

## **Badgers and farmers will pay the cost of the cull**

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News today that the Government plans to pilot trials for the shooting of badgers in two bovine tuberculosis (bTB) hotspots has unfortunately come as no surprise to the League and other welfare organisations.

This decision has been taken despite overwhelming scientific evidence which has shown that a cull would have little impact or may even be detrimental to the spread of Bovine Tuberculosis in cattle.

We are concerned that allowing people to shoot free-running badgers will result in many seriously injured badgers and could introduce a new rural bloodsport.

We want you to add your name to the many other thousands of people who are opposed to a cull.

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There is no scientific proof that badgers give TB to cattle. Cattle are getting TB in New Zealand where there are no badgers.

Personally, I think the intensive farming is at fault. Intensive chicken farming with the overuse of antibiotics has created a superbug, resistant to antibiotics. So we will all have to live, or die, without antibiotics in about 10 years time.

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The National Trust is trying badger vaccination on one of their estates. Why can't the government wait for the results?