

Verderers Court: **Wednesday 15th July** 2025

Presentment – x 2

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

Andrew Parry-Norton FFG- CDA Chairman.

Presentment 1- Fallen Trees.

In this court, last month, we heard a presentment made by a Commoner requesting that fallen timber should be cleared from the Forest’s woodland, the CDA supports that view. To get a better understanding of the amount of fallen timber that is present, the CDA is undertaking a survey to quantify its volume.

The CDA acknowledges that a certain amount should be left for the benefit of the ecology but we now feel this policy has been taken to the extreme. Access for stock welfare has become difficult and dangerous.

We ask the Verderers to support the CDA in our survey and enter into discussions with Forestry England on reducing the amount of fallen wood.

Presentment 2- Food waste bins.

As was predicted by the CDA, the roll out of the waste food bins has not gone well. Numerous pictures and personal accounts of donkeys opening the bins and consuming the food with in have been all over social media and the press.

We now have a problem that needs a very fast solution; soon the Pannage season will start and the pigs will be even quicker in opening the bins than the donkeys. Urgent discussions need to take place involving all interested parties, maybe suspending the separation of the waste food from general waste until this problem is solved. As we mentioned in our previous presentment, since the introduction of the Animal by-products order of 1999, it is illegal to feed kitchen waste to pigs.

We would ask the Verderers to clarify who has potentially broken the law, the householder who has put the food bins out with the knowledge that pigs could break into the caddy or the New Forest District Council who supplied the bins and given out the advice that they are stock proof.

Thank you.