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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BCA Opposes the Derbyshire Badger Cull**

The Government announced on September 7<sup>th</sup> that the badger cull has been extended to cover Derbyshire.

BCA (Buxton Civic Association) believes that badger culling is a deeply misguided way of trying to tackle the issue of TB in cattle. The scientific evidence shows clearly that transfer from badgers is not the main cause of the spread of TB in cattle. Indeed, culling badgers may well make the problem of potential transfer worse by encouraging movement between family groups.

Whilst we recognise that TB in cattle is a very serious problem for the farming community, we believe that badger vaccination is a far more effective and humane method of ensuring that the badger populations stay healthy and free of TB infection. This is why we funded and supported Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to vaccinate badgers on our land. Derbyshire has the largest and most successful badger vaccination programme in the country and is recognised as such by the Government. There is no evidence that there is any significant level of TB in the local badger population.

The law requires the permission of the landowner for culling to take place. The Board of Trustees of BCA have agreed that they will not give permission for culling to take place on any of the land that they own in and around Buxton.

BCA will continue to work with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and others to oppose this cull and will be writing to our MP and Government to make this clear.