

Case study

Friends of Greenwood Community Forum

Based in Nottinghamshire, Greenwood Community Forest has always encouraged community participation through its establishment of Friends groups to improve, care for and promote the community woodland sites being created.

Created in 2000, the Friends of Greenwood Community Forum offers a place for these individual groups to share their experience and knowledge, whilst providing mutual support, boosting confidence and increasing recognition of the work of individual volunteers.

The forum is led by the Friends groups, with support by the Greenwood team. Their other activities include quarterly meetings, an annual awards celebration, production of The Greenwood Community Woodland Handbook and the attainment of Green Flag status for individual sites.

"Over ten years, one thing that has stood out for me is the camaraderie, depth of knowledge, range of skills and bucketfuls of advice we are happy to share with each other. I think that is the main reason we are all still involved and long may it continue." Colin Barson, Chair of the Friends of Greenwood Community Forum

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