

# VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME FALLEN STOCK PROGRAMME

Serial Number  
(To be entered by VGS Administrator)

**URGENT NOTE; AGISTER MUST BE INFORMED PROMPTLY IF AN ANIMAL HAS DIED THAT HE HAS NOT ATTENDED AS IT MUST BE ENTERED ON THE CURRENT MONTHS DEATH NON- RTA REPORT TO BE A VALID CLAIM**

## APPLICATION

Name of owner:

Address:

Details of animal:

Passport/Verderers' List Number/Eartag number: .....

Date of Death: ..... Where Found .....

Agister Aware & entered on Death Non RTA Report .....

Means of Disposal: ..... Receipt Enclosed .....

Marking Fee paid for year ..... YES/NO... Entered on VGS Form ..... YES/NO.....

**Certificate by applicant:** I wish to enter the animal listed above in the Verderers' Grazing Scheme Fallen Stock Programme. I have read the rules of the Programme and confirm that the animal is a minimum of 12 months old and has been legally depastured this year. It has also been listed on the most recent Verderers Grazing Scheme Application Form. **(Note. Any abuse of the Fallen Stock Programme will automatically result in permanent exclusion from the VGS)**

**Signed** .....

**Date** .....

**Certificate by Agister:** I certify I have knowledge of the fallen animal and confirm the details are entered on ..... (enter month) Deaths Non RTA Report.

Name of Agister .....

Signature .....

Date .....

## Confirmation by VGS Administrator

Application approved/rejected.

Payment/amount .....

Signed ..... Date

Verderers' Grazing Scheme Administrator

## **VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME FALLEN STOCK PROGRAMME**

1. The Verderers' Grazing Scheme Fallen Stock Programme is intended to assist commoners with the cost of removing dead stock from the Forest by providing a one- off reimbursement of £100. This is in addition to the annual VGS payment which will also be made, if the animal is eligible and has qualified that year. The reason for introducing this programme to assist commoners with the cost associated with the collection of fallen stock. The fallen stock programme will be only open to commoners who are members of the VGS.

### **Administration.**

2. The VGS Administrator will administer the programme on behalf of the Verderers of the New Forest. The programme will be available to those commoners who are members of the VGS, and will be reviewed annually.

3. Applicants are required to notify the Agister of the Death and complete a standard application form available from the VGS Administrator/Agister. The commoner must then get the form countersigned by his/her Agister who is required to confirm that it matches the details on the passport/registration document and is eligible for inclusion (see 5c to 5g below). On completion, the form should be forwarded to the VGS Administrator along with a copy of the fallen stock companies' receipt. This will then be retained on file.

4. To ensure compliance with the terms of the programme and to ensure that animals which have been entered in the programme do not appear on future VGS application forms, a database of all animals entered in the programme will be maintained by the VGS Administrator.

### **Rules**

5. The proposed rules of the programme are as follows:

- a) A payment will be made to commoners to contribute towards the cost of collection of fallen stock from the Forest under the terms of the Fallen Stock Programme.
- b) Payment levels will be reviewed annually. For VGS year 2023/24 commoners will receive £100.00 for each animal accepted for the Programme.
- c) Applicants must be signed up members of the VGS.
- d) To be eligible for payment the animal must be a minimum of 12 months old and has been legally depastured that year.
- e) Animals entered in the programme must have a valid passport or be included on the Verderers' Identity List.
- f) Animals can be entered in the Fallen Stock Programme whether it dies naturally on forest or holding or humanely destroyed by Agister or Vet – The Agister must be notified of death promptly if he has not attended and it must be recorded in the current months Deaths Non- RTA Report - marking fee must have been paid for the year and it must be entered on the latest VGS form – exceptions are if an animal is removed from the Forest by an Agister, or ordered off by an Agister, because it is in poor condition, this will not be eligible.
- g) Applications for the programme must be supported by a signature from an Agister confirming to the best of his knowledge that the animal has been legally depastured that year and is over 12 months old. The form is to be filled in by the commoner giving full details of the animal that they wish to claim on and submitted to the VGS Administrator, for confirmation and approval.
- h) There is no stipulation as to the method of disposal of the animal except that a receipt from the chosen Fallen Stock Collector must be supplied with the application form.
- i) Once approved, payment will be forwarded to the owner without delay. The animal will also qualify for the annual VGS payment if it has completed the necessary qualifying period on the Forest in that year.

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