

Community Woodlands Association



CWA E-NEWSLETTER - ISSUE 31

Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of the CWA e-newsletter. Thank you to everyone who contributed news and stories to this issue. We hope these articles will inspire and motivate, and give you the opportunity to catch up on what other CWA members have been up to over the past few months.

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CWA Online Events Programme 2021

CWA launched a new online events programme at the beginning of 2021, led by Senior Woodland Officer Amanda Calvert.

The first event, “Fuelwood for Homes & Communities” took place on 15th January. Will Richardson and Amanda shared their insights about how to manage community woodlands for woodfuel production and explained how to produce quality woodfuel. They also discussed the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and the biomass industry.

Next up was “Charcoal & Biochar production & marketing - Kilns vs Retorts”, on 29th January. Matt Edmonds from Stag Charcoal joined Amanda to share his experience using a retort for charcoal and biochar production. Matt explained the differences between a retort and a ring kiln, and discussed the pros and cons of each method for community woodland groups.

On February 12th Mike Strachan (Scottish Forestry, Operations and Development Officer) discussed the benefits of agroforestry in “Farming and Forestry” and explained how community woodland groups could benefit from incorporating farming as well as forestry.

The CWA events programme continues throughout February and into March. Next is “[Ash Die-back: Are you ready?](#)” on 26th February where Jon Stokes (Director of Trees, Science and Research

for the Tree Council) will explain how to identify and assess the condition of ash trees in your woodland and describe potential management options for affected woodlands.

There are three CWA events in March. On March 5th we look at Red Squirrel Conservation and will be joined by Kay Haw, the UK Squirrel Accord Director. Kay will cover red squirrel population, monitoring and management to support red squirrel populations. [Sign up for this event here.](#)

At our event on March 12th we explore “Wild Woodland Products as a resource for community woodlands”, with Maria Wilding from Llais Y Goedwig and Lucy, Jenny, and Brian from the Dewis Gwyllt (Choose Wild) project who will discuss the opportunities around non-wood forest products. [Sign up here.](#)

On March 23rd, we have a joint event alongside Forest Stewardship Council® UK, Llais y Goedwig and Small Woods Association, exploring FSC Certification. At this event we will be looking at the benefits of woodland certification and exploring what it would mean on a practical level for community and small woodlands. [Sign up here.](#)

Event reports are uploaded to the CWA website shortly after they take place. You can [read them here.](#)



CWA Annual Conference 2021

CWA is looking ahead to our annual conference which usually takes place in late September or early October. We hope that it will be possible to have an in-person conference in Speyside this autumn, but this will be dependent on how the COVID-19 situation develops and the Government advice later in the year. If it is not possible to have a physical conference, we will hold the event online instead. We will keep you updated!





Castlemilk Park Project:

A journey of positivity & participation through changing times

Cassiltoun Housing Association entered the Castlemilk Park Volunteers in the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards 2020 'Community Initiative' category: we were delighted that the group won 'Highly Commended' and think it was highly deserved. We believe their success is due to our entry being about a journey of local people and how their skillset, dedication and commitment has transformed a 'no-go' area into one of learning, opportunities and recreation while enhancing biodiversity and conserving this unique greenspace. We wanted to showcase and celebrate their amazing efforts, and will continue to do so.

The approach taken to develop Castlemilk Park Volunteers was a progression from previous employability programmes that utilised the space as a site of training and learning, enhancing opportunities and maintaining the woodland. These programmes had many positive outcomes however from early 2019 we took a new approach and co-designed a Volunteer Development Programme whereby participants decide their own learning, opportunities, and are involved for multiple reasons, not solely due to experiencing unemployment.

This also opened up how people can contribute to the project – in fact, one of our Castlemilk Park Volunteers co-wrote the RSPB nomination as writing is one of the (many) skills that they have to share! This approach also meant more ownership including a volunteer taking the lead on regular Health Walks, another starting the woodland's first Butterfly Transect with her young family (and completing the Family John Muir Award along the way), and two families originally from El Salvador applying to our Wellbeing Community Chest to kit themselves out with litter picks, high-vis, gloves and bin bags so they can care for their woodland in their own time.

The progression to the current thriving group that the Castlemilk Park Volunteers are now is also a

journey of community participation – from a Youth and Greenspace Scotland 'Placemaking' workshop attended by our Youth Advisory Panel, a pilot project was born. We worked alongside them to shape their idea to procure a freelance Woodland Volunteer Development Worker to increase involvement in the space and to design new signage to improve the outlook of the space, which links to more positive engagement.



