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Can I become a commoner?

Yes. Anyone can be a New Forest commoner. Commoners come from all walks of life, and live all around the New Forest. Whilst the rights are linked to land and buildings, you only need to “occupy” the land to qualify. This can be shared, rented or owned, and of any size. It is, of course, important that you also have access to sufficient “back-up” land and facilities when you need it, so you can properly care for any animals that are allowed to graze the New Forest. There is a successful mentoring scheme, in which experienced commoners help young and new commoners learn how to do it well.

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