

VERDERERS' COURT  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECISIONS

MARKING FEES 2022

Marking fees have remained at the same level since 2012 and I am pleased to announce that there will be no increase next year.

Marking fees for 2022 are therefore the same as this year:

Ponies & Donkeys on the Forest £24.00 per head  
Ponies & Donkeys on the Commons £12.00 being ½ of the Forest marking fee  
Cattle on the Forest £24.00  
Cattle on the Commons £3.00 being 1/8 of the Forest marking fee  
Sheep on the Forest £8.00  
Sheep on the Commons £4.00  
Pigs on the Forest £4.00  
Pigs on the Commons £2.00 per head

Please remember that marking fees are due from the 1st January. Under our Byelaws, the deadline for payment of all marking fees for continuously depastured animals is 31st March.

If not paid by 31st March, you will not be eligible to join the Verderers Grazing Scheme. Marking fees for animals which are not continuously depastured are due before the animals are turned out. It is the responsibility of commoners to volunteer payment of marking fees, not the responsibility of the Agister to chase you for them.

ELECTED VERDERER JIM GREENWOOD

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim for his very valuable contributions to our work over his 6 years as an elected verderer. Jim has decided not to stand for re-election and we wish him all the best and we hope he enjoys the additional free time he will now have!

APPOINTED NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY VERDERER

It is with regret we have to report that Mr John Sanger, who was appointed as the National Park's Verderer in July this year, felt he was unable to continue in that position. He resigned in October and his replacement is Miss Ann Sevier who we welcome to the Court this morning.

FOREST BRIDGES

In our September Court, we heard a presentment from Charlotte Lines on behalf of the CDA concerning the very poor and dangerous condition of three bridges. In response the Deputy Surveyor explained the constraints that sometimes prevent Forestry England undertaking repairs as quickly as they would like. He confirmed there are 8 bridges on FE's list which need repair and the work will be done as soon as possible. He undertook to do his best to ensure that bridges needed for the drifts would be repaired first and we understand a significant amount of work has now been completed on a number of these bridges.

## B3078 ROGER PENNY WAY - ACCIDENTS - HUMANS & ANIMALS ALIKE – PROPSAL TO FENCE THIS ROAD

The Court gave very careful consideration to Mrs Gray's suggestion, in our October Court, that the B3078 Roger Penny Way should be fenced.

Unsurprisingly perhaps, we were unable to reach a unanimous view and it was agreed that as usual, prior to considering whether to take the suggestion of fencing the B3078 any further, the Court would await supporting or counter presentments at this Court.

## VERDERERS' ELECTION

The election of three Verderers takes place on Friday week, the 26<sup>th</sup> of November. We hope that as many voters as possible who returned their declaration forms and have been added to the Electoral Register will turn out to vote on that day. Polling stations are open from 10.00 a.m. until 8.00 p.m. Everyone whose name appears on the Electoral Register will be sent a polling card in time for the election. To assist voters, you may vote at any of the four polling stations, on production of your card. If you have mislaid your polling card or have not received one by the Thursday before the Election, please contact our Clerk.