

Failte gu Duthaich MhicAoidh

Welcome to Mackay Country



You may have noticed that as well as stunning scenery we are blessed with the joy of driving on single track roads!

Here are a few ideas and thoughts on this style of driving.

For many of us and indeed our visitors it is a delight to move through the countryside at a reasonable rate and feel more part of the environment and crofting districts.

On a single track road you feel closer (*and you are*) to the moorland, mountains and coastline.

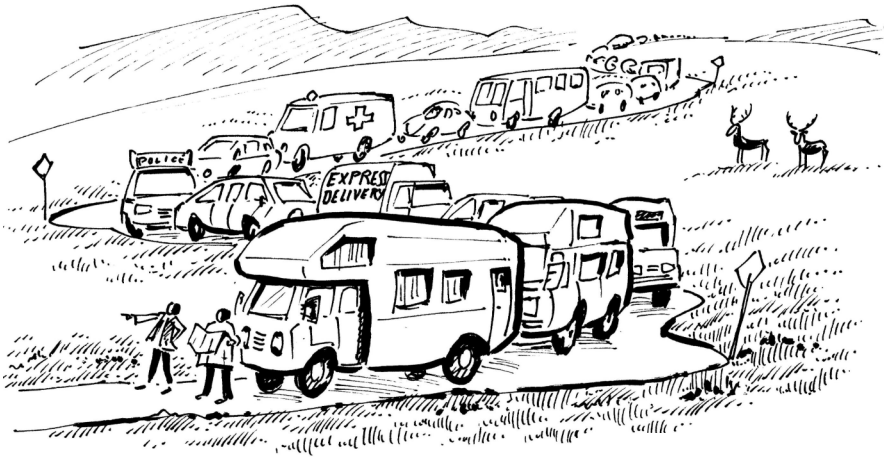


How to experience the single track road as a pleasure?

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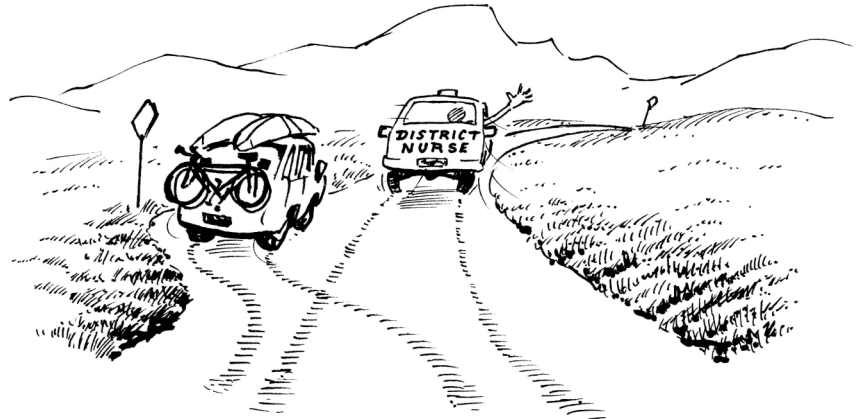
"It's not about me - it's about us."

This shift in attitude allows you to be part of a community of travellers as we move through the North. Courtesy pays dividends. Through being courteous and allowing vehicles behind you to overtake you can relax and enjoy the journey at your own pace. Keep checking your rear view mirrors.



Remember that the people behind you may not be on holiday. The driver may be a health or care worker travelling to an urgent call. Let them through.

