

Supplementary

Biomass

As a supplement to pinpoint sampling, the mowed plots' ($n=40$) material was gathered and sorted into functional groups or taxonomic species. The vertical density measurements were used to estimate biomass from the plots. Plotting the biomass material and vertical density from the same plots supports the hypothesis that higher vertical density equals higher biomass (Fig. S1). Results from the mowed plots show a higher biomass increase of ~51 per cent from 2019 to 2020 in mowed plots within the exclosures compared to the plots exposed to deer grazing.

Figure S1. Biomass as a function of vertical density (VD) with adjusted R^2 . Here grasses are graminoids.

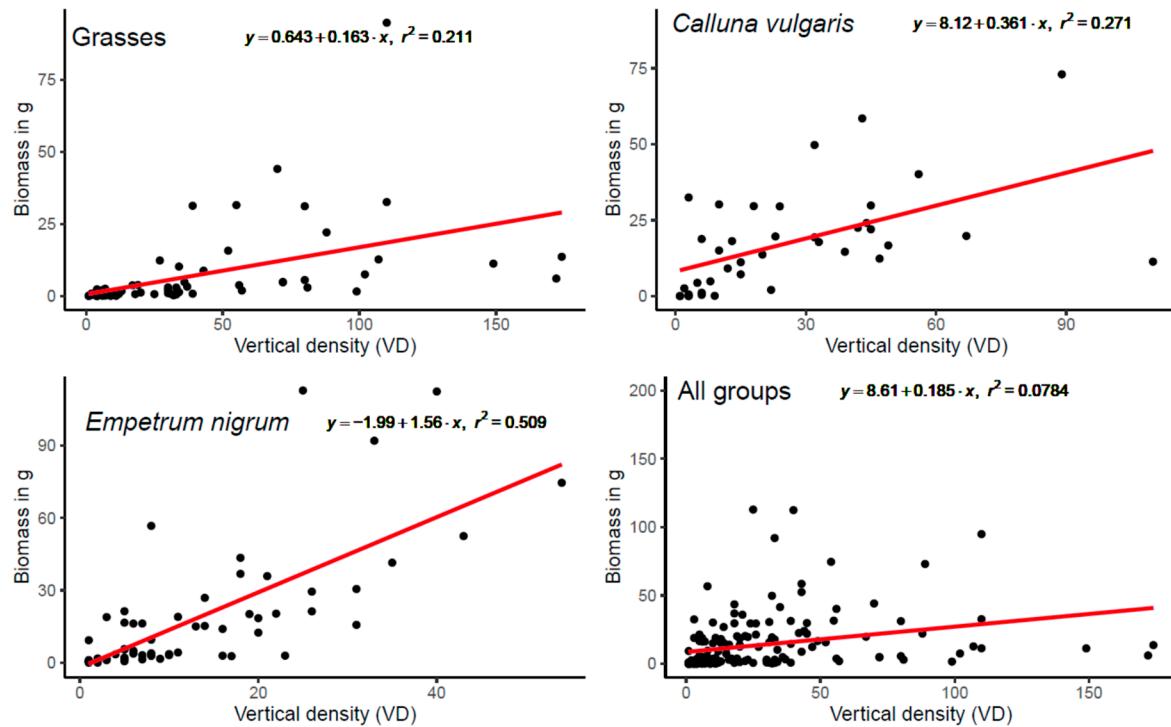
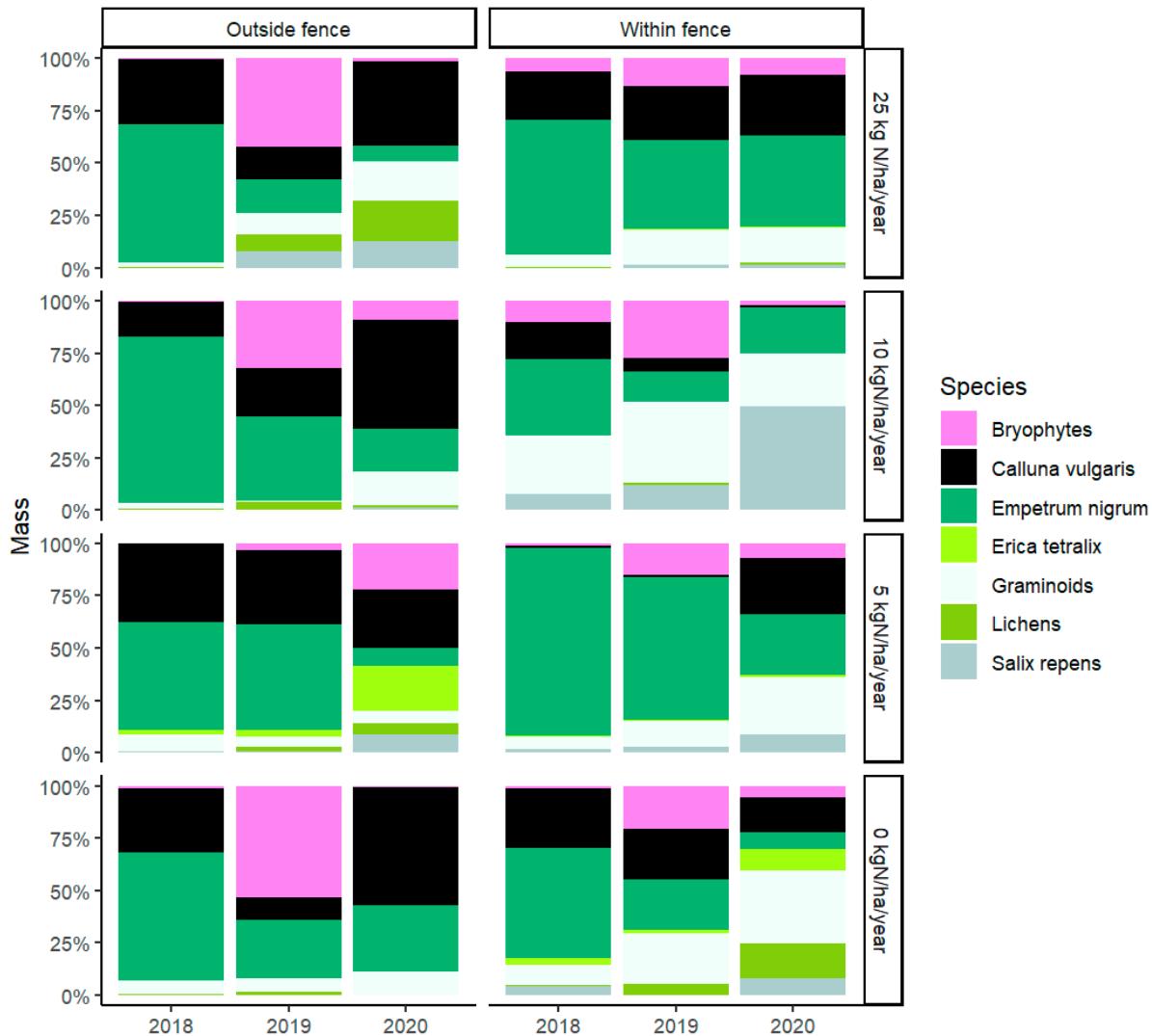


Figure S2. Proportional stacked bar graph of biomass harvest (i.e. mowing conducted in autumn) in the three different years. The plot shows the change in biomass for the different species or functional groups over three years.



