



Challenges and opportunities of Commoning / Farming in the NF

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Introduction – Chairman Commoners Defence Association

- New Forest Marque- Director
- Commoner / Farmer

Livestock creating a unique landscape

Recreation pressure – 17.5 million visitor days - £500 million industry

- Stock / public interaction
- Commoners / public responsibility
- De-horning
- Calving
- Drifts - livestock management

Education - Commoners / public - creating a better understanding

The Forest Story - added value - produce - extensive - high welfare

- The New Forest Marque - explanation

Basic Payment Scheme - demise/ explanation - stock numbers

Environmental land management scheme - difficulties / opportunities

- Forestry England - landowners
- Verderers - responsibility for stock
- Commoners - stock owners

The Future - ageing community - develop a future for young commoners

- Common thread
- Engagement with each other
- Forest for everyone