Box 1

Lyme disease in the UK

There are an estimated 2,000-3,000 cases of Lyme disease in England and Wales each year.

Areas of the UK that are known to have a high population of ticks include:

- Exmoor
- The New Forest, Hampshire
- The South Downs
- Parts of Wiltshire and Berkshire
- Surrey and West Sussex
- Thetford Forest, Norfolk
- The Lake District
- The Yorkshire Moors
- The Scottish Highlands