Models

Figure S3. Code syntax for models fitted in R with Block and plot ID as random effects (R Core Team, 2021).

Model for cover data; here, bbs is *Deschampsia flexuosa* summer data.

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glmmTMB(cbind(COVER,25-COVER)
(Year+Dose+Fence+Harvest+Year:Dose+Year:Fence+Year:Harvest)+(1|Block)+(1|ID),
family=betabinomial(link = "logit"), data = bbs)
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Model for vertical density data also with *Deschampsia flexuosa* summer data.

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glmer.nb(VD ~ (Year+Dose+Fence+Harvest+Year:Dose+Year:Fence+Year:Harvest)+(1|Block)+(1|ID), data=bbs)
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Model for ratio data; here, grass over dwarf shrubs ratio.

glmmTMB(Ratio ~ Year+Dose+Fence+Year:Dose+Year:Fence+Dose:Fence+Year:Dose:Fence+(1|Plot), data=bb, family=beta_family())

Coefficient tables

Table S1. Parameter estimates of *Avenella flexuosa* summer cover data significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.642				
ID	0.881				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-2.545		0.529	-4.812	0.000
Year	0.368		0.171	2.156	0.031
Dose	-0.005		0.023	-0.205	0.838
FenceWithin	0.510		0.430	1.187	0.235
HarvestYes	-0.869		0.429	-2.028	0.043
Year:Dose	0.003		0.009	0.360	0.719
Year:FenceWithin	0.012		0.165	0.074	0.941
Year:HarvestYes	0.388		0.165	2.352	0.019

Table S2. Parameter estimates of *Avenella flexuosa* autumn cover data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.762				
ID	1.126				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-1.932		0.467	-4.137	0.000
Year	-0.011		0.091	-0.115	0.908
Dose	-0.001		0.017	-0.055	0.956
FenceWithin	0.546		0.310	1.763	0.078
HarvestYes	-0.323		0.309	-1.043	0.297
Year:Dose	0.006		0.005	1.228	0.220
Year:FenceWithin	-0.048		0.089	-0.547	0.584
Year:HarvestYes	0.256		0.088	2.900	0.004

Table S3. Parameter estimates of graminoids summer cover data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.611				
ID	0.874				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-2.106		0.485	-4.340	0.000
Year	0.261		0.154	1.690	0.091
Dose	-0.003		0.021	-0.131	0.896
FenceWithin	0.502		0.388	1.293	0.196
HarvestYes	-0.809		0.387	-2.093	0.036
Year:Dose	0.005		0.008	0.647	0.518
Year:FenceWithin	0.070		0.148	0.472	0.637
Year:HarvestYes	0.335		0.147	2.275	0.023

Table S4. Parameter estimates of graminoids autumn cover data, significant terms are in bold.

<u>Random effects</u>	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.680				
ID	0.978				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-1.027	0.406	-2.529	0.011	
Year	-0.087	0.079	-1.100	0.271	
Dose	-0.008	0.014	-0.594	0.552	
FenceWithin	0.392	0.264	1.485	0.138	
HarvestYes	-0.312	0.265	-1.179	0.238	
Year:Dose	0.007	0.004	1.680	0.093	
Year:FenceWithin	0.120	0.077	1.562	0.118	
Year:HarvestYes	0.207	0.077	2.697	0.007	

Table S5. Parameter estimates of dwarf shrubs autumn cover data, significant terms are in bold.

<u>Random effects</u>	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.232				
ID	0.569				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	1.265	0.247	5.122	0.000	
Year	-0.036	0.099	-0.368	0.713	
Dose	-0.010	0.011	-0.908	0.364	
FenceWithin	-0.123	0.215	-0.572	0.567	
HarvestYes	-0.367	0.215	-1.704	0.088	
Year:Dose	0.000	0.005	0.067	0.947	
Year:FenceWithin	-0.053	0.097	-0.551	0.582	
Year:HarvestYes	-0.648	0.098	-6.643	0.000	

Table S6. Parameter estimates of *Empetrum nigrum* summer cover data, significant terms are in bold.

<u>Random effects</u>	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.723				
ID	1.100				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-0.561	0.522	-1.074	0.283	
Year	0.045	0.147	0.304	0.762	
Dose	-0.014	0.022	-0.636	0.525	
FenceWithin	-0.442	0.420	-1.053	0.293	
HarvestYes	-1.083	0.441	-2.458	0.014	
Year:Dose	0.006	0.008	0.773	0.440	
Year:FenceWithin	0.205	0.157	1.304	0.192	
Year:HarvestYes	-0.582	0.175	-3.329	0.001	

Table S7. Parameter estimates of *Empetrum nigrum* autumn cover data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.72				
ID	1.53				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-0.16	0.51	-0.32	0.75	
Year	-0.02	0.10	-0.20	0.84	
Dose	0.00	0.02	-0.16	0.87	
FenceWithin	0.12	0.39	0.32	0.75	
HarvestYes	-0.03	0.39	-0.07	0.94	
Year:Dose	0.00	0.01	-0.17	0.87	
Year:FenceWithin	0.07	0.10	0.64	0.53	
Year:HarvestYes	-1.17	0.12	-10.05	0.00	

Table S8. Parameter estimates of *Calluna vulgaris* summer cover data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.969				
ID	1.875				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-0.826	0.822	-1.005	0.315	
Year	-0.931	0.260	-3.578	0.000	
Dose	0.002	0.039	0.050	0.960	
FenceWithin	-1.180	0.720	-1.639	0.101	
HarvestYes	-2.299	0.731	-3.142	0.002	
Year:Dose	-0.007	0.015	-0.494	0.621	
Year:FenceWithin	0.299	0.264	1.130	0.258	
Year:HarvestYes	0.762	0.271	2.809	0.005	

Table S9. Parameter estimates of *Carex arenaria* summer cover data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.263				
ID	0.857				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-3.813	0.639	-5.970	0.000	
Year	-0.021	0.254	-0.081	0.935	
Dose	0.091	0.037	2.498	0.012	
FenceWithin	1.028	0.759	1.354	0.176	
HarvestYes	-0.232	0.621	-0.374	0.709	
Year:Dose	-0.024	0.015	-1.554	0.120	
Year:FenceWithin	-0.007	0.300	-0.023	0.982	
Year:HarvestYes	0.160	0.203	0.790	0.430	
Dose:FenceWithin	-0.116	0.050	-2.309	0.021	
Dose:HarvestYes	-0.040	0.028	-1.419	0.156	
FenceWithin:HarvestYes	-0.664	0.532	-1.250	0.211	
Year:Dose:FenceWithin	0.046	0.021	2.207	0.027	

Table S10. Parameter estimates of *Carex arenaria* autumn cover data, significant terms are in bold.

<u>Random effects</u>	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.504				
ID	0.843				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-2.444		0.408	-5.985	0.000
Year	0.023		0.106	0.220	0.826
Dose	0.006		0.023	0.275	0.783
FenceWithin	0.475		0.434	1.096	0.273
HarvestYes	-0.369		0.413	-0.892	0.372
Year:Dose	-0.006		0.007	-0.807	0.420
Year:FenceWithin	-0.025		0.131	-0.193	0.847
Year:HarvestYes	0.083		0.090	0.922	0.356
Dose:FenceWithin	-0.035		0.028	-1.251	0.211
Dose:HarvestYes	-0.001		0.023	-0.046	0.963
FenceWithin:HarvestYes	-0.008		0.437	-0.019	0.985
Year:Dose:FenceWithin	0.025		0.010	2.569	0.010

Table S11. Parameter estimates of bryophytes summer cover data, significant terms are in bold.

