

VERDERERS' COURT
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CATTLE DAMAGE

Presentment by Mr Peter Jones

'I live at Matley House, Beaulieu Road, Lyndhurst. We have a gravel drive way which we a have a licence to use as an access way from to and from my residence. Conditions of the licence force me to maintain the track in good order which comes at a cost.

There is large a herd of cattle (200 approx) which pass by my property at least 2 twice a day, combined with the poor weather they are severely damaging the driveway and the SSSI that surrounds my house. This also effects owners of Matley Cottage, Little Boston and Stable Cottage property & driveways.

I understand that the owners of the cattle are paid a grant to have their cattle graze the forest. Fuelled by these grazing scheme payments. These herd numbers have increased to such a point that the Forest and our properties are being damaged.

What has not been considered within the scheme is the damage that is being caused to mine & my neighbours driveways. So, my questions are:

How will myself and my neighbours be compensated for the damage to our licenced access driveways?

Will the grazing scheme continue?

If the grazing scheme continues will cattle herd numbers increase?

Is the SSSI status of our surroundings considered in the grazing scheme?'