

## Community Woodlands – Public Participation Questionnaire

Thank you for kindly participating in this questionnaire. Your opinions are very important to us, and may be used to support recommendations proposed in conclusion to my dissertation thesis. The aim of this research is to compare how well the management objectives of community forestry projects correlate with the users or members perceived importance of forest functions.

**How to electronically complete the form:** To mark a box, please fill the appropriate box with a colour by right clicking the box and selecting 'format autoshape' and then selecting a colour in the fill section. To fill out any other sections, such as tables or definitions, simply click in the table or in the space provided and begin to type your answer. Once the questionnaire is complete, save it and give it a name which you will remember. To attach the questionnaire to a new email, click on the add attachment option and then a box should appear asking you what you want to attach. Click the 'browse' button and look through your saved items until you find the completed questionnaire, which you select. Once the questionnaire is attached, send the email to [s0906729@cumbria.ac.uk](mailto:s0906729@cumbria.ac.uk)

**How to complete the form by hand:** If you would prefer, you can complete the questionnaire using pen and paper by printing it out and posting it to:

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Town End Farm,  
Gamblesby,  
Penrith,  
CA10 1HY

If you would like me to send you a copy, with a stamped addressed envelope, then please just ring me on 07973764370 and leave your address.

**Your responses will be held as strictly confidential and only reported in aggregate.**

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### Section One: Use of the Gledhow Valley Woods

Q1. How frequently do you visit the Gledhow Valley Woods? (Please tick)

More than once a week      Weekly      Fortnightly      Monthly      Less than monthly

                                                                                      

Q2. What is your status within the Friends of Gledhow Valley Woods community? (Please tick)

User	
Voting member	
Friend of	
Board member	
Committee member	
Other (please specify)	

**If you are not a member of the local community group please move to section two.**

Q3. How much time do you invest in working with the community group, either with manual work, time at meetings or any other group prescribed activity?

More than once a week      Weekly      Fortnightly      Monthly      Less than monthly

## Section Two: Forest Ecosystem Function

Below is a list of services associated with various forest functions. Please answer with reference to how you would like Gledhow Valley Woods to be managed. For each ecosystem function allocate points to the relative importance of the services involved (points should total 100). For example, if you believe that in terms of production timber is the most important, fuelwood production is half as important as timber, employment is of significant value and nut and fruit is useful but not necessary, then a table for the production function may look like:

Services	Score
Timber production	50
Fuelwood/charcoal production	25
Nut and fruit production	5
Employment	20

### Q1. Production

Services	Score
Timber production	
Fuelwood/charcoal production	
Nut and fruit production	
Employment	

### Q2. Regulation

Services	Score
Carbon storage	
Favourable microclimate	
Soil protection	
Wind protection	
Dust removal	
Noise removal	
Flood prevention	
Derelict site restoration	

### Q3. Habitat

Services	Score
Habitat for wild plant and animal species	
Plant conservation	
Deer and game bird conservation	
Other animal Conservation	

#### Q4. Information

Services	Score
Walking	
Dog walking	
Game shooting	
Landscape appreciation	
Education and research	
Urban growth control	
Landscape screening	

#### Q5. Ecosystem function as a whole

Please indicate how you view the relative importance of the forest functions by allocating 100 points between the functions.

Ecosystem Function	Score
Production	
Regulation	
Habitat	
Information	

### Section Three: Management Structure and Key Definitions

To find out more about your opinions of the management structure of your local community woodland, please indicate how you feel about the following statements. For each one please state whether you agree strongly, agree, are neutral, disagree or disagree strongly:

Q1. My opinions are considered when decisions about the management of the Gledhow Valley Woods are taken.

Agree Strongly       Agree       Neutral       Disagree       Disagree Strongly

Q2. There are suitable procedures in place for my opinion to be heard.

Agree Strongly       Agree       Neutral       Disagree       Disagree Strongly

Q3. The management objectives for Gledhow Valley Woods are transparent and I understand the reasoning behind the decisions.

Agree Strongly       Agree       Neutral       Disagree       Disagree Strongly

Q4. The City Council and other agencies provide suitable advice.

Agree Strongly       Agree       Neutral       Disagree       Disagree Strongly

Q5. The community has the responsibility for protecting the woodland resources.

Agree Strongly       Agree       Neutral       Disagree       Disagree Strongly

Q6. The community has the right to use the woodland resources for their own benefit.

Agree Strongly	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
<input type="checkbox"/>				

Q7. I do not have the opportunity to deliver feedback regarding the management of the Gledhow Valley Woods.

Agree Strongly	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
<input type="checkbox"/>				

Q8. I am given the opportunity to learn new skills and gain knowledge from experts.

Agree Strongly	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
<input type="checkbox"/>				

In relation to Gledhow Valley Woods, please write down a few words as to how you would define the following terms:

**Community**

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**Empowerment**

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**Partnership**

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**Ownership**

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**Section Four: Background Information**

Q1. Are you? Male  Female

Q2. How old are you?  
18-24      25-44      45-64      65-74      75 or over  
                       

Q3. What is your approximate annual income?  
Prefer not      Under      £20,000-      £40,000-      £60,000  
to say      £20,000      £39,000      £59,000      or over

Q4. To which of these groups do you consider you belong (tick one box only)\*

**White**

- British
- Irish
- Any other White background

**Mixed**

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed background

**Asian or Asian British**

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi

**Black or Black British**

- Caribbean
- African

**Other ethnic groups**

- Chinese
- Any other ethnic group
- Not stated

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. If you wish to receive information on the conclusions of the research please include your email address below.

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If you would be willing to participate further in this research by taking part in an interview then please complete the following information:

Name .....

Phone number.....

Best time to contact you.....