Their idea flourished and the success of the project led to more funding awards being secured for work alongside the volunteers:

- Glasgow City Council Green Access Grant for PPE and training such as Leadership Skills, First Aid, Brush cutter and Leaf blower licence,
- Linn Area Partnership Funding to support more freelance hours,
- Paths for All for even more signage!



- Glasgow Community Fund for a 2.5-year Volunteer Development Worker funded post



Since this approach, Castlemilk Park Volunteers have achieved a huge amount including:

- 2292 hours of volunteering since 2018
- Establishing a Wildflower Meadow which, in partnership with the Friends of Castlemilk

Park Group, won the woodland's first Green Flag Award

- Participating in a whole range of tasks such as making and installing bat boxes, being involved in all steps in the signage project (from measuring routes to physical installation), biodiversity recording, supporting many events and becoming Scottish Wildlife Trust Wildlife Watch Leaders
- Adapting to lockdown through creating their own individual projects; 'Feel Good Verandas', family litter picks, recording and photographing specific sites for virtual walks, and even allowing us to attach a GoPro to 'Oakley', a pet dog who promoted paths as being brilliant for dog walking

Castlemilk Park Volunteers make such an important positive impact in their area and we are delighted that their efforts were recognised by the RSPB Nature of Scotland Awards. Here's to another year of celebrating positive participation in community woodlands!

Stuart Whittaker, Community Woodland Officer, Cassiltoun Housing Association

Bishop's Wood, Strathkinness

Strathkinness, a small village just outside St. Andrews, has a 12.4 hectare birch community woodland that we purchased from Fife Council four years ago. With the help of staff, students, and village volunteers we maintain the wood encouraging wildlife and biodiversity, education with several Forest Schools, and a Woodfuel Scheme for villagers.

Although we live in one of the driest parts of Scotland, two months ago we had storms that washed away a lot of our woodland path network. However, we applied to the National Lottery Awards For All Scotland and received funding to hire machinery and buy materials to build back more robust pathways with deeper drainage ditches.

*Bob Bilson
Trustee for Strathkinness Community Trust*





Borders Forest Trust 25 year anniversary

The first trees were planted at Carrifran Wild-wood on Millennium day and since then Borders Forest Trust have planted nearly 2 million across the region, many by volunteers. Borders Forest Trust works in two main areas – the Wild Heart of southern Scotland – ecological restoration at landscape scale - restoring peatland and lost habitats as well as planting trees. They are also involved in community woodland work, providing support to local woodlands, advice on planting new woodland and education projects in the Borders



*Fi Martynoga with the Survivor Tree.
(Aiden Maccormick/scotlandbigpicture.com/WTML)*

This year Borders Forest Trust celebrates its 25th Birthday. There are a variety of events throughout the year starting with a 25th Birthday tree give

away. As they are unable to run a big planting event, BFT is inviting groups and families from the Scottish Borders to apply for tree packs (Michelle@bordersforesttrust.org). The packs contain a mixture of native trees including rowan to celebrate the 'Survivor Rowan' being awarded Scotland's Tree of the Year 2020.

In February 2021, this tree will compete to be European Tree of the Year. The tree is up against some great entries, so please vote and help woodlands in Scotland to be recognised Europe wide - <https://www.treeoftheyear.org/>

As well as winning Tree of The Year, Borders Forest Trust was Highly Commended in Nature Scotland Awards in the Nature and Climate Action category. This award recognises their work in 'Reviving the Wild Heart of Southern Scotland' – working to restore degraded uplands back into sustainable forest ecosystems. Their work encompasses native woodland creation, bearberry reintroduction, montane scrub planting and peatland restoration.



To keep up-to-date with Borders Forest Trust 25th Birthday events and be notified when voting opens for European Tree of the Year, please register for the free e-newsletter: <https://bordersforesttrust.org/>

*Fiona Love
Borders Forest Trust*



West
Stormont
Woodland
Group

Proposed New Community Woodlands in Lowland Perthshire

West Stormont Woodland Group is a Community Association formed with the specific aim of bringing Taymount Wood and Five Mile Wood into community ownership. West Stormont was the name used in medieval times to cover the parishes of Auchtergaven, Kinclaven, Logiealmond, Moneydie, Redgorton (Stanley) and the Murthly portion of Little Dunkeld. West Stormont has been chosen as the most suitably inclusive title for the many communities connected to Taymount and Five Mile Woods today.



WSWG Vision: "Window on the Woods"

The woods lie about 6 miles to the north of Perth, located in a bend of the River Tay and bounded on the west by the A9. They are perfectly positioned to be community woodlands and are the first step in an ambitious project to bring local people closer to nature, significantly boost local biodiversity and take action for the climate emergency.

West Stormont Woodland Group (WSWG, pronounced 'wizzy-wig') was established in September 2018 and has been working since then to enthuse the local community about the woodlands and to gather people's ideas about what we could do with the woods if they were community-owned. A series of events – Feeling Good in the Woods – ran in 2019 and showcased a diverse range of activities in both woods including children's education, elders' minibus picnics, woodland mindfulness and woodland herbalism. It also included ten "Woodland in a Backpack" sessions

designed to take a bushcraft experience into our 7 local primary schools.



A feasibility study has recently been drafted and a business plan is underway – this will set out the long-term future of the woods including recommended forest management and diverse community activities. Overall, the woodlands are to be managed for community wellbeing – as set out in the WSWG vision for the woods – and this includes healthy living, welcome, access and accessibility, life-long learning, creativity and culture, and green enterprise.

The next steps are to present the overall proposal for the woodlands for the community in a user-friendly way – how they are to be managed in the longer term and what community facilities and activities are envisaged. This will form the basis for a community consultation running from 22 February to 19 March. WSWG will be seeking people's views on the proposal and the results of survey will be used to inform the final draft of the business plan. All this with the aim of submitting an application to buy the woods to Forestry and Land Scotland later in the year through their Community Asset Transfer Scheme.

So it's a busy and exciting time for us! We would be happy to share our experiences with other Community Woodlands groups!

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Catriona Gall, WSWG Steering Group



Update from Tiroran Community Forest

Tiroran Community Forest has recently celebrated its fifth anniversary under community ownership. The 789-hectare forest, comprising mainly conifer plantation, was purchased from Forestry Commission Scotland by South West Mull & Iona Development in November 2015. This was completed following a community ballot, with grants from the Scottish Land Fund and a loan from Social Investment Scotland. The vision held within the local community was to create a safe and welcoming forest environment, with plenty for people to do and see, and with greater biodiversity, as well as securing a long-term income stream.

Having local people identify the forest as their own is so important and since taking ownership we have added attractions which have been created by people in our community. Led by Woodland Tribe, local and visiting children designed and built an adventure playground which provides a lot of fun. The Bunesan Primary School children have created their own nature trail through one of the lesser explored areas of the forest. Willow sculptures were created by members of our local community to represent the previous occupants of the abandoned township of Knockroy – people were able to learn a new skill and the results will remain in the forest for everyone to enjoy.



One welcome “constraint” on forestry activities within Tiroran has been the presence of our resident breeding White-tailed Eagles, Fingal and Iona. While their residence in the forest has potential to disrupt harvesting activities in particular, we have worked closely with the local RSPB officer to ensure breeding is not disrupted. Many people visit the forest to see Fingal and Iona and they were the inspiration for a local gin company!

While the presence of *Phytophthora ramorum* proved challenging, with the associated felling leaving large areas in need of restocking, it gave us the opportunity to start restructuring the forest in line with our recently agreed Long Term Forest Plan. Replanting with native broadleaves, mixed productive broadleaves and a more diverse conifer mix is contributing to our aim to move our forest towards a Low Impact Silvicultural System of woodland management. Planting 30,000 trees within the past two years has been achieved with help from volunteers, employing local people and with funding from the Forestry Grant Scheme.



Restock has been carried out without the use of neonicotinoids, despite knowing that newly planted trees would be vulnerable to attack by pine weevils.

A replanting trial using no treatment on half the trees and a harmless wax coating on the lower stems of the other half took place in Spring 2019. 7,000 native broadleaves were planted on a 4-hectare site that had been clear-felled within the previous two years. Results by the end of the 2020 growing season indicated substantial losses due to pine weevil damage, with the wax coating appearing to have little effect. Proximity to mature trees and tree species appeared to be bigger factors - with silver birch seeming to be particularly tasty. Fortunately, pine weevil numbers decline substantially within a few years as the ecosystem recovers its equilibrium, which has been evident in more recent replanting.

Our response to this situation has been to start our own tree nursery with members of the community raising trees from local broadleaf seed. These will be used in beat-up plantings to replace any losses of replanted trees. This has been a great success, even in Covid times, with volunteers helping pot on young trees in their own gardens. The tree nursery will move to its new home at the Ross of Mull Community Garden soon, with the aim of involving

all age groups in the community in the replanting of the forest, including seed collecting in the local area.

