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## Stakeholder Report template example

Use this template to list stakeholders in a woodland and indicate how the plan should deal with them. The table can be adapted to suit the circumstances if necessary. For example, you may wish to merge cells, delete or add more rows. Explanatory text can be added below if necessary.

The completed template should be uploaded to the BWW Foundation Plan.

<b>BWW plan ref. No:</b> 6446	<b>Woodland name:</b> Coed Hypothetical	<b>Date:</b> 29/8/06
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Stakeholder	No involvement	Information	Consultation	Participation	Comments (Briefly explain who the stakeholder is, and why the proposed level of involvement is appropriate)
Mrs Jones		Notify by letter three weeks before starting any harvesting	Informal discussion about harvesting operations while preparing plan		Mrs. Jones lives in Swamp Cottage below the woodland; her water supply comes from a stream within the woodland. She will need to be notified before harvesting begins.

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Walkers		Sign on gates to notify of restrictions to access during harvesting			General public using ROW
Thomas family	No involvement necessary				Shared access track (will not be affected by harvesting access)
The Somewhere Wildlife Trust		Will treat as consultee on plan (non-compulsory responder), and seek advice on managing pond next to shared boundary. Landowner is willing to discuss joining up paths / routes with paths on the adjoining property.			Own adjoining woodland and are keen to promote access / interpretation. Landowner has good relationship & collaborates on guided walks etc.

## Public access statement

Use this space to indicate how the woodland will comply with the BWW public access requirements. This should include a brief description of:

- any existing public access (including Rights of Way and / or permissive access)
- any additional access provision which may form part of the management plan
- exemptions to the permissive access requirements relevant to the woodland (where applicable)

There is a presumption that some form of public access on foot will be permitted in the woodland. In most cases this will not require new facilities to be built, and the requirement will often be satisfied by existing Rights of Way. For further details, refer to the BWW document “Approach to Social Issues”.

### Public access statement:

#### **Example one:**

A public footpath runs the length of the woodland along the main forest road. This is well used. There is additional permissive access along an old skidder track; this is marked with “Walkers Welcome” signs. The landowner is happy to continue this arrangement, subject to the initial agreement that he may take steps to prevent the path becoming another Right of Way.

The landowner will reserve the right to suspend permissive access during forest operations.

Informal access is allowed (but not promoted) throughout the woodland. Forest roads and rough tracks are used by local people for dog walking etc. The landowner does not wish to “formalise” this arrangement. He is willing to collaborate with the Wildlife Trust, which own the adjacent woodland, with a view to joining up paths, thus providing longer walking routes.

#### **Example two:**

The woodland meets two of the criteria for exemption from the permissive access requirement: woods under 10 ha with a high private amenity value, and areas that adjoin dwellings or private gardens.

The wood is 4.5 ha and adjoins the owner’s private garden. It is used by the owner for private recreation (particularly horse riding). There is no available public access route across neighbouring land; routing access via the forest access road would involve people walking through the owner’s garden. There is already good public access to woodlands in the area (notably throughout the FE woodland 500m away). There is no demand locally for access to this woodland.