<u>Random effects</u>	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.29				
ID	0.67				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-1.79		0.32	-5.54	0.00
Year	0.82		0.11	7.55	0.00
Dose	0.03		0.02	1.85	0.06
FenceWithin	0.11		0.19	0.57	0.57
HarvestYes	0.11		0.19	0.59	0.55
Year:Dose	-0.02		0.01	-2.16	0.03

Table S12. Parameter estimates of bryophytes autumn cover data, significant terms are in bold.

<u>Random effects</u>	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.000				
ID	0.868				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-0.982		0.334	-2.943	0.003
Year	-0.272		0.103	-2.640	0.008
Dose	0.006		0.023	0.271	0.787
FenceWithin	-0.415		0.434	-0.957	0.339
HarvestYes	0.288		0.411	0.700	0.484
Year:Dose	-0.006		0.007	-0.833	0.405
Year:FenceWithin	0.251		0.129	1.949	0.051
Year:HarvestYes	0.240		0.089	2.686	0.007
Dose:FenceWithin	0.049		0.027	1.806	0.071
Dose:HarvestYes	-0.023		0.024	-0.970	0.332
FenceWithin:HarvestYes	-0.100		0.440	-0.227	0.821
Year:Dose:FenceWithin	-0.023		0.010	-2.337	0.019

Table S13. Parameter estimates of *Pleurozium shreberi* autumn cover data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
Block	0.000				
ID	1.213				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-1.165	0.427	-2.726	0.006	
Year	-0.250	0.107	-2.345	0.019	
Dose	-0.027	0.030	-0.899	0.369	
FenceWithin	-0.514	0.561	-0.917	0.359	
HarvestYes	0.073	0.539	0.136	0.892	
Year:Dose	-0.009	0.008	-1.125	0.260	
Year:FenceWithin	0.257	0.136	1.886	0.059	
Year:HarvestYes	0.240	0.094	2.546	0.011	
Dose:FenceWithin	0.080	0.035	2.256	0.024	
Dose:HarvestYes	-0.002	0.032	-0.077	0.939	
FenceWithin:HarvestYes	-0.181	0.593	-0.305	0.760	
Year:Dose:FenceWithin	-0.023	0.011	-2.148	0.032	

Table S14. Parameter estimates of *Avenella flexuosa* summer vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	1.090				
Block	0.743				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	0.792	0.536	1.477	0.140	
Year	0.305	0.150	2.033	0.042	
Dose	-0.002	0.022	-0.073	0.942	
FenceWithin	0.775	0.406	1.910	0.056	
HarvestYes	-0.757	0.405	-1.871	0.061	
Year:Dose	0.004	0.008	0.570	0.569	
Year:FenceWithin	-0.019	0.143	-0.133	0.894	
Year:HarvestYes	0.374	0.143	2.626	0.009	

Table S15. Parameter estimates of *Avenella flexuosa* autumn vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	1.366				
Block	0.889				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	1.133	0.539	2.100	0.036	
Year	0.166	0.089	1.869	0.062	
Dose	0.010	0.019	0.547	0.585	
FenceWithin	0.572	0.353	1.622	0.105	
HarvestYes	-0.330	0.353	-0.934	0.350	
Year:Dose	0.006	0.005	1.399	0.162	
Year:FenceWithin	-0.010	0.085	-0.120	0.904	
Year:HarvestYes	0.332	0.085	3.917	0.000	

Table S16. Parameter estimates of graminoids summer vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	0.985				
Block	0.633				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	1.335		0.460	2.899	0.004
Year	0.182		0.127	1.433	0.152
Dose	0.003		0.018	0.140	0.889
FenceWithin	0.659		0.349	1.888	0.059
HarvestYes	-0.768		0.348	-2.204	0.028
Year:Dose	0.004		0.006	0.650	0.516
Year:FenceWithin	0.050		0.120	0.417	0.677
Year:HarvestYes	0.336		0.120	2.802	0.005

Table S17. Parameter estimates of graminoids autumn vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	0.934				
Block	0.611				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	2.022		0.369	5.473	0.000
Year	0.128		0.066	1.950	0.051
Dose	-0.004		0.013	-0.310	0.756
FenceWithin	0.407		0.243	1.671	0.095
HarvestYes	-0.257		0.244	-1.055	0.292
Year:Dose	0.006		0.003	1.913	0.056
Year:FenceWithin	0.097		0.063	1.546	0.122
Year:HarvestYes	0.235		0.063	3.736	0.000

Table S18. Parameter estimates of dwarf shrubs autumn vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	0.284				
Block	0.142				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	4.290		0.152	28.262	0.000
Year	0.049		0.064	0.767	0.443
Dose	-0.005		0.007	-0.733	0.463
FenceWithin	-0.119		0.134	-0.888	0.374
HarvestYes	-0.234		0.134	-1.743	0.081
Year:Dose	0.001		0.003	0.220	0.826
Year:FenceWithin	-0.011		0.062	-0.169	0.866
Year:HarvestYes	-0.460		0.063	-7.307	0.000

Table S19. Parameter estimates of *Empetrum nigrum* summer vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	1.136				
Block	0.638				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	2.893		0.477	6.060	0.000
Year	-0.098		0.129	-0.761	0.446
Dose	-0.013		0.020	-0.625	0.532
FenceWithin	-0.333		0.384	-0.869	0.385
HarvestYes	-0.856		0.385	-2.225	0.026
Year:Dose	0.002		0.007	0.314	0.754
Year:FenceWithin	0.257		0.133	1.933	0.053
Year:HarvestYes	-0.533		0.135	-3.932	0.000

Table S20. Parameter estimates of *Empetrum nigrum* autumn vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	1.598				
Block	0.778				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	2.814		0.534	5.272	0.000
Year	0.073		0.083	0.886	0.375
Dose	-0.005		0.021	-0.241	0.809
FenceWithin	0.257		0.394	0.652	0.514
HarvestYes	0.066		0.393	0.167	0.867
Year:Dose	-0.002		0.004	-0.473	0.636
Year:FenceWithin	0.074		0.080	0.926	0.354
Year:HarvestYes	-0.837		0.081	-10.354	0.000

Table S21. Parameter estimates of *Carex arenaria* summer vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

Random effects	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	0.951				
Block	0.307				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	-0.854		0.700	-1.220	0.222
Year	0.096		0.266	0.359	0.719
Dose	0.111		0.042	2.643	0.008
FenceWithin	1.527		0.842	1.814	0.070
HarvestYes	-0.149		0.685	-0.218	0.828
Year:Dose	-0.027		0.017	-1.651	0.099
Year:FenceWithin	-0.126		0.325	-0.389	0.697
Year:HarvestYes	0.176		0.219	0.805	0.421
Dose:FenceWithin	-0.140		0.058	-2.418	0.016
Dose:HarvestYes	-0.045		0.031	-1.469	0.142
FenceWithin:HarvestYes	-0.815		0.579	-1.407	0.159
Year:Dose:FenceWithin	0.054		0.024	2.236	0.025

Table S22. Parameter estimates of *Carex arenaria* autumn vertical density data, significant terms are in bold.

