Making a Will

If you do not have a Will your first step should be to talk to a Solicitor or reputable will writer, this ensures that your Will is legally correct and all your wishes can be carried out.

There are different types of legacy and your solicitor will help you decide which is most suitable:

- **Residual** – you may choose to leave whatever is left over once all other wishes and costs have been met. This is the residue of your estate.
- **Specific** – this is when you choose to leave a specific item such as a painting, books, jewellery, an area of land or even your home
- **Pecuniary** – this is when you leave a specific sum of money to a person, organisation or charity. Please remember inflation may impact on the value of this type of legacy.

Changing your Will to support Small Woods

If you already have a Will and would like to include a gift to Small Woods you can use this codicil form. Complete the details below (including having your signature witnessed) and send it to the person who currently holds your Will to check it and then to store it with your Will.

If your Will already has some codicils it may be better to have the Will rewritten, this would avoid any confusion of your wishes, your solicitor or will writer can advise. Please do not write on or amend your current Will as this could invalidate it.

See the "**Codicil to an existing Will**" PDF for a handy from to take to your Will writer

You can also help Small Woods in other ways

- **Memberships** – becoming a member is a great way to meet other people interested in keeping our woodlands alive and finding out more about owning and managing a woodland. Take a look at the membership's page.
- **Donations** – making a personal donation to Small Woods will help us continue our work.
- **A Gift In Memory** – many choose to have a collection "in memoriam" in lieu of flowers.
- **Volunteerin**g – your time is a valuable gift, helping us to keep woodlands alive whist learning new skills and socialising. Many projects offer free training courses to volunteers.