelievably dangerous. If you have a dog with you, even on a lead, you are a bigger threat to her calf.

To be mothers again next year, they have to have a partner.

He is probably a big continental fellow, who is very protective of his harem, which can give him an attitude problem.



Animal Diseases:

We spend a lot of money to keep diseases at bay. There have to be many strands of barbed wire and properly closed gates to control grazing, and keep neighbouring cows separate.

There may be no dual carriage ways here but you could meet a 100 HP tractor with a trailer, maybe a 15 tonne outfit. Please just pull in, if the road is too narrow. Some times in the year we start at 7.00 am and finish at 11.00 pm. This is because we feed cows inside for 6 months of the year, then rush around all summer making next winter's feed.

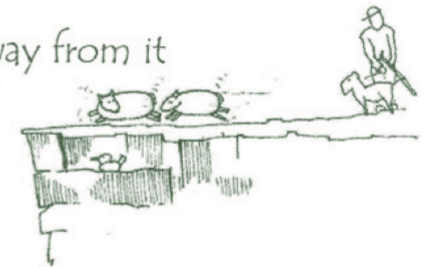


Sheep are also good mothers, but they are different from cows. They are smaller.



For dogs, sheep are the right size for a plaything.

If sheep see a problem, they run away from it and if there is a 100 foot crag, they may run over it.



A running playing dog is a problem to a sheep. It could be fatal for the dog as well as the sheep.