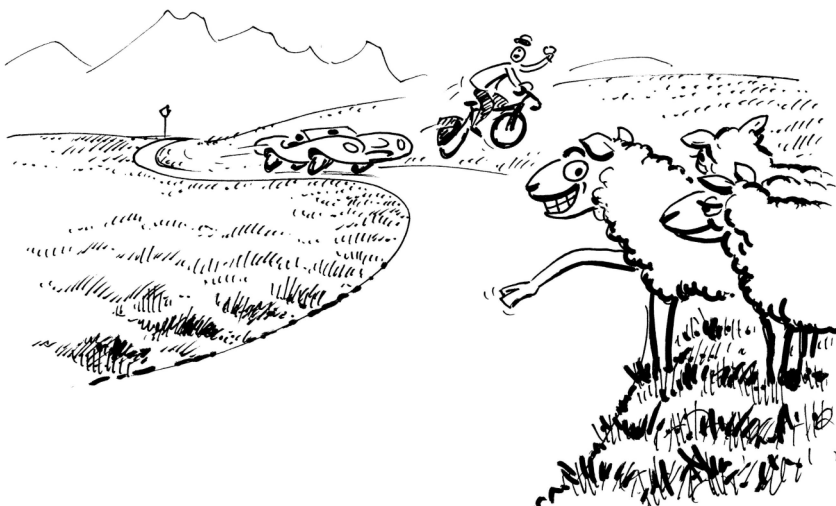
Pull in to passing places on your left hand side indicating first.



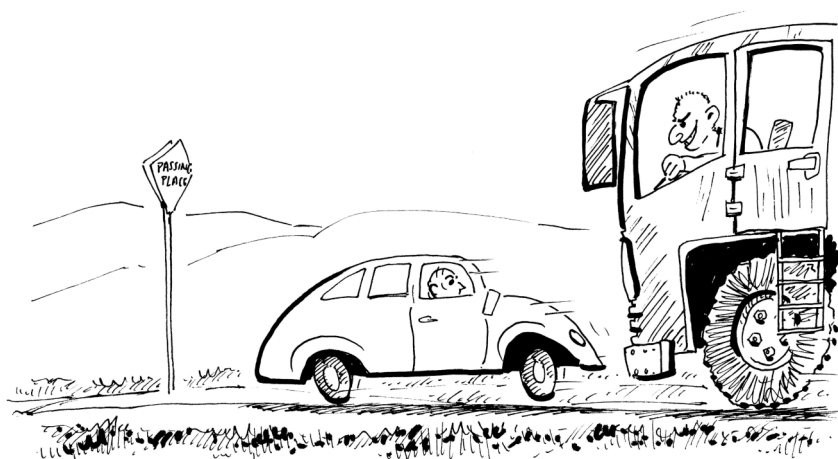
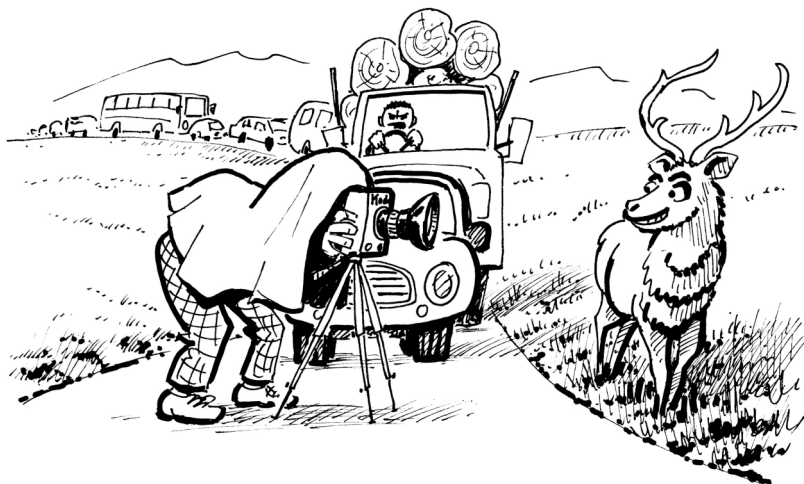
Slow down when you see animals on or beside the road. Give them time and as you approach they will move off onto the verge.

Slow down for cyclists as well - give them plenty of room, if they are struggling against head winds they may wobble in front of you.

Remember that cyclists, walkers and dog walkers may not have heard your car approaching - go canny (*take it easy*).

