

## **England: Fury as cruel driver 'intentionally' mows down flock of ducklings and mother duck**

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Thousands of people were left outraged after a driver mowed down a flock of ducklings and their mum.

### ***A family of ducklings were mowed down in Holbeach, Lincolnshire***

A man who saw the cruel kill in Holbeach, Lincolnshire, said a blue Ford C-Max failed to stop in Penny Hill Road last Friday, wiping out the mother duck and all but one of her feathered babies.

### ***A campaign has been launched to put up signs warning drivers of ducks on Penny Hill Road***

The man, along with another couple, managed to get hold of the remaining duckling and rushed it to a nearby vet.

Meanwhile, he has issued an appeal on social media to catch the driver.

Alongside pictures of the devastating scene, the witness wrote: "Whoever intentionally hit these ducks and drove off in the blue Ford C-Max, I hope it was well worth it.

"Sadly, (I) didn't get the number plate.

"No other cars on the side of the road so could easily stopped and let them cross.

"Luckily, a nice couple stopped and helped me catch the only duckling that survived and has taken it to the vet."

'ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING'

His post, published on a public Facebook page, has left thousands of people outraged.

One person wrote: "Aww how cruel. How could anyone do something like this?"

Another commented: "It's horrible. Hopefully he or she gets all the karma they deserve."

One disgusted woman posted: "Absolutely disgusting " poor little things," while another added: "there are some unkind people " it's sad."

A petition has been set up by Carol Anderson to have road signs put up in the town, warning drivers of ducks in the road.

In her petition, Carol says a number of ducks have lost their lives while crossing roads.

The petition reads: "The town of Holbeach have a community of lovely ducks that are in constant danger of either being killed by reckless drivers, or causing an accident.

â€œThe latest example of this was a flock of about 30 ducks being wiped out by an HGV.

â€œThere is CCTV footage of a van running down a duck in Holbeach High Street. The driver didnâ€™t even slow down.

â€œMore recently a whole family of ducklings were mown down by a careless driver, prompting an outcry on social media.

â€œWe feel that drivers need to be made aware of the possibility of ducks being in the road and would like Lincolnshire Highways to erect appropriate signage in key areas of the town where the ducks are most likely to be a hazard / in danger.â€•

A spokesperson for the RSPCA told the Sun Online: "This must have been very upsetting for the person who witnessed this.

"We would always advise motorists to keep a look out for wildlife on the roads and to slow down in areas where they know wildlife might be.

"It is unclear whether this was an accident or if it was deliberate, so we would ask anyone with information to please contact the RSPCA's helpline on 0300 1234 999."

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