

Incident- breach of byelaws at Cadnam Cricket Ground. [REDACTED]

Today, 27<sup>TH</sup> August 2022 I parked at this car park as I recognised some of my ponies there grazing away from the car park. There were many visitors and many ponies , foals, cows and calves.

There is the large yellow FE/CDA sign recognisable as people enter the car park.

Since the sign has been positioned I have noticed the ponies do not hang around the vehicles , like many did in the past.

Today the visitors were admiring the animals from the edge of the car park and taking pictures from a good distance, except for two women.

A foal was stood next to the KEEP YOUR DISTANCE sign and the women started filming an interactive tactile animal experience with this foal. Their dog was on a lead and initially kept it a short distance away from the livestock.

The women went to all their chosen animals for touching and constant close videoing, especially with the foals who allowed them to touch. Some of the cows and ponies looked uneasy with their large dog near to them.

One of our fillies was on its side asleep near its mother. The women went over to her attempting to touch , video and interact with the foal and brought the dog right to her face so all the 'family' were captured in their experience. I decided they had pushed the boundaries at this point as our filly woke, disturbed by the dog being so close next to her nose and started to get up.

I went over and asked them to keep away from the animals as they were disturbing them. The older woman reacted shockingly and told me over and over again to mind my own business and keep my nose out of it. Aware that I had just spoilt their interactive animal experience I explained that the foal that was disturbed by being crowded was owned by me and I wanted them to keep away from her. I was constantly and repeatedly shouted at in front of many visitors and told it was none of my business. She came over to me so angry that [REDACTED] sat in my car was looking scared. In front of him and visitors I was shouted at for being "...[REDACTED]" and "...[REDACTED]." In fact it became so troubling that I felt our safety was at stake and I got in my car and quickly left the scene.

Later that evening I reflected on what had happened and find it so alarming that a commoner can be bullied away off the Forest for fear of being assaulted.