

# What we can do for community groups

## Ask your self this

Do I want to find out more about how I could help my community connect with local woodlands?

Is the community group I'm involved with interested in woodlands?

Is there an opportunity for my woodland project to become more community-led?

Would I like to meet people and groups who are interested in community woodlands and could help us with our project?

***If so, read on ....***



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## What is a community woodland?

A Community Woodland is a woodland for people. They come in all shapes and sizes; small or large, rural or urban. What they have in common is that they all matter to local people and are a key feature of the local landscape. Some woodlands are primarily places for enjoyment, amenity and leisure, others are more focused on enterprise development, sustainable living or artistic and creative expression.

## What is Llais y Goedwig?

Llais y Goedwig is Wales' grassroots community woodland association. First established in 2008, it draws members from across the country, spanning the spectrum from voluntary organisations to co-operatives, united by a focus on community development and the stewardship of local woodlands.

### Objects

- To promote and represent community woodland groups in Wales
- To provide assistance and support to local community woodland groups and initiatives

### Aims

1. Establish and maintain Llais y Goedwig as an independent and viable organisation
2. Develop and maintain the community woodland group constituency in Wales
3. Support the establishment and development of Community Woodland Groups
4. Engage with woodland and community development policy makers and interest groups on behalf of community woodlands



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## We are here for you

Llais y Goedwig is the national association created by woodland community groups in Wales for mutual support and to engage with policy. As a group we can offer the following to our members and those interested in furthering community involvement in local woodlands:

- Regular events across Wales where you can meet like-minded people and learn about community woodland issues
- Regular updates on what's new in community woodlands
- Access to policy and strategic decision-makers
- Advice on funding, community engagement, participatory planning
- Support when things get tough

## Want to join?

Membership is open to organisations or to individuals who support the aims and objectives of Llais y Goedwig. There are two types of membership:

1. Full (voting) members who are community-led groups involved in managing or using a local woodland. Each group should nominate an official representative to vote on their behalf.
2. Associate (non-voting) members which are groups, individuals or other organisations who support the aims and objectives of the association and wish to benefit from membership.

Local community woodland groups in Wales are delivering a huge range of public and community benefits, including recreation facilities, biodiversity conservation, rural development, jobs, renewable energy, woodfuel, other woodland products, opportunities for social inclusion, and outdoor education.



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