



# Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 16

### PART 4

#### SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

#### 58 Notices and signs relating to SSSIs

(1) After section 28R of the 1981 Act insert—

**“28S Notices and signs relating to SSSIs**

- (1) Natural England may, on any land included in a site of special scientific interest, put up and maintain notices or signs relating to the site.
- (2) Natural England may remove any notice or sign put up under subsection (1).
- (3) Any other person who intentionally or recklessly and without reasonable excuse takes down, damages, destroys or obscures a notice or sign put up under subsection (1) is guilty of an offence.
- (4) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.”

(2) In section 51 of the 1981 Act (powers of entry), in subsection (1), after paragraph (k) insert—

“(ka) for the purposes of putting up, maintaining or removing notices or signs under section 28S;”.

(3) In subsection (2) of that section, for “paragraphs (a) to (k)” substitute “paragraphs (a) to (ka)”.