



# COMMUNITY



## Forest villages

such as Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst and Minstead, are based on old manorial settlements. Others like Woodgreen and East Boldre were encroached ('borrowed') from the Forest. A few places including Fritham and Canterton have their origins in early farms.



## Friendly Societies

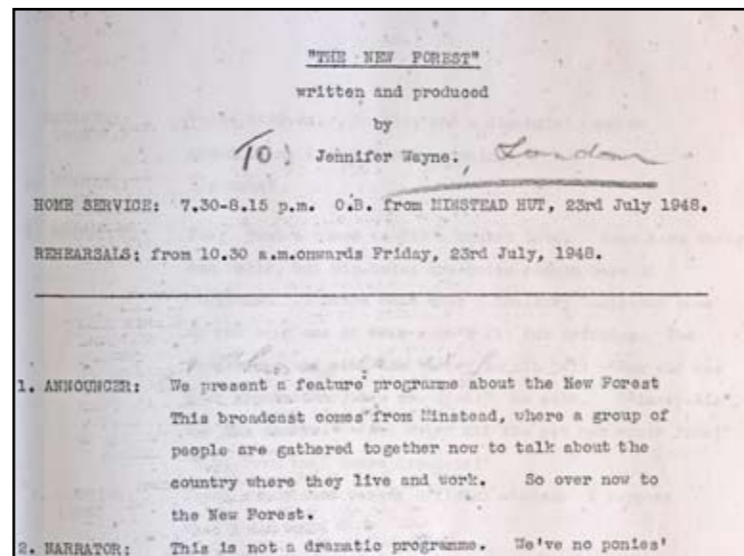
provided a form of insurance prior to the 1911 National Insurance Act.



## Woodgreen

“is part of the Forest and every house there a trespass, and all of the inhabitants live by pilfering and stealing out of the Forest.”

*Joseph Hinxman, Woodward, 1748*



## The way of life

has been recorded in a number of books and reports as well as early maps. This transcript of a radio programme about the Forest was broadcast in 1948.

## Boldre, Brockenhurst and Sway

are fortunate in having an early directory describing people in these parishes in 1817. For other areas directories start nearly thirty years later.

