

Verderers Court: **Wednesday 25th May** 2025

Presentment waste food bins

Good morning Official Verderer, Verderers, and members of the Court.

Andrew Parry-Norton CDA Chairman.

We would like to raise concerns about the new regulations regarding recycling, in

particular food waste bins, that is to be introduced by New Forest District

Council next spring.

Speaking from personal experience, a couple of years ago three pigs, which we turned

out for Pannage , was deliberately fed sausages and burgers . The incident

was filmed and broadcast on social media .

I then received a phone call from Defra requesting I immediately isolate the

animals and two vets will be visiting. The pigs where kept in confinement for

three weeks with two vets arriving every three days from Oxford .

The cost of this must have run to thousands of pounds, although millions if my

pigs had contracted foot and mouth disease or African swine fever . Both

diseases could be present in imported meat although harmless to humans.

New Forest District Council is going to be supplying food waste bins for

weekly collections , the advice is that these bins are left outside the gate and

then residents top them up from a smaller kitchen waste bin .

I recently raised concerns with an NFDC councilor to be told the plastic lids are

hard to remove by humans so animals would not be able too .

I doubt this councilor has had any experience of what a large sow can do, a

plastic bin would present no problem at all if it contains food waste.

In the UK it is illegal to feed or allow kitchen waste to be fed to pigs. Not only

could this a problem for pigs but also donkeys and ponies who will quickly

realize this could become a potential food source .

We, the CDA, ask the verderers to persuade New Forest District Council to

retract their advice and request that these bins are kept on the residents

premises where stock do not have access to it.

Thank you for your consideration