## **Tarka Trail Vegetation Management**

To ensure that the Tarka Trail is safe and clear, the verges are cut twice a year. In the summer (July) we cut the grass and in the winter (Nov/Dec) we flail the hedges.

When visiting the Tarka Trail, please follow these simple steps should you meet tractors or other machinery:-

- Stop around 10m away from machinery or operators
- Wait for the operator to signal that it is safe to pass
- Wait until operations cease before attempting to pass
- Take care when passing machinery or operators.

## Avoid the puncture threat

We try to keep any debris off the trail however, during cutting there is an increased risk of punctures.

You can reduce the risk punctures by:-

- Ensuring your tyres are not worn
- Avoiding obvious clumps of grass or twigs which might be on the trail
- Staying off the freshly cut verges
- Fitting self seal gel in your tyres (see your local cycle retailer)
- Keep your speed down and always carry a puncture repair kit