



## When visiting Westray



please understand that

# you are very welcome

But this island is really just one big working farm, there are only about 600 people, but about 2300 breeding cows and 3000 sheep



### Suckler Cows:

Mother cows are wonderfully protective, which can be unbelievably dangerous. If you have a dog with you, even on a lead, you look like a bigger threat to her calf.

To be mothers again next year, they have to have a partner.

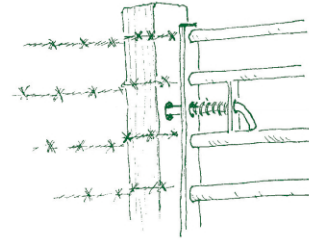
He is probably a **big** continental fellow, who is very protective of his hareem, which can give him an attitude problem. **Bulls can be dangerous!**

If there are cows in the field - think about it - best keep out - Yes?



### Animal Diseases:

We spend a lot of money to keep diseases at bay. There have to be many strands of barbed wire and properly closed gates to control grazing, and keep neighbouring cows separate.



### Our narrow roads:

There may be no dual carriage ways here but you could meet a 130 HP tractor with a trailer, maybe a 25 tonne outfit. Please just pull in, if the road is too narrow. Some times in the year we start at 7.00 am and finish at 11.00 pm. This is because we feed cows inside for 6 months of the year, then rush around all summer making next winter's feed... that's about 20,000 tonnes of silage.



**Sheep** are also good mothers, but they are different from cows. They are **smaller**. For dogs, sheep are the right size to play with.

If sheep see a problem, they run away from it and their lambs may be left behind. If a baby lamb is separated from it's mother, it will probably die.

If there is a 100 foot crag, a frightened sheep may run over it.



A loose (playing) dog is a problem to a sheep. It could be the end of your dog as well as the sheep. Please keep your dog on a lead near livestock.