

The WSR is a short set of questions to help introduce and communicate important elements of the UK Forestry Standard. It aims to assess the level of activity in woodland and helps identify actions to improve woodland condition. The assessment is on the entire woodland property and will be entered into the *myForest* account, where there is additional information on the scheme and the UKFS. The property owner/manager can choose to carry out as many assessments as they wish on their *myForest* account and can download a certificate each time to help chart their progress.

PROPERTY NAME:

Please **circle** one answer per question

General Forestry Practice			
Do felling & thinning operations comply with the Forestry Commission Felling Regulations?	YES	/	NO
Is there a Pests & Diseases plan in place that identifies the potential risks, sets out a monitoring schedule and details measures to combat these risks?	YES	PLANNED	NO
Is there a control programme for voles, deer, rabbits, hares and grey squirrels?	YES	PLANNED	NO
Is the use of pesticides and fertilisers minimised where possible?	YES	/	NO
Forests & Biodiversity			
Has advice been sought from the Forestry Commission or a nature conservation agency regarding priority habitats and priority species?	YES	/	NO
Have opportunities for enhancing habitats in the woodland been identified and acted upon?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Does ecological management consider the wider landscape (e.g. how the woodland relates to and connects with other habitats)?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Have areas for minimal intervention been identified that will deliver specific habitat objectives?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Is there a veteran tree plan in place (e.g. managing veteran existing trees, suitable replacement individuals have been identified)?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Are suitable quantities and dimensions of deadwood left in place deliberately for habitat purposes?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Are areas of partial tree or shrub cover created and maintained to encourage diversity of woodland structure?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Is there a policy for invasive species control?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Climate Change			
Has an assessment been carried out to estimate the annual sustainable yield potential in the woodland? ¹	YES	PLANNED	NO
Based on the sustainable yield potential assessment, what proportion of the yield is harvested currently from the woodland?	100-67%	66-34%	33-0%
Has a review of species suitability and diversity been conducted as part of the management strategy?	YES	PLANNED	NO
¹ Forest management should contribute to climate change mitigation over the long term through the net capture and storage of carbon in the forest ecosystem and in wood products.			

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Historic Environment			
Are all historic features (e.g. scheduled ancient monuments) identified and protected in the woodland?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Are all people working in the woodland aware of the historic features and protect them accordingly?	YES		NO
Landscape			
Is the woodland managed with the wider landscape in mind?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
People			
Has the local community been encouraged to engage actively with the woodland?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Are all woodland workers suitably trained and do they operate in compliance with guidance from the Health and Safety Executive?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Does the woodland support local enterprises (e.g. using forestry contractors, local woodsman, selling wood products)?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Is public access provided to the woodland that is additional to that required by statute (e.g. permissive paths)?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Are all public access routes inspected regularly to identify hazards and minimise risks?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Soil			
Have the soil properties been assessed in the woodland?	YES		NO
Are all woodland operations carried out in a manner that minimises soil disturbance?	YES		NO
Water			
Is there a suitable handling and storage policy for fuels, oils and other polluting substances in the woodland?	YES		NO
Have all opportunities to restore forest wetlands and to increase flood storage been assessed?	YES	PLANNED	NO
Has consideration been given to woodland riparian areas and have buffer areas been identified and established where appropriate? ²	YES	PLANNED	NO
² If the woodland has been surveyed and no riparian areas on the woodland property have been identified then please answer YES to this question.			
Management Plan			
Does the woodland have a management plan that is compliant with the <i>UK Forestry Standard</i> ?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO
Has the management plan been approved officially by the Forestry Commission?	YES	IN PROCESS	NO

Woodland Advisor (BLOCK CAPITALS):Date: