VERDERERS COURT

Wednesday 20th May 2020

PRESENTMENT BY MR JOHN BOYD

CATTLE BREAKING INTO PRIVATE PROPERTY

Dear Ms Westwood, I have been given your name & contact details by Rachel Pearson from the Beaulieu Estate.

I am a tenant farmer on both the Beaulieu & Pylewell Estates with many miles of fields/fences contiguous with Forest grazing areas. The issue of hungry animals breaking into cropped land during the early spring months is a perennial one but seems particularly bad this year. My family having farmed on the Estate for over 100 years are well aware of the common grazing rights & maintain our fences accordingly. When the growing season gets going properly, usually after May, the Forest cattle find sufficient grazing & generally do not trouble reasonable hedges & fences, on the odd occasion when we have had particular issues your Agisters have been helpful to us.

Turning out so many cattle in March & April is irresponsible of their owners & I believe those owners know that full well. Therefore can this matter be brought to the attention of the Verderers, from the correspondence you have sent Rachel I believe this should be as a ‘presentiment’.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

John Boyd