



Road Traffic Act 1972

1972 CHAPTER 20

PART I

PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

Restrictions on use of motor vehicles off roadway

35 Control of use of footpaths and bridleways for motor vehicle trials

- (1) No person shall promote or take part in a trial of any description between motor vehicles on a footpath or bridleway unless the holding of the trial has been authorised under this section by the local authority.
- (2) A local authority shall not give an authorisation under this section unless satisfied that consent in writing to the use of any length of footpath or bridleway for the purposes of the trial has been given by the owner and by the occupier of the land over which that length of footpath or bridleway runs, and any such authorisation may be given subject to compliance with such conditions as the authority think fit.
- (3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) above, or fails to comply with any conditions subject to which an authorisation under this section has been granted, shall be guilty of an offence.
- (4) No statutory provision prohibiting or restricting the use of footpaths or bridleways or a specified footpath or bridleway shall affect the holding of a trial authorised under this section; but this section shall not prejudice any right or remedy of a person as having an interest in any land.
- (5) In this section " local authority "—
 - (a) as respects England and Wales, means the council of a county or county borough, except that in relation to a footpath or bridleway for which the council of a borough, not being a county borough, or of an urban district is the highway authority, the said expression means that council;
 - (b) as respects Scotland, means a county council or town council;

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and in this subsection " county borough " includes a London borough.