

New Forest Access Forum 13 June 2022

Chairman's Report.

Farming in Protected Landscapes.

I attended a meeting on 20th April to consider applications for funding. During the year 19 projects have been supported. 11 have been completed. 4 of the applicants were active commoners. In the year from April (year 2) there will be £90 000 of new money. The Land Advice Service visit applicants prior to submission of their application. It is hoped that there will be more applications for trees, hedging and fencing. There have been a number of applications for machinery. Access projects Canberra considered but none have been submitted to date.

Forestry England Habitat Restoration.

Woodcraft Felling Programme Consultation. 4th April.

This is part of the Verderers HLS Scheme, The aim was to remove non-native conifers scattered on the site and to restore glades. All areas under consideration were visited and after discussion a programme of Felling was agreed. I do not think access will be affected in this very boggy area.

Lost Lawns Consultation.

Millyford and Anderwood areas.

Millyford is another boggy area. The proposals to remove some scrub, bracken and scattered trees was not contentious and was agreed.