Plans to create six new woodland crofts in the forest are progressing with the intention being to offer opportunities for small-scale forestry related businesses as well as the potential for a secure home. For the wider community benefits include retention of a working population, the production of local food and value-added timber products, and improved biodiversity in the forest. Woodland crofters will also bring land management skills that can help to build our capacity to manage the forest.

As we seek to diversify income streams from the forest, we are also exploring the potential for small scale timber processing, visitor accommodation, and seek to establish a visitors' centre at the forest.

It has been something of a rollercoaster ride over the past five years, but the vision remains strong as we seek to realise the potential for Tiroran Community Forest to be a driver for local economic regeneration.

Philip Yelder

Community Forester

South West Mull & Iona Development





Pandemic, permafrost & partnerships: Abriachan Forest Trust

Abriachan Forest Trust has the habit of turning up like a bad penny when community woodlands are googled so we hope this 2021 update won't be too repetitive and that by the time it is published in March the permafrost will have thawed and the effects of the pandemic will have eased. It's certainly been a strangely different year in Abriachan with most of our usual activities being curtailed or adapted during the lockdown periods.

However, we haven't stopped the trees growing; we are still planting lots more; they are still locking up carbon; our Dark Skies Stars and Stories have gone virtual; we are still ensuring visitors of all ages enjoy learning; we encourage them to keep active outdoors and feel the better for it....and, as for our garden, it won Best in the 2020 Produce Show, then amazingly we won the Nature of Scotland Community Award in November!



So what have we been doing to keep busy in 2020 ?

After what seemed like a prolonged preparation period our outdoor nursery for 3-5 year olds opened in March. Initially we provided early years outdoor learning to local children and children from Merkinch in Inverness who were transported up in people carriers. This was a great success

and was definitely what we intended to continue - sharing the woodland and supporting children from an urban setting to play and learn in our rural location.

Unfortunately, the limitations of the initial lockdown meant that we couldn't transport the children with accompanying adults but, once it is safe to do so, the partnership will be reinstated. The children who have been attending have loved their days exploring, guddling in the burn, building bridges, making pirate pies, growing, gardening and singing Gaelic songs with Cairistiona. Hearing their voices echoing amongst the trees certainly lifts the spirits. Testament to its success, Roni, the forest school manager, now has a waiting list for the nursery.

*Buidhe, uaine, dearg agus pinc
Purpaidh is orains is gorm
Dathan aig a' bhogha-froise, aig a' bhogha-froise aig a'
bhogha-froise bhrèagha*



When the lockdown eased in July the forest became increasingly busy as people recommended it to their friends as a place to enjoy. This has had quite an impact on the infrastructure with boggy areas becoming much boggier, braiding and erosion on paths, treehouses and railings needing repaired and, worst of all, the roundhouse burning down thanks to carelessness. We were distraught.



It was one of the earliest Active Abriachan youth projects in 1999 and had only been rethatched in 2019. Everyone had been admiring it, enjoying that it had been rebuilt and the fact that it had been publicised led us to set up a crowd funding campaign immediately. This was a new digital skill but has proved very successful so, thanks to the public generosity, the roundhouse has risen again from the smouldering ashes.



One silver lining was the kind, positive messages from the people who had “discovered” the woodland and wished to support what we do. JustGiving and Donr Text Giving signs are now on display in the carpark and are proving to be a sustained source of financial support for some maintenance and repairs of the path infrastructure.

Indeed, the CWA Multi-trails project legacy will result in the upgrade of the Peat Path, thanks, in part, to visitor donations. It is also hoped that eventually Great Glen Way walkers will be able to choose an optional high route over these improved Abriachan hill paths.

A recent collaboration has involved the local children, community members, volunteers working with Richard Bracken, artist. His residency has been supported by Community Land Scotland and

The Stove Network and will result in an interactive installation for people to use. Here’s a clue ...



The second lockdown has meant group whittling sessions cannot occur so Richard used the children’s questions to the directors and elders of the community to create some thought-provoking postcards.

The very first artist who worked with Active Abriachan youth group in the nineties, is Trish Matthews, and she is overseeing the Global Goals’ Challenge in Abriachan as part of Highland One World’s EU funded Start the Change project.