<u>Random effects</u>	Estimate	Std. deviation	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z)
ID	0.830				
Block	0.486				
Fixed effects					
(Intercept)	0.908		0.340	2.668	0.008
Year	0.087		0.086	1.015	0.310
Dose	-0.012		0.014	-0.825	0.409
FenceWithin	0.108		0.266	0.406	0.685
HarvestYes	-0.249		0.218	-1.141	0.254
Year:Dose	0.007		0.005	1.288	0.198
Year:FenceWithin	0.248		0.095	2.600	0.009

Species list

We compiled a list of all vascular species within the plots in 2018. Results are rendered below.

Table S23. Species list of vascular plants, "1" means present and "0" is not present.

Species	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Blocks with the species
<i>Antennaria dioica</i>	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Carex arenaria</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Carex pilulifera</i>	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Erica tetralix</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Genista anglica</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Hieracium umbellatum</i>	0	1	1	1	1	4
<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	0	1	1	1	1	4
<i>Luzula campestris</i>	1	0	1	1	0	3
<i>Myrica gale</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Nardus stricta</i>	1	1	1	0	0	3
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Potentilla erecta</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1
<i>Quercus robur</i>	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Rumex acetosa</i>	1	0	0	0	1	2
<i>Salix repens</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	0	0	1	0	0	1
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Viola canina</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total species richness	14	11	15	10	12	23

Table S24. Species list of some of the lichens and mosses at Vust heath. The invasive *C. introflexus* was only present in one block.

Species	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Blocks with the species
<i>Campylopus introflexus</i>	0	1	0	0	0	1
<i>Cladina</i> sp.	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Cladonia</i> sp.	0	1	1	0	0	2
<i>Dicranum</i> sp.	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Hyloconium splendens</i>	0	0	0	0	1	1
<i>Hypnum cupressiforme</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Pleurocarp Pleurozium</i>	1	1	1	1	1	5
<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	0	0	1	0	0	1

Table S25. The number of pin-presence observations in the data set per species.

Species	Number of observations
<i>Campylopus introflexus</i>	5
<i>Dicranum</i> ssp.	124
<i>Calluna vulgaris</i>	239
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	2
<i>Carex arenaria</i>	357
<i>Cladina</i> ssp.	136
<i>Cladonia portentosa</i>	1
<i>Cladonia</i> ssp.	87
<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>	448
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	433
<i>Erica tetralix</i>	33
<i>Festuca ovina</i>	23
<i>Genista anglica</i>	15
<i>Hieracium pilosella</i>	1
<i>Hieracium umbellatum</i>	13
<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	7
<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	7
<i>Luzula campestris</i>	1
<i>Myrica gale</i>	7
<i>Nardus stricta</i>	5
<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	1
<i>Hypnum</i> ssp.	160
<i>Pleurozium schreberi</i>	457
<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	17
<i>Salix repens</i>	96
<i>Scleropodium purum</i>	1
Sum	2676

Tables of means and standard error of the means from the different years.

Table S26. Shows means and the standard error of the mean of the cover from the different treatments for *Avenella flexuosa* in summer.

Harvest	Fence	Dose	Year	Mean	Std.Error
No	Outside	0	2	0.152	0.070
No	Outside	0	4	0.208	0.112
No	Outside	5	2	0.256	0.152
No	Outside	5	4	0.336	0.093
No	Outside	10	2	0.112	0.061
No	Outside	10	4	0.320	0.110
No	Outside	25	2	0.096	0.037
No	Outside	25	4	0.304	0.111
No	Within	0	2	0.184	0.154
No	Within	0	4	0.400	0.148
No	Within	5	2	0.104	0.066
No	Within	5	4	0.128	0.077
No	Within	10	2	0.288	0.054
No	Within	10	4	0.504	0.151
No	Within	25	2	0.280	0.154
No	Within	25	4	0.296	0.097
Yes	Outside	0	2	0.144	0.081
Yes	Outside	0	4	0.256	0.114
Yes	Outside	5	2	0.136	0.066
Yes	Outside	5	4	0.288	0.110
Yes	Outside	10	2	0.120	0.049
Yes	Outside	10	4	0.336	0.111
Yes	Outside	25	2	0.056	0.039
Yes	Outside	25	4	0.296	0.161
Yes	Within	0	2	0.248	0.146
Yes	Within	0	4	0.392	0.129
Yes	Within	5	2	0.120	0.036
Yes	Within	5	4	0.560	0.111
Yes	Within	10	2	0.176	0.093
Yes	Within	10	4	0.392	0.098
Yes	Within	25	2	0.256	0.117
Yes	Within	25	4	0.520	0.096

Area photos

Figure S4. Area photo from 1954. The darker areas display dwarf shrub communities, albeit the darkest areas are plantations ('Danmark set fra Luften - Det Kgl. Bibliotek', 2022).



Figure S5. Recent orthophoto of the site. Light brown colours display grasses that have expanded in these seventy years on behalf of the dwarf shrub communities (darker brown colours); notice the newly afforested areas (dark green) ('Danmark set fra Luften - Det Kgl. Bibliotek', 2022).



Figure S6. Shows the block design with a fence dividing the block. The picture is from block five and shows a significant coverage of dwarf shrubs outside the fence to the left from a viewer.



Plots of treatments, results and photos from the site

Figure S7. Illustrates an aerial view of block two with the exclosure visible as a grey rectangular square. Graminoids are visible as a dark green coloured or light brown; the light green spots to the right are *Rosa rugosa* – an invasive species, while the *Calluna*-dominated areas in the centre have a more brownish colour centre in the photo. The mowed plots are visible as squares in the vegetation.

