

APPLICATION TO GRAZE – YEAR 2025/26

Name and address of applicant	
Telephone Number	
e-mail address	

SHEEP

Number of sheep applied for		
Marking of flock <i>shape and colour requested and tag details (see condition 2)</i>		
Number of stock expected to graze the Burrows during these periods	1 st April – 31 st July	1 st August – 31 st March
Wool Number <i>(If applicable)</i>		
Details of owned or rented land to which animals could be removed in emergency		

HORSES

Number of horses applied for		
For each horse, you need to attach to this form a copy of the appropriate section of the Horse Passport giving a description of the horse, its age and sex, together with a full-face photograph.		
Number of horses expected to graze the Burrows during these periods	1 st April – 31 st July	1 st August – 31 st March
Names of horses to be grazed on the Burrows (if different from previous year).		
Details of owned or rented land to which animals could be removed in emergency		

I HAVE READ THE CONDITIONS COVERING THE ISSUE OF A GRAZING PERMIT AND HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL THESE CONDITIONS SUBJECT TO MY APPLICATION BEING SUCCESSFUL.

Signed _____ Date _____
(By signing you are affirming that you are a permanent resident of the Ancient Manor of Northam. *)

*** Please note – spot checks of eligibility will be undertaken and to make a false declaration is an offence**

Conditions for the allocation of grazing

1. Qualification is restricted to one member of the household resident in the Ancient Manor of Northam. For the avoidance of doubt, persons sharing the same address but with differing surnames shall be construed as being members of the same household. Graziers shall immediately notify the Northam Burrows Charity of any change of address.
2.
 - a) All grazing animals must be chipped or electronically tagged.
 - b) Sheep graziers shall register their mark with the Northam Burrows Charity which shall take the form of an agreed colour and shape. Stock shall be so marked before being placed on the common and the mark shall be maintained in a legible condition at all times.
 - c) Horse owners shall provide the appropriate section from their horse passport detailing the description of their animal(s) together with a full face photograph for each animal. Copies of these photos will be passed to Torridge District Council Ranger for ease of identifying injured or sick animals.
3. In the event that a horse/sheep needs to be destroyed, all efforts must be made to do this off site. If it is necessary to destroy an animal out on Northam Burrows, Torridge District Council and Northam Burrows Charity **must** be notified first. This can be done by contacting Riverbank House on 01237 428700 and the Town Hall on 01237 474976.
4. Applicants shall provide proof of ownership of stock to the Northam Burrows Charity on demand, the acceptance or otherwise of such proof being at the sole discretion of the Northam Burrows Charity.
5. New applicants shall, if necessary, be put on a waiting list and when an allocation can be made shall be subject to a probationary period of one year, or longer if deemed necessary, during which time adherence to these rules, stockmanship, and general conduct on the Burrows will be considered by the Northam Burrows Charity.
6. Applicants shall be subject to permitted numbers of stock as shall be decided annually by the Northam Burrows Charity subject to recommendation by DEFRA and Natural England to conform to Higher Level Stewardship.
7. All rams shall be removed off the common no later than the 1st December and not returned before the following 7th October. No entire horses shall be put on the common.
8. Stock on the Burrows on the 25th March each year shall not exceed the allocation. Lambs born to ewes between 25th March and 31st July shall be classed as followers, so not part of the head count. On or before the 31st July the existing flock will be reduced to the graziers' initial allocation. Subject to an assessment on the abundance of grass, the Northam Burrows Charity may agree to extend this date to 31st August in line with DEFRA and Natural England guidelines.

No weaned foals shall be put onto the Burrows at any time without supplementary feed. All foals shall be subject to registration after 31st October each year. Supplementary feeding of stock is permissible subject to the following:

- a) All feeds to be fed directly to stock;
 - b) feeds, receptacles and baler cord are not allowed to remain on the Burrows at such times as the owner of the stock is not in attendance;
 - c) particular care is to be made in the removal of all hay so as to avoid the introduction of undesirable weed species;
 - d) feeding of silage is not permitted due to the risk of seepage of silage liquor;
 - e) Graziers are required not to place feed within 20 yards of the entrances, access roads or golf course.
9. All stock are subject to immediate removal from the Burrows by the owners on the giving of formal notice in writing by the Northam Burrows Charity whenever at their sole discretion it is considered that any stock (a) constitutes any danger whatsoever; (b) could be injurious to public health (c) could be

detrimental to the well-being of other livestock; (d) any other reason deemed to be in the best interest of the Burrows or its stock.

Such notice shall be sent by First-Class post and receipt thereof shall be deemed to have taken place forty eight hours thereafter. Non-compliance therewith shall make it lawful for the Northam Burrows Charity to remove and otherwise deal with such stock as deemed necessary or expedient at their sole discretion and at the sole cost to the owner of such stock. The trustees accept no liability for the commoners' animals and graziers are advised to indemnify themselves accordingly.

10. The vehicle pass issued to graziers will be the equivalent of a Manor Pass for which the current Manor Pass Fee will be payable. The Northam Burrows Charity will require to see a copy of the graziers driving licence There will be further administrative fees payable per livestock unit which have currently been agreed at 72p (1 livestock unit equals 1 horse or 6 sheep). This will be reviewed annually. It is an offence for graziers to drive a vehicle off the established roads and onto the common for any purpose other than to remove sick or injured animals and the carting of supplementary feed. The Northam Burrows Charity reserves the right to prosecute and/or withdraw the grazing allocations from persons in breach of this requirement.
11. All graziers undertake to drive the common twice a year, as early as possible in April and August (dates will be confirmed by Northam Burrows Charity for the purpose of confirming ownership, stocking levels and the identification of unregistered animals which, when found, shall be dealt with in accordance with the procedure of the Northam Burrows Charity established for this purpose.
12. APPLICANTS HEREBY AGREE TO comply at all times with regulations, instructions or other requirements by the Northam Burrows Charity, DEFRA, or other relevant Authority to include animal welfare. All dead animals shall remain the responsibility of the owner who shall take immediate action to remove them from the Burrows. The Northam Burrows Charity reserves the right to take action itself and to have its costs reimbursed by the owner of the animal. NOTE: The Northam Burrows Charity would normally only take action when identification is not possible or the owner fails to act.
13. Owners must notify Northam Burrows Charity when they place or remove animals on the Burrows, so that the numbers can be verified in order to monitor stocking levels. This can be by phone, e-mail or a letter.
14. All graziers will be required to maintain their agreed stocking levels throughout the relevant period. Allocations are not minimum or maximum figures, but the number of animals required to be on the Burrows at specific times. Failure to adhere to the levels will result in loss of their allocation.
15. Graziers in breach of the terms and conditions will be required to provide a full explanation to Northam Burrows Charity and if this explanation is not forthcoming or unsatisfactory then the Northam Burrows Charity may serve a formal notice for immediate removal of stock.
16. Graziers must agree to accept liability should their actions endanger the Higher-Level Stewardship payments.
17. Owners shall ensure that their animals are kept in the best condition and shall fully comply with the animal welfare regulations laid down by DEFRA and other relevant authorities. All horses shall be checked daily and fed and rugged as appropriate in the winter months. All sheep shall be checked for condition on a regular basis.
18. Northam Burrows Charity requires all graziers to behave at all times in a respectful and courteous manner in their dealings with other graziers, members of the public and staff from either the Town or District council.
19. All horses returning to the burrows are required to be taken through the burrows gate and across the ditch on the Appledore side of Sandymere road before being released.

ISSUED ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE NORTHAM BURROWS CHARITY AS TRUSTEES OF THE GRAZING.