

Licences issued in 2017 to use a cage trap to capture a badger, mark a badger and kill/take badgers to prevent the spread of disease

As part of the strengthened TB Eradication Programme, licences to mark, trap and take badgers have been issued to prevent the spread of disease on farms which have a TB chronic breakdown herd. Only those badgers caught which are TB test positive are humanely killed.

Licences were issued to three holdings as part of the programme. The three holdings were in areas of high risk in relation to TB, covering a total land area of 685 hectares.

The licencing periods for the issued licences were as follows:-

- 1. The first licence was between 13 September 2017 and 31 December 2017.
- 2. The second licence was between 28 September 2017 and 31 December 2017.
- 3. The third licence was between 13 October 2017 and 31 December 2017.