The 17 QR Codes along the trail link to the Sustainable Development Goals and eventually to activities for participant groups. Local girls created mosaics with Trish and Sally Purdy to highlight SDG 13 – Gender Inequality. You can find out more by watching [this video](#)

Due to Covid-19 we had to scale down our programme for people living with dementia and people whose lives are impacted by dementia. We decided that the safe way to go was with outreach work and we were delighted to be invited to run some sessions in the grounds at L’Arche, Inverness.



The sessions started off with a woodland work out - using trees for press ups, stretching and balancing exercises. This developed further when we brought in Nordic walking poles. The poles themselves are excellent for a variety of exercises and we were able to develop the stretching and balancing exercises. The use of the poles also accelerated the pace of walking and participants found the support from the poles helpful.

After the walk we sat in one of the outdoor seating area for some body percussion and brain gym activities. We used a Gaelic port à beul tunes: Brochan Lom which would be familiar with most people in this area. These tunes were traditionally used to provide dance music when no musical instruments were available and have a good going rhythm. This developed into a singing session and one of the participants sang a Gaelic song she had sung at the Mod many years ago and had been awarded a distinction. This developed into a lovely session of reminiscing.

We finished the sessions with nature based craft activities. Materials for these activities were collected in the grounds. The nature printing proved to be particularly popular. This provided opportunities to explore and to be daring with colour and some stunning Christmas cards were produced. These were a good talking point when participants returned home with their crafts.

Looking to the future we aim to do some inter-generational work with the Forest School as there is a lot of scope for a two directional flow of Gaelic songs.

Partnerships have always been and will continue to be an essential element in the sustained success of our community's woodland....so....who's next for some collaborative work?

*Suzann Barr
Abriachan Forest Trust*





Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group

The great news to share is that after many years of work and dedication Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group has been successful in securing the future of a small woodland that is really important to our local community.

Castle Woods is 2.1ha of semi-ancient woodland that lies in the heart of our residential community (see video at www.hcwg.co.uk). It didn't happen the way we expected.....far from it.

Owned by directors of a local construction company from 2004, it was always their ambition to build properties on it. The Local Authority refused planning permission for their plans to build 72 houses/flats in the woodland, but the passage of time without effective maintenance left the woodland in a dilapidated state.



Unchecked water logging has resulted in tree instability and a significant number will have to be taken down. The local community were determined to save this woodland and an adjacent smaller site which is also surrounded by housing. The balance of nature and residential property is what makes our area great to live in.

We made unsolicited offers to purchase the land at market value, but there was no response. We then submitted applications to the Scottish Government under Part 3A (Abandoned, Neglected and Detrimental Land) of the 2016 Land Reform Act. This was on the back of a public ballot of our local community that resulted in 90% of voters in favour of a community acquisition – a really

strong message of support.

Although we felt we had a really strong case with Castle Woods our Application was eventually rejected just before it was due to be decided upon. This was incredibly frustrating. Years of hard work down the drain because there was a small error in the map of ownership - a map that we knew was crucial but had been unable to get exactly right.



The difficulty the respective lawyers had in producing an accurate map when we finally purchased the woodland just underlined how difficult our task had been. A little flexibility in the legislation to address any small errors in the map through the land registry would potentially have made the difference. There was so much wasted effort by many parties, including the Scottish Land Team, who had been incredibly helpful throughout.

Our Part 3A for the other site went through the full process. Although the outcome was that we were not granted a right-to-buy, and we understood the reasoning, we were pretty deflated by some of the response from the Government Ministers. Some aspects of it made us feel that the legislation will never achieve its intent, not just for us. Quite disheartening.

However, the determination of the local community finally paid off. The owners had a change of heart regarding a direct sale of Castle Woods and with fantastic support from our members, the



Scottish Land Fund, The W.M. Mann Foundation, The Mushroom Trust and the Garfield-Weston Foundation we have been able to purchase the woodland on behalf of the community and we have funding to address the tree health issues. Its future prosperity is secured, our community is absolutely delighted. It wasn't all wasted effort after all. Although the Part 3A process turned out to be quite painful, the work we put in in building our case may have been the thing that encouraged the owners to change their mind.

So, moving on we are now really excited about growing our community woodlands group and helping it develop into a really positive movement for our local community. Following completion of the tree-safety works we are planning our first Community Day where we hope to get lots of local folk helping with the clean-up of the wood. We will need a few skips!

There are some wonderful examples of community groups out there that are making a striking dif-

ference by involving their local communities and providing a practical outlet for the growing number of people and groups who want to get involved in their environment and in giving opportunity for those who wish to improve their health and wellbeing. If we can emulate that, if we can grow the enthusiasm for outdoor work recreation and education that would be fantastic.

