



# Annual Review 2022

For the year ending 31st March 2022

# Welcome to the Small Woods Annual Review

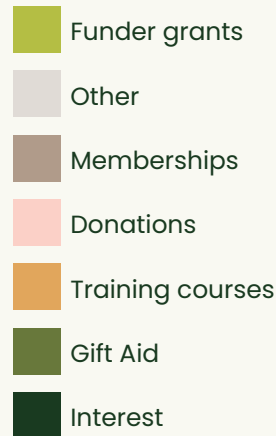
We have had another year of growth, with our activities and our membership expanding. We are supporting more people and representing a greater area of our precious woodlands. Our work is aimed at addressing the climate and biodiversity crises, through information, advice and events for the custodians and managers of our woodlands. We also pursue this mission through research and innovation, and this year have focused on coppice products, land management incentives, ecosystem services and biochar, with interesting interim results.

We have also been working to address the challenges our population faces in health, in particular, mental health. The year has seen us support more than 1,500 people through our health and wellbeing programmes for the first time, with many inspiring stories of lives being turned around through engagement with nature in our woodlands.

With a staff now nearly 50, we are ever more capable to meet the challenges faced by our woodlands and the people who use, benefit and depend upon them.

**Ian Baker**  
CEO Small Woods Association

## 2022 Funding Overview



Small Woods is funded from a wide range of sources, as represented by the graphic. The funding we receive from these diverse sources each make vital contributions to our ability to provide the services, help and support we do.

For this we are, as ever, hugely grateful to our funders, members and corporate supporters, without whom we simply would not exist.

The pandemic has continued to impact the charity, leading to a small loss on the year. The operation of the charity is, however, on a sound footing, as the loss relates primarily to deficits brought forward from the previous year, which have now been written off.

## This year's turnover

£ 1,104,283



## Our team



**47** staff members

**30** volunteers

## Our funders & supporters



**20** funders

Over **28,500** social media followers

## Our members



**2,590** members

**11** members' events and **164** event attendees

**92** members received email or phone advice

**4** members' magazines and **20** e-newsletters

## Our woodlands



**50ha** small woodlands directly managed by Small Woods

**32,375ha** of woodland represented

## Health & wellbeing



**21** woodland health and wellbeing projects

**2,879** people supported\*

**101** virtual sessions

## Training & research



**45** training courses and **255** people trained in woodland skills and traditional crafts

**1** apprenticeship

**1** postgraduate research project

\*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/months.

# What our members, students, and participants are saying...

*The woodland management advice you provide to members is a brilliant service.*

Small Woods member

*Thanks for a great and inspiring course. Just want to be in my wood applying the lessons now.*

Sustainable Woodland Management course participant

*These sessions have given me a new appreciation of the environment and have helped me feel part of nature.*

Outdoor Health Project participant

## Thank you to our funders and sponsors:



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