

## **Cutting of Hedgerows- Public Notice for Attention of Landowners/Occupiers**

Landowners and Occupiers of Properties which adjoin public roads are obliged under the Road Act 1993, to ensure that trees, shrubs, hedges or any other vegetation on their land are not, or could not, become a danger to people using or working on a public road.

The maintenance of roadside trees, hedges and other vegetation is the responsibility of the landowner on whose land they are growing. Landowners should therefore ensure that trees, hedges or other vegetation are maintained in such condition that they are not a hazard to road users or that they do not interfere with the maintenance of the road. All reasonable care should be taken to ensure the safety of road users when they work is being carried out.

Section 46(b) of the Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 forbids the cutting, grubbing, burning or destruction of any vegetation growing in a hedge or ditch during the period 1 March to 31 August. Cutting of hedgerows can take place from September to February, when hedgerows are dormant.