

# New Forest Commoners Defence Association



Dear Member,

I am delighted to enclose your 2018 Annual Report and look forward to seeing you at the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

As you'll see 2018 was a year of ups and downs, and not just in the extreme weather. Thankfully, at the end of the year we finally received news that the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme for the National Trust commons would continue beyond its January 2019 end date, but we are still having to lobby for the Verderers scheme to receive the same dispensation from ministers. A further mix of good and bad news was the return to the average rate of animal accidents in 2018, after the new low set in 2017. This reversal did, however, come with a new record low being achieved in accidents involving ponies in 2018.

2018 also saw a huge step change in our communication with the public; through our new website, in schools, in broadcast and social media.

All of this work on crucial issues for commoning is made possible by the small subscription paid by our members. Please do check that you are paid up for 2019, and at the current rate, and encourage supportive friends to join us.

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# Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

## 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Obituaries
4. To confirm the minutes of the 2018 AGM
5. To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
6. Election of Officers
  - i) President
  - ii) Hon. Secretary
  - iii) Hon. Treasurer
  - iv) Hon. Veterinary Surgeons
  - v) Hon. Solicitor
7. To appoint an Auditor
8. Election of Committee
9. Verderers' Question Time

Once again, refreshments will follow with the opportunity to catch up with other members.

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

#### 2019 Membership Rates

Associate member	£7.00
Associate junior member	£2.50
Full member not turning out	£10.00
Full junior member not turning out	£2.50
Full junior member turning out up to 5 animals	£4.00
Full member turning out up to 10 animals	£11.00
Full member turning out between 11 and 25 animals	£13.00
Full member turning out between 26 and 50 animals	£15.00
Full member turning out over 50 animals	£18.00

Please check you are paying the correct amount. If you are unable to attend the AGM please send subscriptions to: Mr Michael Eccles, Reservoir Cottage, Gatewood Hill, Exbury Road, Blackfield.

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