

CALL TO ACTION FROM BADGER GROUP

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Pembrokeshire Against The Cull will be hosting a Public Meeting for those opposed to the imminent badger cull, at Newport Memorial Hall on Monday 15th February at 7.15 pm.

Under the Assembly's Tuberculosis Eradication (Wales) Order 2009, A person must not "take into captivity, harbour, conceal or otherwise protect wild members of the badger species with intent to prevent their destruction, or in any other way obstruct or interfere with anything....in connection with that destruction".

Celia Thomas, PAC chairperson , stated: "Landowners have many questions now that WAG is undertaking badger sett surveys, before the shooting starts in the spring. Can we challenge entry onto our land? How can we register our objections to, for example, the use of firearms on our land to kill native wildlife? Is the Order even legally robust, given its extraordinary and unprecedented powers?

"It is important that we demonstrate substantial opposition to the cull. WAG is determined to keep the killing as quiet as possible, but a growing national campaign will make this impossible. You may be worried about adverse impacts on your business - you can discuss such concerns in public, or via phone or email. We will provide both information and support for those who feel threatened by this barbaric and unjustified extermination".

The group has convened a panel of expert speakers for the meeting, including Peter Black (Assembly Member) and Sarah Kessel of the Wildlife Trusts. PAC campaigners will also be present to formulate action plans with anti-cull landowners.