

## **Enforcement**

The National Park Authority is committed to achieving National Park Purposes through co-operation rather than through legislation. However in some cases legal enforcement is required, for example when work is carried out on protected trees without the necessary consent or notification.

The maximum fine that can be imposed on an individual, should a prosecution be successful, is £20,000.

*What should you do if you suspect that work has been carried out to a tree without the necessary authority?*

- Take some notes about the details of the work e.g. which tree is being damaged, who is doing the work, when the work was done etc.
- Contact the National Park Authority as soon as possible and give us the details that you have;
- We will then investigate the work that has taken place and if necessary proceed with a prosecution;
- We will not mention you to any one else that you have reported the incident to the Authority however we are unlikely to proceed with any action without your name and a means of contacting you. In some instances your evidence may be key to our case e.g. a dispute about who did the felling. However, in many circumstances, it is unlikely that we would need you to be a witness although your support in court might add weight to our case for prosecution if you are willing.