

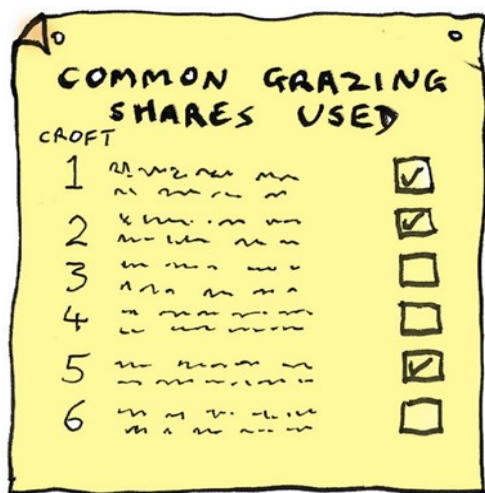
Common Grazing Dilemmas - No 5



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In this series, we look at some different dilemmas facing Common Grazings and some ideas for resolution.

There are a lot of shareholders not using their shares



The committee have the authority to allocate the unused souming to another shareholder or to any person on an annual basis on whatever terms they determine. Any charge made for the souming can be offset against administrative costs or passed to the principle shareholder.

A shareholder not wishing to utilise their grazing right can sublet it to a person of their choosing, subject to the approval of the Crofting Commission. It is beneficial to ensure the grazing committee are aware of any sublet and particularly in longer sublets a provision is made for the participation of the sub tenant in any income or

expenditure relating to the grazing.

It is possible that a share is not being used due to a vacant croft or failed succession arising. In this situation the committee may wish to encourage the landlord to let the croft and consequently bring the share back into use.

The new Duty to Report may have an influence on the number of shareholders not using or subletting crofts and grazings shares.

If you have further questions about how to manage your own Common Grazings, visit our [common grazings page](#) on www.FAS.Scot or call our advice line on 0300 323 0161 or email advice@fas.scot

