

Deer Management, July 2026

Roe does, and fallow bucks and does, remain out of season. Roe bucks are in season until the end of October. As there are very few roe in the area – they've been outcompeted by the fallow – residents are unlikely to hear much rifle activity in the next few months.

However, there are increasing reports of muntjac being sighted in Brightling. These are a small species, about the size of a large labrador, and hence are able to get through holes in fencing that roe and fallow can't negotiate. They are continuous browsers and have a pronounced negative effect on woodland regeneration. Muntjac can be culled legally year-round.

Fallow are very mobile at the moment, and are regularly crossing roads in groups or singly from dusk to dawn, meaning drivers need to take particular care on local roads.