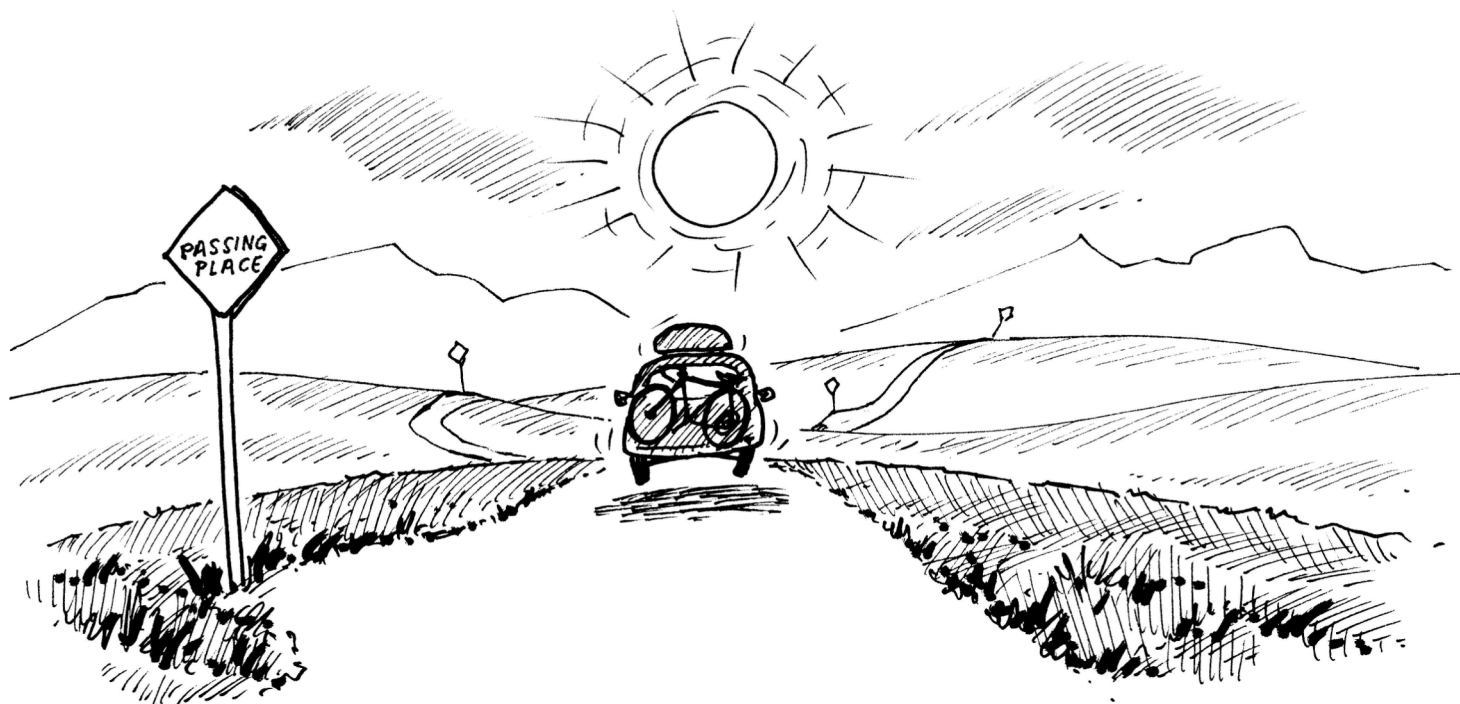


Taking photographs - it is much better to pull off the road and get out of the vehicle to capture the view. You will end up with a better photo and not upset fellow travellers by stopping in the middle of the road.



Reversing - there are times when we all have to reverse to allow oncoming vehicles to pass on their way. This is better than speeding onto a rocky, potholed or sodden verge.

Hasten slowly and you will soon arrive. Just like the driver of the French fish lorry travelling north to Kinlochbervie. When he got there he was asked - "How did you find the roads?" He replied - "I did not find your roads; I just drove up on the pavement!"



Please drive carefully! Enjoy your journey and haste ye back!

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