



Annual Report

2019 - 2020



Bringing Woodlands to Life

Welcome to the Small Woods Annual Report

This year has been a year of growth, development and collaboration. Not only have we supported significantly more people through our work, but we have welcomed an increase in corporate and institutional funding, developed new and existing partnerships, and expanded our staff team.

A recent survey of our supporters revealed the number one ambition - for knowledge

and information. Practical demonstration, direct training, and increasingly online activities are valued highly, underpinned by the importance of our quarterly Small Woods Magazine.

Small Woods have offered woodland owners and managers more direct advice, run more woodland health and wellbeing sessions in local communities, and shared more sustainable

woodland management knowledge through training and events. Together we have grown as a Small Woods community.

Now, in light of Covid-19, Small Woods is adapting to this new environment, and is even more dedicated to providing knowledge and information, and nurturing small woodlands for people and wildlife, now and for future generations.

Ian Baker, CEO, Small Woods



Funding Overview

The Small Woods Association is funded from a diverse range of sources. Our core funding, from our members, represents around 10% of our income, with projects being the largest single category, funded by over 20 separate funders. Training course income is also very important and is set at a level to ensure it breaks even in normal times (although Covid-19 is likely to lead to a loss in this area).

We are enormously grateful to our corporate supporters, who are featured on the back page. Their support is an incredible benefit to the Association's work and enables us to deliver the range of services we do.



20

member
events

attended by

168

people

12

member
e-newsletters
sent

4

member
magazines

Approximately
10,000

social media
supporters &
followers

3

postgraduate
research projects

7

woodland health
& wellbeing
projects

with

862

people
supported

96

members received
email or phone
advice

2

apprenticeships
completed

600ha

small woodlands
directly managed
by Small Woods

29,410ha

of woodland
represented

31

projects
across the UK

84

training
courses

with

410

trained in
woodland skills
and traditional
crafts

*Types of support include health and wellbeing sessions, woodland management advice and guidance, training, demonstrations and events. Support varies in length and intensity from an hour to weeks or months.

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I have been reading the newsletters keenly, and really appreciate the access to information and the wider community our membership brings. Thank you to all.

Small Woods Member

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All the tutors were excellent and sessions were delivered with a great mix of knowledge, realism and humour. I came away inspired!

Sustainable Woodland Management Course Participant

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My mental wellbeing improved a lot. I look forward to the weekly group and it helped beat loneliness. It encourages me to do new activities outside.

Actif Woods Wales Participant Carmarthenshire

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