

COUNTRYSIDE CODE

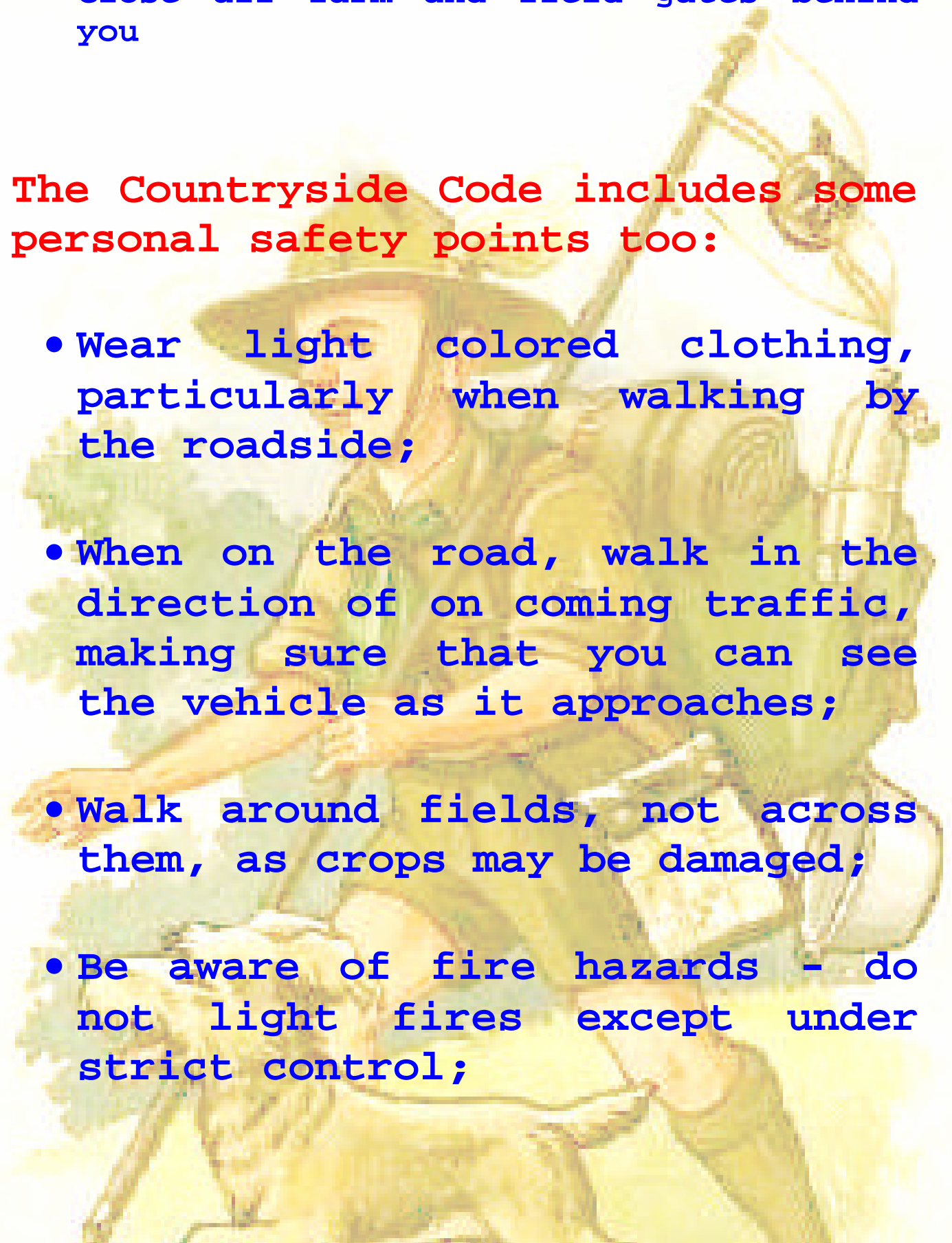
When you are in the countryside there are some important things to remember. The Countryside Code ensures that the countryside remains a pleasant and safe place for everyone to visit. The main points in the code are:

- Enjoy the countryside and respect the environment.
- Take special care on country roads.
- Keep to public paths especially across fields.
- Keep your dogs under close control, chasing, hurting and frightening animals is prohibited. Be sure that dogs are kept on leads when other animals are around.
- Protect wildlife, plants and trees. Do not pick or destroyed plants and trees.
- Take your litter home with you. Leave the countryside a better place than you found it.
- Make no unnecessary noise. Loud noise disturbs both animals and other people.

- Protect “dry rubble” walls. Do not destroy or dismantle field walls and/or loose stones.
- Close all farm and field gates behind you

The Countryside Code includes some personal safety points too:

- Wear light colored clothing, particularly when walking by the roadside;
- When on the road, walk in the direction of on coming traffic, making sure that you can see the vehicle as it approaches;
- Walk around fields, not across them, as crops may be damaged;
- Be aware of fire hazards - do not light fires except under strict control;



- Be wary of all the animals you come across.
- Respect trapping and hunting laws and those practicing these pastimes.