

AVIAN INFLUENZA:

BIOSECURITY MEASURES ON THE CALF OF MAN

Manx National Heritage and Manx Wildlife Trust have been carefully monitoring the situation in respect of further outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, which has killed thousands of wild birds across the British Isles.

The risk to humans from Avian Influenza is minimal but if you do find any dead birds, please DO NOT touch them.

Please report any dead birds found on the Calf to the wardens (07624 497179).

Recent testing of dead seabirds on the Isle of Man has shown the presence of the virus and we are therefore implementing increased biosecurity measures on the Calf of Man to help limit the potential spread of this disease.

These are:

- Installation of disinfectant mats at Port St Mary and Port Erin harbours. Please ensure that you walk over these mats when embarking and disembarking vessels bringing you to the Calf.
- Installation of disinfectant mats at all harbours on the Calf of Man, with associated signage. Please ensure that you walk over these mats when you arrive and before you leave the Calf.
- Re-routing of the east coast track from South Harbour, to reduce the risk of transmission to the Manx Shearwater colonies. Please follow the diversion along the main track up from South Harbour until you reach the corner of the enclosed fields, where you can follow the blue topped markers that will take you across to the east coast.
- Do not leave the marked tracks and pathways. Access to headlands and the rocky coastline is prohibited for your own safety.

