



West Dereham Sighting of Adder Snakes - Please be vigilant if out and about in the village.

The British adder is the UK's only venomous snake, recognizable by its dark zigzag pattern and generally shy nature.

Identification and Appearance

The British adder, or *Vipera berus*, is a small, stocky snake typically measuring 60–80 cm in length, with males often silvery-grey and females brown or copper-colored. Some individuals are completely black (melanistic). A distinctive dark zigzag stripe runs along the back, and the head usually has a V or X-shaped marking between the eyes. Adders have vertical slit pupils and keeled scales, distinguishing them from non-venomous snakes like grass snakes and smooth snakes



Female Adder



Male Adder