

Assets of Community Value: Draft Nomination (Saxilby Community Wood)

Question: Is the asset in current use to further the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community? If yes, please explain how.

Yes.

If Yes, please explain how the asset furthers the social wellbeing or cultural, recreational or sporting interests of the local community:

Saxilby Community Wood is actively used by the local community for recreation, education, and social engagement. It provides a safe, accessible natural space for residents of all ages to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature.

Examples of current and recent use include:

- Daily informal use: Walking, dog walking, and teenagers socialising with friends.
- Voluntary working parties: Activities such as pollarding trees, clearing debris from the pool, constructing log piles and habitat stacks, and installing bird boxes. These take place approximately three times per year since 2021.
- Educational and recreational sessions: One-off Outdoor Discovery session for children, adult Nature Circle gathering, and a woodland management session with Saxilby Cub Scouts and their parents.

The woodland provides the community with:

- Opportunities for recreation and outdoor exercise
- Social interaction and engagement for children, teenagers, adults, and older residents
- Volunteering opportunities that support habitat creation and woodland management
- Environmental education, promoting understanding and enjoyment of nature
- Mental wellbeing benefits through access to a natural, tranquil environment

Please provide any further information to support your nomination:

- The woodland is highly valued by the local community, with visitors describing it as a “wonderland,” particularly popular with families and grandchildren.
- There are no known legal restrictions, covenants, or development plans affecting community use of the woodland.
- Evidence of community engagement and activity can be seen via the following links:
 - [Woodland Lanterns](#)
 - [Saxilby Community Wood](#)

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