

Feasibility Study : Proposed Community Purchase Of Land In And Around Wanlockhead

Forestry/Woodland and Conservation

There is some commercial forestry plantation on the land around the village - some areas have been harvested in recent times.

Other areas have small mixed woodlands, for example towards the west of the Mennock Pass.

At the previous community consultation, some comments emphasised the importance of new tree planting in river valleys - this could improve fisheries, biodiversity and water quality while also improving the area in the long run for recreation and camping. New woodlands in some areas could provide woodfuel for biomass heat development or for local home-owners.

New woodlands would provide measurable ecological benefits to the region while also providing business and employment opportunities directly and through activities for tourism.

Walking, mountain biking, other mountain recreation activities, wildlife tourism, photography, camping etc. could be fully integrated with new woodlands.

What forestry, woodland and conservation potential do YOU see for Wanlockhead and the surrounding land?



Carrifran Wildwood, Southern Uplands - natural woodland regeneration



Award-winning community woodland at Drummuir, Moray

Tell us how YOU think forestry, woodland and conservation could enhance the village and on the surrounding land :