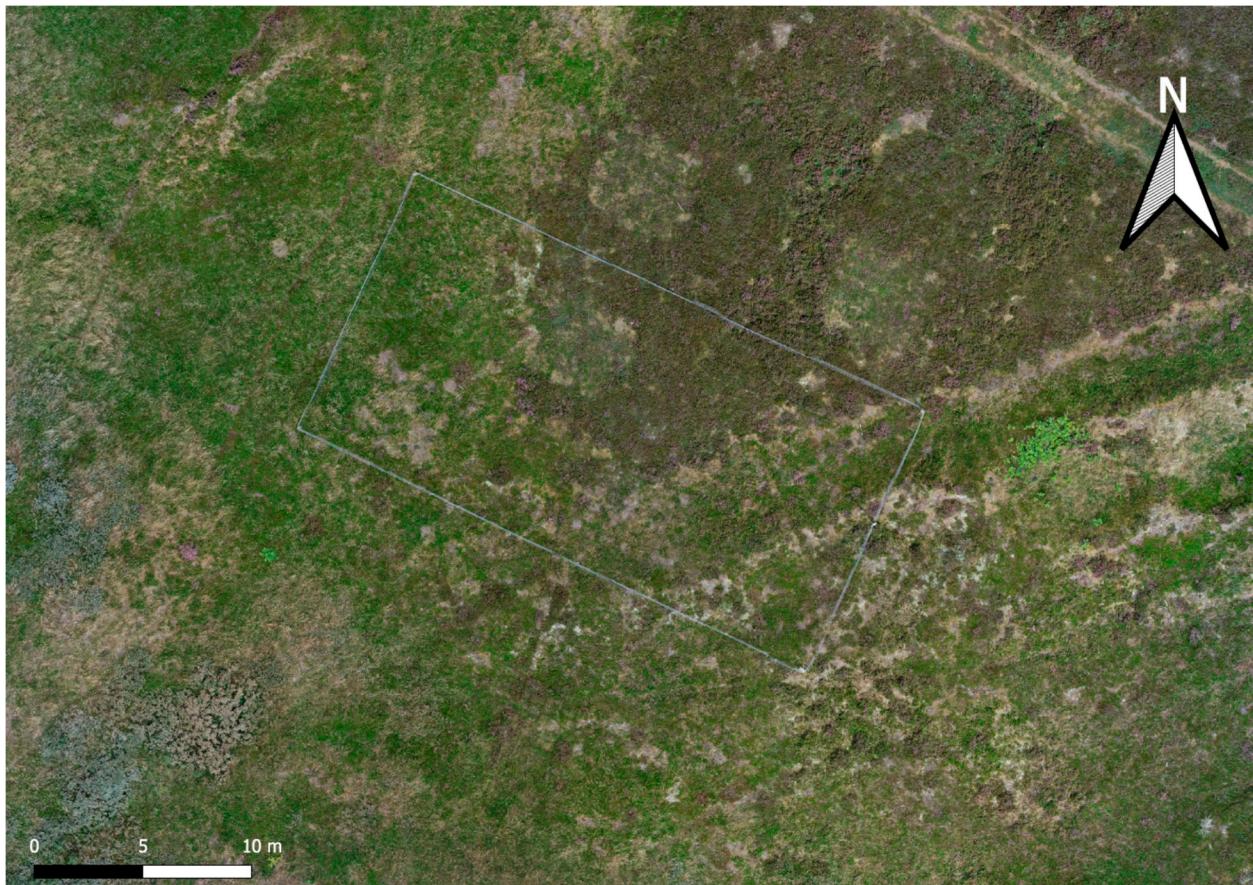


Figure S8. Shows the calculated slope of the cover of graminoids in autumn and the raw data presented in boxplots. The average slope is in the top right corner of each plot, with red being a positive slope and blue a negative average slope. The brown rectangle on the right side of the graph is the fence surrounding eight plots (i.e. plots without deer grazing). The different colours of the boxplots refer to the given dose, where the red boxplots designate a high dose of nitrogen added to the plots ($25 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$), yellow boxplots designate a dose of $10 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$, blue boxplots are a low dose with $5 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$ while white is the control or $0 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$. The legend indicates the value of the average slope shown to the right.

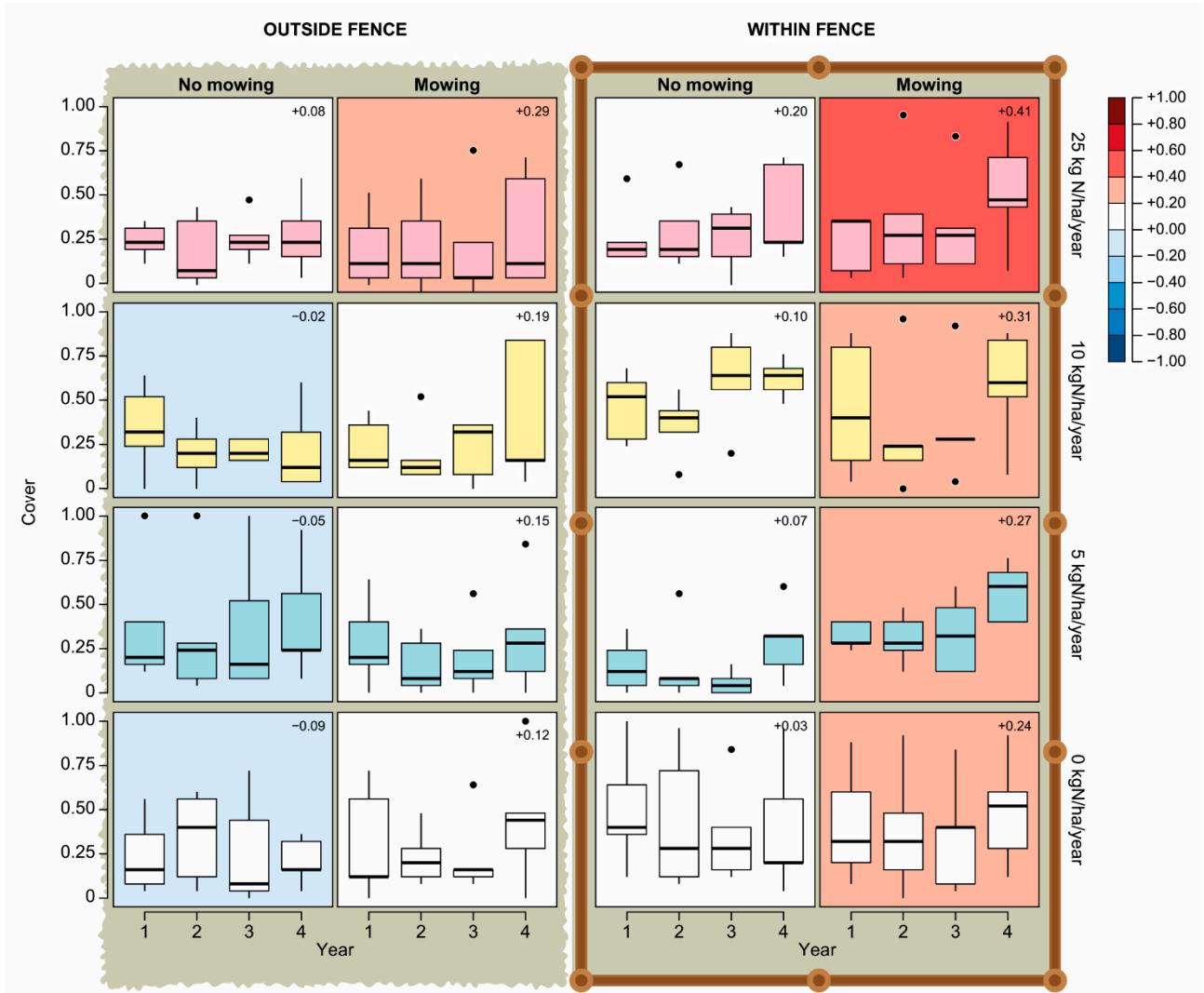


Figure S9. Shows the calculated slope of the coverage of *Carex arenaria* in autumn and the raw data presented in boxplots. The average slope is in the top right corner of each plot, with red being a positive slope and blue a negative average slope. The brown rectangle on the right side of the graph is the fence surrounding eight plots (i.e. plots without deer grazing). The different colours of the boxplots refer to the given dose, where the red boxplots designate a high dose of nitrogen added to the plots ($25 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$), yellow boxplots designate a dose of $10 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$, blue boxplots are a low dose with $5 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$ while white is the control or $0 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$. The legend indicates the value of the average slope shown to the right.

