To Tackle the Housing Crisis, we Need to Talk About Ownership

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A few weeks after transplanting a particularly agreeable shrub of country rose, in view of these fortunate botanicals, the weather was shining, birds were singing, and vapors were wafting with astonishment. As if our little band were to be spared, it was a ten-day lull.

The homeward journey along the same road, however, was a different tale. Heavy showers, gusty winds, and even, toward the end of the journey, an ominous drizzle, had brought the margins of the road to the verge: a margin of long vegetation in spots where safety is a matter of concern for motorists and drivers. Where these verges are not maintained, they become a hazard for those who are not on their feet. These verges are part of an important ecosystem, one that is greater than the sum of its parts.

Other animals—such as birds, mammals, and other predators—depend on the vegetation and wildlife in the verges for their survival. Even so, the increased speed of vehicles has led to a decrease in the number of species found in these verges. These verges also serve as a buffer zone between the road and the surrounding environment, helping to mitigate the impact of vehicles on wildlife.

One of the challenges faced by road authorities is how to balance the need for safety and the need for biodiversity. While it is important to ensure that vehicles do not collide with wildlife, it is also important to protect the species that depend on these verges for their survival.

In response to these challenges, road authorities are working to create a balance between safety and biodiversity. This may involve reducing the speed limit or implementing other measures to reduce the impact of vehicles on wildlife.

In conclusion, road verges are an important part of our environment, and it is important that we work to protect them. By doing so, we can help to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the beauty and diversity that these verges offer.