

# Fee Proposal

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Tristan Farm

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## FEE PROPOSAL FOR BADGER SETT CLOSURE LICENCE APPLICATION AND MITIGATION WORKS

Further to our recent correspondence, we provide a fee proposal for the badger sett closure licence application and mitigation works for the redevelopment of the chicken shed at Tristan Farm.

In order to confirm the current status of the badger sett, two camera traps will be deployed at the site for a period of two weeks. The cameras will be used to establish the likely number of badgers utilising the sett and the frequency of activity to determine the overall sett status.

Once the status of the sett has been established, a mitigation strategy for the closure of the sett will be developed in agreement with the client. Once approved, a licence application will be submitted to Natural England. This will comprise the licence application form A24, a method statement (including a the survey results, impact assessment, mitigation strategy, work schedule and maintenance strategy), drawings and maps. Natural England now charge for their review of licence applications. They state that most licences will cost between £300 and £800. They will invoice the client for this separately when they grant the licence.

On receipt of the licence from NE, the sett closure works can commence in accordance with the licence method statement. The new sett must be constructed and badgers encouraged to use it with food lures before the existing sett can be closed. Once badgers have been shown to be using the artificial sett, the existing sett can be closed. This is carried out by installing one-way gates and mesh for a period of 28 days (7 days with the gates opening both ways followed by 21 days with the gates opening one way) before the sett is permanently closed either by closing the entrances or dismantling the sett. 21 days of monitoring are required to demonstrate that all badgers have left the sett (badgers can stay in a sett without leaving for this length of time) and have not dug back into the sett. The one-way gates would be kept in place for at least 21 days from the last sign of badgers accessing the sett. The sett closure must be carried out between the 1st July and the 30th November so it's advisable to apply for the licence during May to allow for any delays to Natural England's 6-week determination period. Once the sett has been closed, the sett can be dismantled under the supervision of the licence holder.

The table below provides details of the survey and fees for the badger sett closure.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Amount GBP</b>
<b>BADGER SURVEYS</b>	5.00	47.00	235.00
2.5 hours (inc. travel time) x 1 surveyor x 1 survey to deploy camera traps and 2.5 hours (inc. travel time) x 1 surveyor x 1 survey to collect camera traps Fees allow for all travel and the collection and deployment of camera traps within the barn to confirm the current status of the sett.			
<b>BADGER SETT CLOSURE LICENCE APPLICATION</b>	16.00	47.00	752.00
The licence application will comprise the following documents:  - Licence application form A24, - Method statement, - Drawings and figures, - Charged screening form.			
<b>SUPERVISION OF REPLACEMENT SETT CONSTRUCTION</b>	8.00	47.00	376.00
Provide guidance and supervision throughout planning and implementation stages including material specifications and methodology.			
<b>REPLACEMENT SETT SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING AND UPTAKE MONITORING</b>	15.00	47.00	705.00
2.5 hours (inc. travel time) x 1 surveyor x 6 visits to deploy and collect camera traps and supplementary feed within the replacement sett.			
<b>INSTALLATION OF BADGER EXCLUSION EQUIPMENT</b>	20.00	47.00	940.00
10 hours (inc. travel time) x 2 surveyors  Allows for installation of one way badger gates and galvanised mesh to exclude badgers from the sett.			
<b>POST EXCLUSION MONITORING VISITS</b>	27.50	47.00	1,292.50
2.5 hours (inc. travel time) x 1 surveyor x 11 visits  In accordance with the licence, the excluded sett must be monitored for a period of 21 days, every other day.			
<b>SUPERVISION OF SETT DESTRUCTION</b>	8.00	47.00	376.00
8 hours (inc. travel time) x 1 surveyor x 1 visit  Once it is confirmed that all badgers have been excluded, the sett shall be destroyed. All destruction shall be supervised by the ecologist licence holder.			
Mileage rate charged at 0.45p per mile for return journeys.	875.00	0.45	393.75
<b>Sett exclusion materials:</b>	1.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
10 x galvanised steel one-way badger gates 100m galvanised wire chain link fencing 30 x wooden stakes Stainless steel cable ties, steel pegs, fencing staples.			
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>6,570.25</b>

TOTAL VAT 20%	1,314.05
<b>TOTAL GBP</b>	<b>7,884.30</b>

## Terms

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- Additional work over and above that outlined in Table 1 will only be undertaken subject to additional fee proposals which are subject to written client agreement.
- Invoices for Table 1 will be issued upon completion of each stages of works and will be payable within two weeks.
- All fees are exclusive of VAT (20%).
- Please see [www.phillipsecology.co.uk](http://www.phillipsecology.co.uk) for our full terms and conditions. In accepting this fee proposal you accept our terms and conditions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss any of the above.

Yours sincerely

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