The next twelve months is really important to us. Covid permitting we hope to improve the health of Castle Woods, encourage the local community to be part of looking after it, and lay the foundations for a really active movement that allows local people to take part in helping their local environment, not just in Castle Wood but around our whole town. Wish us luck.

Andrew Donald

Helensburgh Community Woodlands Group



Image by Open Aye, for Community Land Scotland



CWA Multi-trails project concludes successfully!

Multi-trails was a transnational cooperation project between the Community Woodlands Association in the Highlands and Cairngorms LAG areas in Scotland and the [Sjö, Skog & Fjäll LAG](#) in northern Sweden which shared innovative techniques and best practice for the construction, promotion and management of mixed-use trails.

The project funded trail construction works at five community woodlands (Abriachan, Aigas, Laggan, Lochcarron and Strathnairn); development of trail network promotion strategies; training events; bilateral exchanges with our Swedish partners; and the production of a suite of web-based resources.



The repaired trail at Abriachan

The COVID-19 pandemic demanded significant changes to our project plan, with international exchanges cancelled and training events moving online. One positive outcome was that we were able to redirect some of the budget to produce

three short films, all available on the CWA YouTube channel:

- [Sustainable Visitor Management](#)
- [Trails for All](#)
- [Trails and the Rural Economy](#)

At Abriachan, works to repair a badly-eroded section of the “peat path”, initially planned for June, were completed in November, whilst the Laggan works which had been scheduled for April 2020 were subject to additional delays: Highland Council taking 4 months to respond to a pre-planning enquiry and then our contractor backing out of the job at the last minute. Thankfully, the LEADER team granted a project extension and we were able to find a contractor able to do the work in January of this year.

Whilst it may not have turned out exactly as planned, we regard the project as a success, supporting the work of five of our member groups and delivering all its main outcomes despite COVID and other challenges: hopefully there will be more opportunities for similar partnership projects in the future.



The new trail at Laggan

The Multi-trails project was funded by the Highland and Cairngorm LEADER programmes, co-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Commission.



A Guide to Scottish Forests

Tree author, photographer and forester Gabriel Hemery is working on a guidebook series featuring a selection of copses, woods, and forests across Britain. With the first in the series destined to focus on Scottish woodlands, Gabriel is hoping that CWA members will come forward and register their woodlands so that they can be included.

Gabriel says his aim is to reconnect the British public with forests on their doorstep, to rekindle their interest in the natural world, and help them develop an appreciation of those who care for our forests.

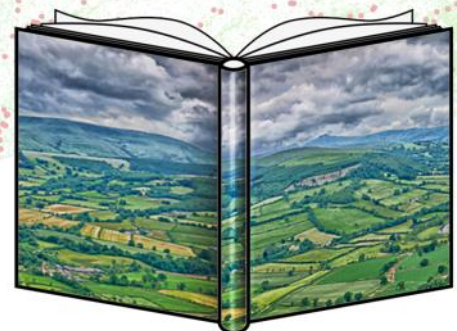
There is a dedicated website to help collect information from contributors. Owners/managers are able to register a woodland. Data requested includes area, location, forest type and tree species, and history. A text box is used to collect the main descriptive entry. Gabriel is hoping to personally visit a selection of forests, to meet with owners for an interview and to take photographs.

Find out how to take part in this exciting project at: www.copsewoodforest.com

Calling All Woodland Owners

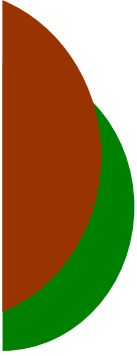
Add your entry to *The Forest Book*.
A new guide to Britain's copses,
woods and forests by Gabriel Hemery,
author of *The New Sylva*.

Register today ✓ Don't miss out!



Find out more

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CWA Membership

Voting membership of CWA is open to incorporated community woodlands groups: meaning any democratic, community-led organisation engaged in aspects of woodland management on their own or in partnership with others.

We have three membership categories for member groups: small, medium and large (based on turnover not woodland size,) with fees of £10, £30 and £50 respectively. Application forms are at:

www.communitywoods.org/join-cwa

Individuals who support the CWA aims and objectives may become **Individual** members (annual fee £10), and other organisations working to support community engagement with woodlands may become **Associate** members (annual fee £100).

CWA Members receive our regular e-newsletters & e-bulletins, access to our e-groups and invitations (usually subsidised) to our training and networking events, including our annual Conference.

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