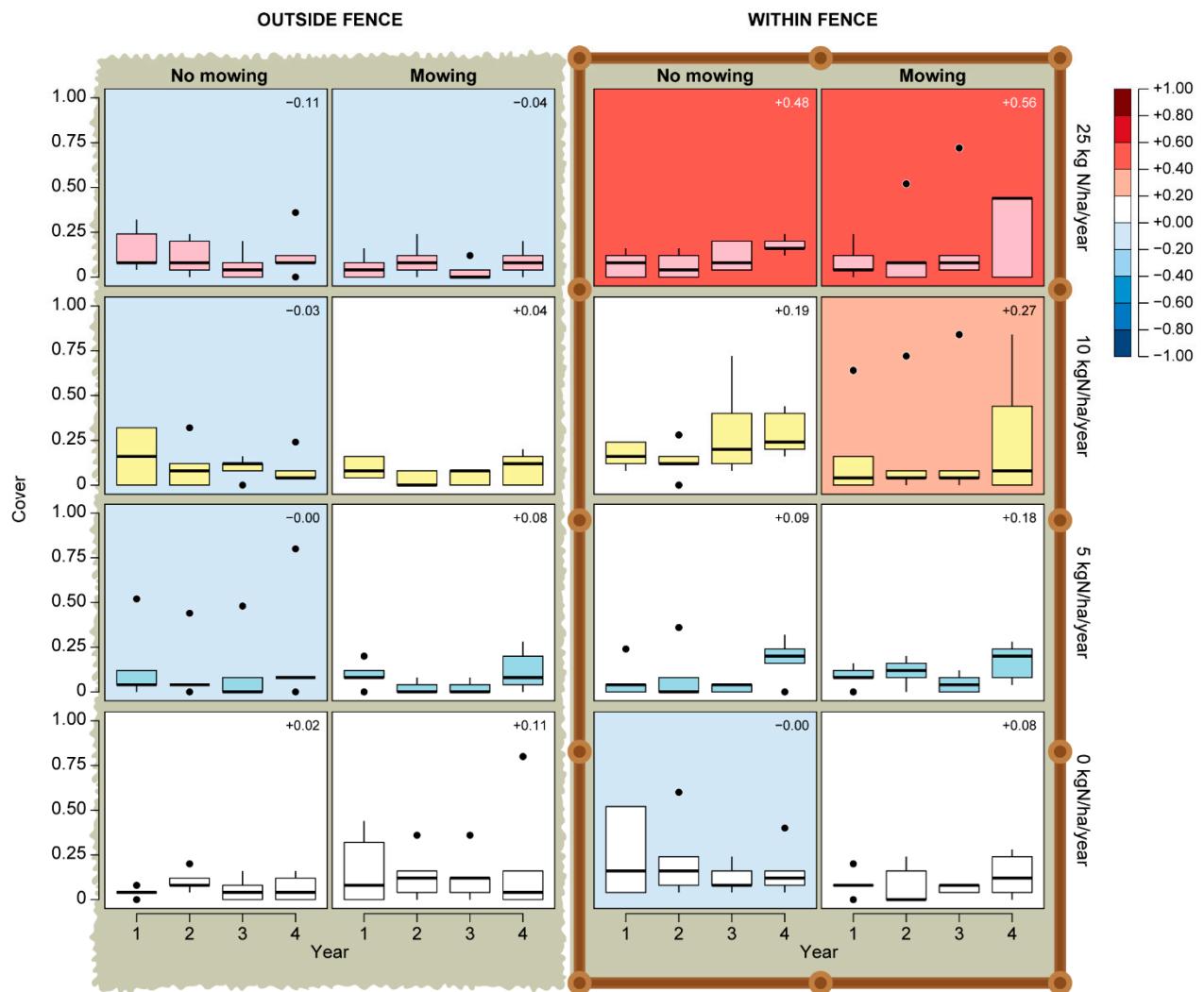


Figure S10. Shows the calculated slope of the cover of *Carex arenaria* in summer and the raw data presented in boxplots. The average slope is in the top right corner of each plot, with red being a positive slope and blue a negative average slope. The brown rectangle on the right side of the graph is the fence surrounding eight plots (i.e. plots without deer grazing). The different colours of the boxplots refer to the given dose, where the red boxplots designate a high dose of nitrogen added to the plots ($25 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$), yellow boxplots designate a dose of $10 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$, blue boxplots are a low dose with $5 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$ while white is the control or $0 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$. The legend indicates the value of the average slope shown to the right.

