



Common Land RCL 50, Colva Hill, Glascwm Hill and Llandeilo Hill between Aberedw and Gladestry, in the county of Powys.

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**Information which helps to explain the background as to why NRW put this ‘grouse moor’ access restriction in place, as required by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.**

This access restriction results from a Grouse Moor Notification made to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) by the landowner. This Notification type is termed as a ‘Discretionary dog exclusion’ under Section 23 (a grouse moor restriction) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CRoW). It is an access land restriction option specifically provided within the Act for use in relation to grouse moors.

The landowner has a right under Section 23 to exclude people with dogs for a period of up to five years.

For a Notification to be valid the following conditions must be met:

- The notifying person must be the landowner.
- The land must be moorland.
- Grouse must be present and breeding.
- The land must be being managed as habitat for grouse.

In this case the Notification from the landowner states that the closure is for reasons of reducing disturbance to breeding grouse and other upland birds. The conditions for a grouse moor restriction have been confirmed as met, so NRW has consequently put a Restriction in place as is required by the Act.

The restriction now in place excludes ‘people with dogs’ from areas of CRoW access land on three nearby hills for a period of five years, from 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021. (People without dogs are not affected, nor is the use routes which are official Public Rights of Way.)

The ‘access land’ concerned is known as Common Land RCL 50, Colva Hill, Glascwm Hill and Llandeilo Hill between Aberedw and Gladestry, in the county of Powys. A total area of 3,082ha.

The use of Public Rights of Way is unaffected by this or any other CRoW restrictions.

(Please note that an earlier Grouse Moor Restriction had been in place on Glasdestry/Colva Hill since April 2013. This restriction was cancelled on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016 when Gladestry/Colva Hill was incorporated into one new restriction for the three hills which have only recently come under the same ownership.)

When processing a CRoW Act Grouse Moor Notification NRW is restricted to only considering the four CRoW Act requirements listed above. Consultation is only to establish these facts. There is no CRoW statutory consultation beyond this requirement.

(Please note that statutory consultation is not required as this is a ‘Notification’ by a landowner to use a right within the Act. This is different from the situation when an ‘Application’ for a long-term Restriction is made to NRW, in which case a statutory consultation is required.)