

THE COMMONING YEAR

HAVE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE COMMONING ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE SEASONS



	WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	AUTUMN
Checking stock Fencing	December January February	March April May	June July August	September October November
LIVESTOCK (PONIES, CATTLE, PIGS AND DONKEYS)	<p>Ponies browse holly and gorse (fuzzing) as well as grazing the lawns and woodlands</p> <p>Cattle graze the heath and lawns</p> <p>Some cattle come in daily from the Forest to the farm for hay and silage</p> <p>Pigs brought in at the end of the pannage season</p>	<p>This is the hungriest time of the year on the Forest.</p> <p>Ponies graze the freshly burnt areas where new shoots push through.</p> <p>Stallions turned out for May</p> <p>In May the Foals are born</p>	<p>Ponies begin to go to shade for hot part of the day to avoid flies</p> <p>Ponies and cattle graze the lawns and wet areas</p> <p>Foals born</p> <p>Ponies and cattle grazing the lawns and wet areas</p>	<p>Pannage season begins – pigs marked, rung, turned out and paid</p> <p>Ponies eating ash leaves in the woodlands</p> <p>Some cattle in to avoid acorns</p>
COMMONING JOBS	<p>Check stock on the Forest and bring in poor and straight ponies to the farm</p> <p>Use tractor to feed hay and silage to cows</p> <p>Clean out the barns and stables for cattle, pigs and ponies on the farm</p> <p>Calves born whilst the cows are on the farm</p> <p>Let the cows in and out each day Annual TB testing for cattle</p>	<p>Checking stock</p> <p>Stallion Inspection</p> <p>Start foraging silage on back up land</p> <p>Beaulieu Road sale</p> <p>Silage making on back up land</p> <p>Hay making and silage making on back up land</p>	<p>Hay making and silage making on back up land</p> <p>Checking stock</p> <p>Ragwort pulling</p> <p>New Forest Show Wednesday</p> <p>New Forest Pony day</p> <p>Passport applications</p> <p>Checking stock</p> <p>Drifts begin</p> <p>Tail marking all ponies caught on the drift and recorded in the agisters diary</p> <p>Breed Show</p> <p>Straw cart begins Passport applications</p>	<p>Checking stock</p> <p>Branding of foals to remain on the Forest</p> <p>Drifts continue</p> <p>Beaulieu Road sales including foal show and sale</p> <p>Fern cutting and baling</p> <p>Wood cart begins for winter store</p> <p>Hedge cutting on back up grazing</p> <p>Branding of foals to remain on the Forest</p> <p>Winter welfare tour</p> <p>Fitness training for Point to Point</p>