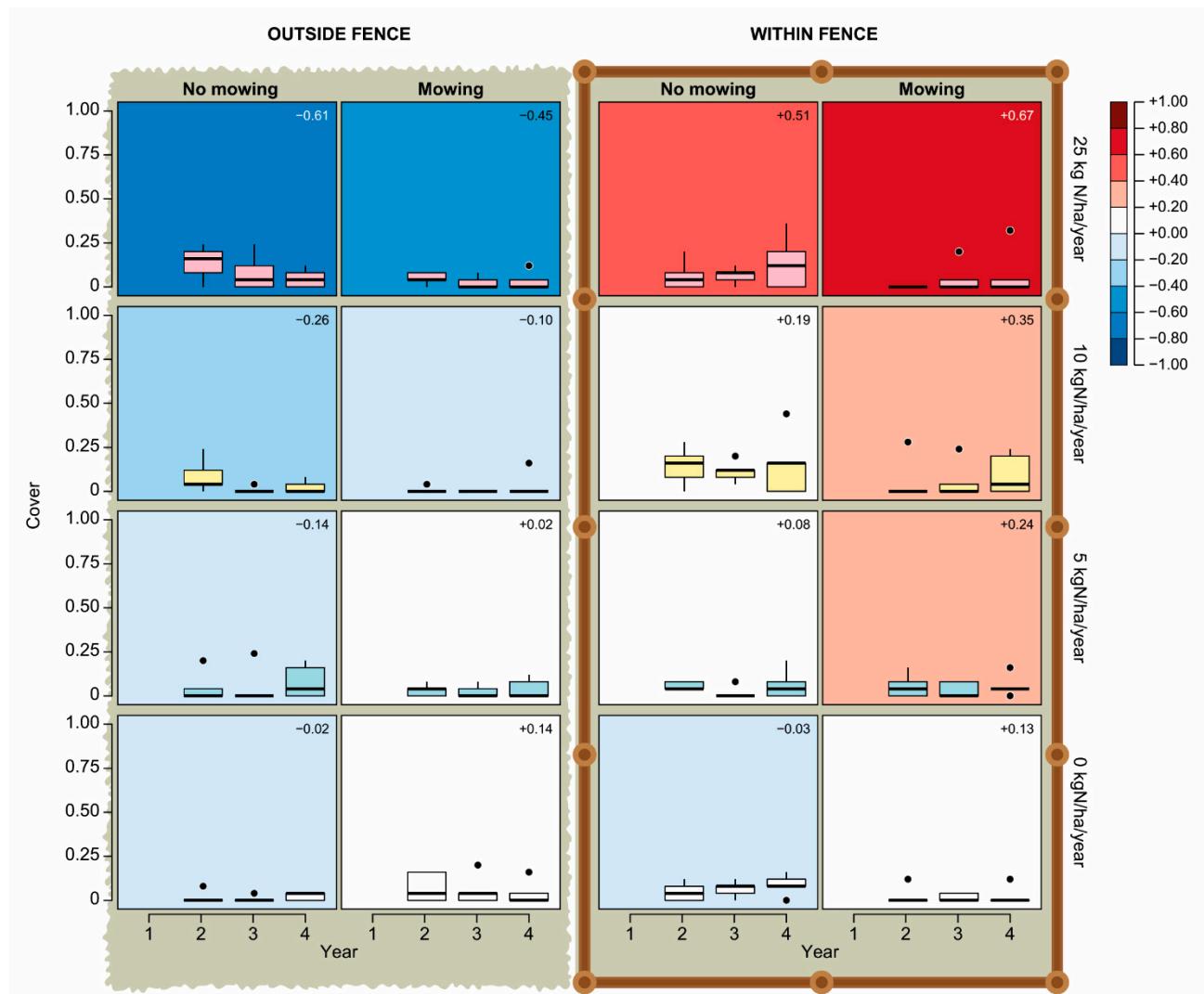


Figure S11. Shows the calculated slope of the vertical density of *Empetrum nigrum* in autumn and the raw data presented in boxplots. The average slope is in the top right corner of each plot, with red being a positive slope and blue a negative average slope. The brown rectangle on the right side of the graph is the fence surrounding eight plots (i.e. plots without deer grazing). The different colours of the boxplots refer to the given dose, where the red boxplots designate a high dose of nitrogen added to the plots ($25 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$), yellow boxplots designate a dose of $10 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$, blue boxplots are a low dose with $5 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$ while white is the control or $0 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$. The legend indicates the value of the average slope shown to the right.

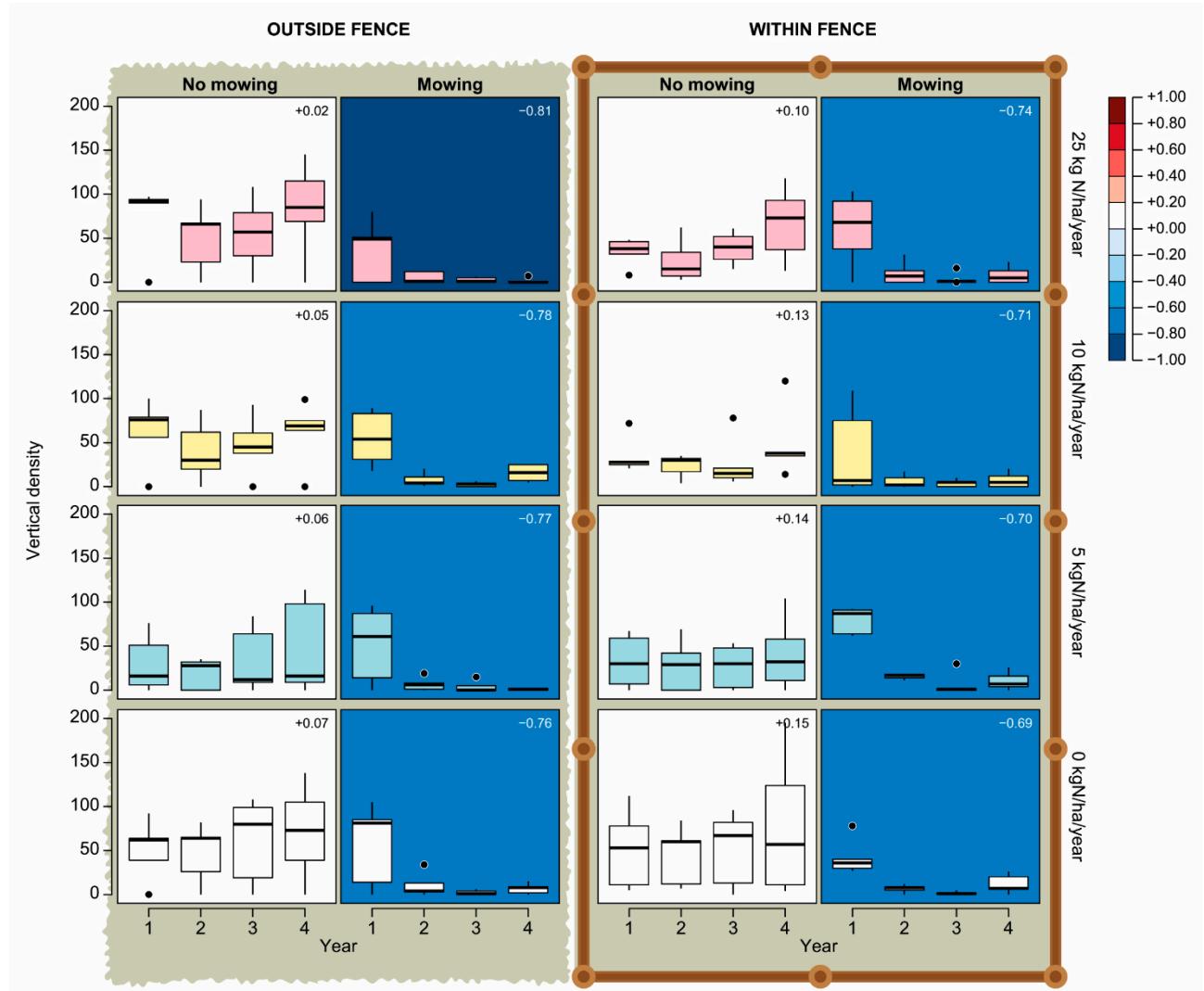


Figure S12. Shows the calculated slope of the vertical density of graminoids in summer, and the raw data are presented in boxplots. The average slope is in the top right corner of each plot, with red being a positive slope and blue a negative average slope. The brown rectangle on the right side of the graph is the fence surrounding eight plots (i.e. plots without deer grazing). The different colours of the boxplots refer to the given dose, where the red boxplots designate a high dose of nitrogen added to the plots ($25 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$), yellow boxplots designate a dose of $10 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$, blue boxplots are a low dose with $5 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$ while white is the control or $0 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$. The legend indicates the value of the average slope shown to the right.

