



COMMONING



What is commoning?

By putting animals on the Forest for part of the year to graze, Commoners could keep more stock than was possible on just their farm or holding.

Commoners are often smallholders who usually have another occupation. Many of them work in Forestry.



NEW FOREST COMMONERS



ANTHONY PASMORE

Books and booklets

Books and booklets on commoning have helped interpret the way of life of the Forest smallholders. They were using the Forest for grazing their stock long before William the Conqueror arrived.



Artists

Artists have played an important part in our understanding the part commoning plays in the history of the Forest. John Emms, whose painting is above, was a keen huntsman who married a keeper's daughter and has left a large legacy of work.

A Review of the Loss of Commonable Grazing Land in the New Forest

A report to the Commoner's Defence Association, Hampshire Wildlife Trust and New Forest Association

Pressure

Pressure on Commoners and commoning, often from the Crown has made them a hardy community. They have received help from a variety of sources in recent times.