

## Long-term Stock-watch forecast:

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**Southern Hills** – Free ranging (hefted) sheep present for the majority of the year (unfenced/roaming in a hefted flock). The sheep are taken off the Southern Hills for lambing in April/May and return in late May early June. Keep an eye on the Website to see when they are there.

**Central Hills** – Temporary electric fences containing sheep and cattle on East side of Pinnacle Hill from Black Hill car park to Jubilee Hill moving to the West side from mid Jan. Thereafter the compartment will move to the West side of Pinnacle Hill.

**Northern Hills** – Temporary electric fences containing sheep and cattle around the East Side of Beacon Road up to the Beacon/Rushy Valley. Moving to Sugarloaf Hill Mid/late Jan.

The Conservators are working on the grazing scheme in partnership with Natural England, the government body for nature conservation, to protect and enhance the nationally important wildflower grasslands found on our rare acidic rock types (please let us know your thoughts on this).

Note:

The livestock on the Northern and Central Hills are the responsibility of local farmers who exercise their common grazing rights by turning livestock onto the hills.

The temporary electric fences are erected under Section 15 of the Malvern Hills Act 1995 for the purposes of:

- Enhancing the biodiversity and complying with our duties under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 with regards to the Site of Special Scientific Interest designations on the Hills and Commons as advised by Natural England.
- For the purposes of protection and restoration of the natural beauty of the Malvern Hills and their suitability for rough grazing and recreation.

- For maintaining a short grass sward over the historic monuments as advised by English Heritage and the County Archaeology departments of both Herefordshire and Worcestershire Councils.

Footpaths are gated through agreements with both Herefordshire and Worcestershire County Councils under section 147 of the Highways Act 1980.

If you have any questions with about wildlife on the hills or the grazing project then contact the Conservation Officer, Rob Havard, direct on 01684 892002 or email [rob@malvern hills.org.uk](mailto:rob@malvern hills.org.uk)

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