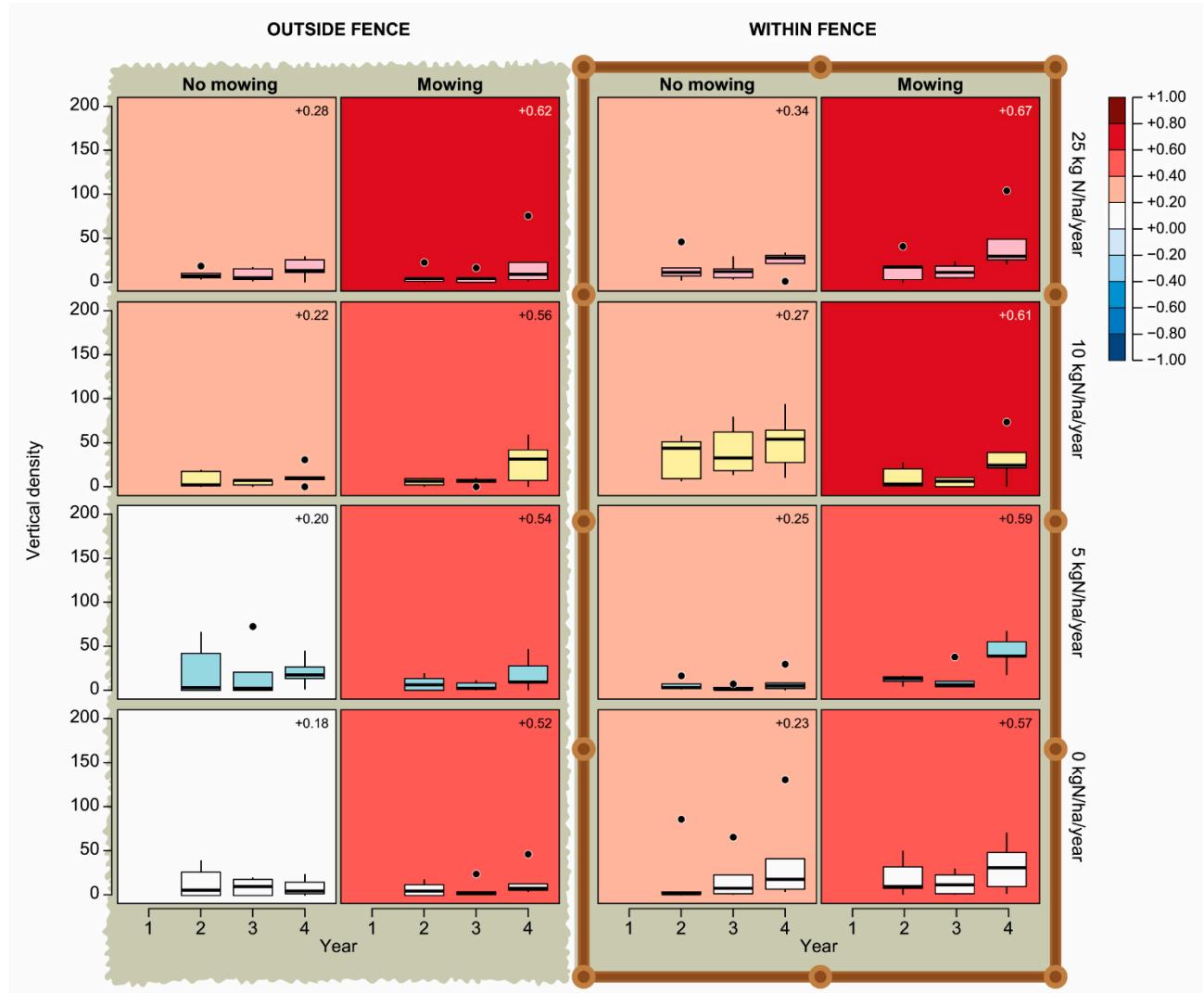


Figure S13. Shows the calculated slope of the vertical density of graminoids in autumn and the raw data presented in boxplots. The average slope is in the top right corner of each plot, with red being a positive slope and blue a negative average slope. The brown rectangle on the right side of the graph is the fence surrounding eight plots (i.e. plots without deer grazing). The different colours of the boxplots refer to the given dose, where the red boxplots designate a high dose of nitrogen added to the plots ($25 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$), yellow boxplots designate a dose of $10 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$, blue boxplots are a low dose with $5 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$ while white is the control or $0 \text{ kg N ha}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$. The legend indicates the value of the average slope shown to the right.

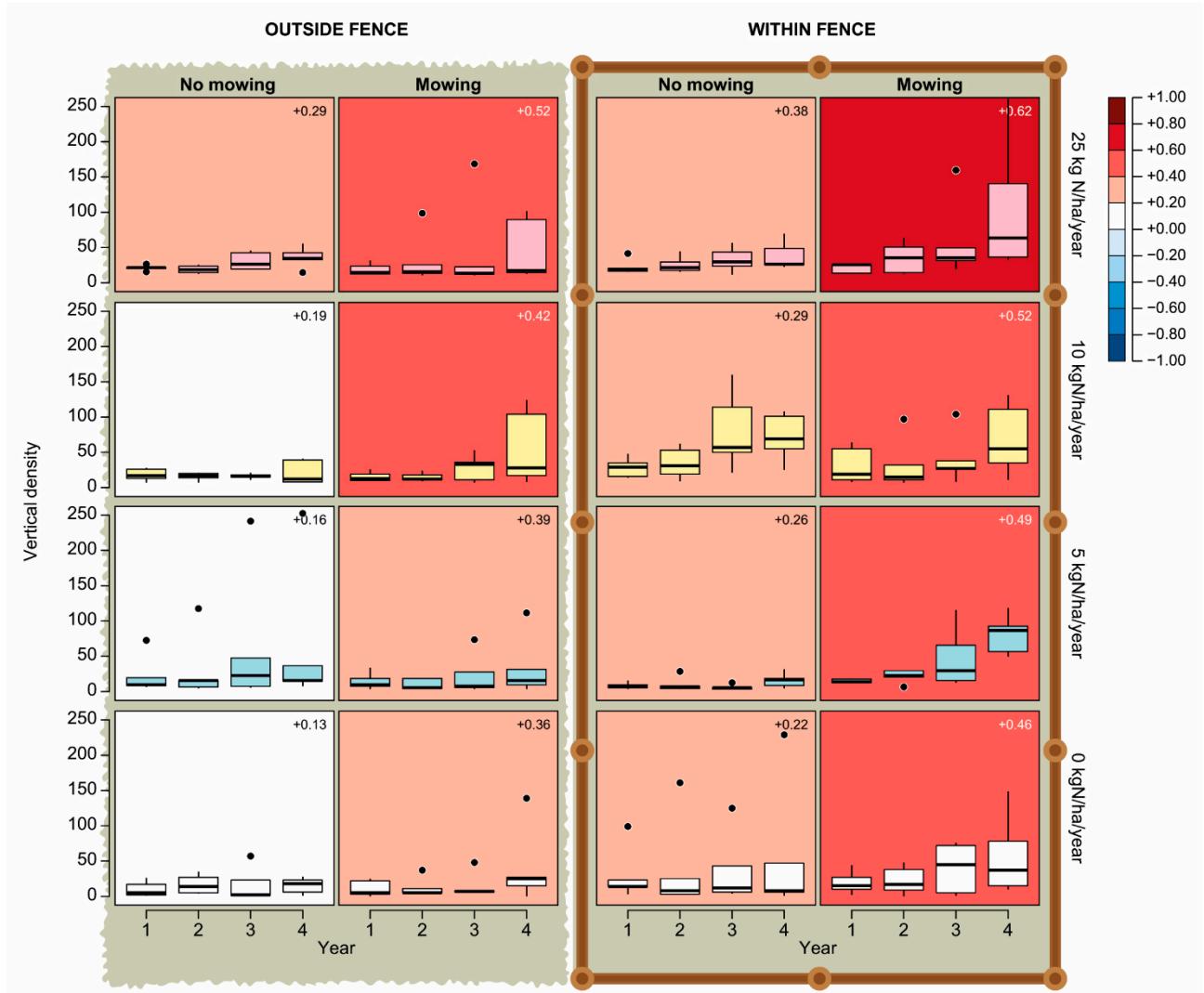


Figure S14. Vust heath has a wide variety of lichens species, where this photo displays a typical *Cladonia* spp. community at the site.



Figure S15. Shows a diverse heathland shrub community on Vust heath with *Calluna vulgaris*, *Erica tetralix*, *Salix repens*, *Empetrum nigrum*, and *Carex arenaria*. Many pollinators visit ericoid species, e.g. this *Bombus* sp., possibly a worker of *Bombus pascorum*.



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