

Presentment by New Forest Commoners Defence Association to the Court of Verderers July 2022

Re: Overnight Camping in Forest Car Parks

We would like to draw the courts attention to what we believe is an increase in overnight camping in some of the Forest car parks, NFCDA members have reported seeing the same camper vans in Moonhills, and the car park in front of Royal Oak at Hilltop, a camper van at James Hill Car Park has also been seen on consecutive nights.

In addition, we would also flag that we are aware of other activities taking place in some on FE car parks in the North of the Forest (Milkham, Cadnams and Ocknell Pond) which gives cause for concern.

Whilst we note the presence of NPA and FE staff patrolling during the day we are not aware that this happens after dusk, therefore we would like to request that FE and NPA deploy staff and rangers to lock some of the barriers on these car parks from dusk to dawn, and that vehicle movements are recorded and passed to the appropriate authorities for further action.

We look forward to your response.

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