

UKFS Checker

1. USER INFORMATION			
Owner			
Property			
Region / Country			
Woodland Area Assessed			ha
Area Mapped			ha
Woodland Advisor			
Date (dd/mm/yyyy)			
2. GENERAL FORESTRY PRACTICE			
2a. Have you considered how to maintain or enhance the productivity of your woodland in terms of wood and non-wood forest products and services?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
2b. Have you planned for pests and diseases , considering potential risks, setting out a monitoring schedule, and detailing measures to combat these risks?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
2c. When planning forest operations in your woodland, do you always consider safety and potential environmental impacts, and plan operations accordingly?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
2d. Have you assessed the diversity of your woodland, and will you take opportunities to increase the diversity when they arise?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
3. FORESTS AND BIODIVERSITY			
3a. Have you carried out a survey of your woodland to assess its biodiversity ?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
3b. Are you aware of priority habitats and species locally and in your woodland, and do you plan forest operations accordingly?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
3c. Do you leave deadwood , both on the ground and standing, to provide habitat for specialist fungi, flora and fauna?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
3d. Do you actively manage open space, scrub and edge habitats in your woodland, and take opportunities to enhance or expand them when possible?	YES	PARTIAL	NO



4. FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

4a. Have you considered your woodland's potential to contribute to climate change mitigation through the net capture and storage of carbon?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
4b. Have you considered how your woodland could sequester increased amounts of carbon through the harvesting and sale of forest products for construction and other long-lasting uses?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
4c. Have you considered how forest operations could affect the carbon storage potential of the forest ecosystem , and planned to avoid losses or ways of increasing storage?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
4d. Have you considered ways to increase species and genetic diversity of trees and shrubs in your woodland, aiming to ensure that no more than 65% of the area is allocated to a single species?	YES	PARTIAL	NO



5. FORESTS AND HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT

5a. Have you carried out a survey to identify any features of historic interest in your woodland and acted to ensure all known heritage features are recorded and protected from damage?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
5b. Do you always consult with the historic environment authority in your area when planning any forest operations that could damage or disturb Scheduled Monuments , where appropriate?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
5c. Have you considered the historic context of the landscape around your woodland and accounted for it when making woodland management decisions?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
5d: Have you considered enhancing woodland heritage features, protecting existing resources and creating future resources?	YES	PARTIAL	NO



6. FORESTS AND LANDSCAPE

6a. Have you considered your woodland in the context of the landscape around it, and is woodland management planned with the wider landscape in mind?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
6b. Have you considered the visual sensitivity of the landscape around your woodland, and do you plan potentially impactful forest operations accordingly?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
6c. Are you aware of forest design principles , and do you take these into account when planning forest operations that have the potential for landscape impact?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
6d. Have you assessed your woodland for features that give it a unique spirit of place , and considered how through woodland management you could conserve and emphasise them?	YES	PARTIAL	NO



7. FORESTS AND PEOPLE

7a. When making woodland management decisions or planning and carrying out forest operations, do you engage with stakeholders and take into account their views, modifying your plans where appropriate?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
7b. Have you considered permitting or increasing public access to your woodland, whether or not there are any legal rights of way present?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
7c. Do you monitor for vandalism and anti-social behaviour , and act promptly to deal with problems when they occur?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
7d. Have you considered the potential for your woodland to generate income , whether from the sale of timber products or through another form of business activity?	YES	PARTIAL	NO



8. FORESTS AND SOIL

8a. Do you know the soil types and their properties in your woodland, and consider how to protect soils during forest operations?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
8b. Do you plan and manage forest operations to avoid soil contamination ?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
8c. Do you plan and manage forest operations to minimise soil compaction ?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
8d. Have you considered the possibility that woodland management decisions could exacerbate soil erosion , either within or outside your woodland, and do you take steps to minimise it?	YES	PARTIAL	NO



9. FORESTS AND WATER

9a. Have you considered how changes to rainfall due to climate change could impact your woodland, and taken these into account in your planning?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
9b. Have you identified all watercourses, water bodies, wetlands and flushes, and where appropriate, maintain buffer areas	YES	PARTIAL	NO
9c. Do you minimise the use of pesticides in your woodland management?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
9d. Have you identified all riparian zones within your woodland and adjoining areas, and where present ensure they are managed sensitively?	YES	PARTIAL	NO



10. FOREST PLANNING

10a. Does the woodland have a management plan based on the UK Forestry Standard?	YES	PARTIAL	NO
10b. Has the management plan been checked and approved by a relevant authority where appropriate?	YES	PARTIAL	NO



11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional)

