JIGSAW MONITORING SHEET

Your new woodland planted under 'JIGSAW' was designed to link or enlarge woods and areas of semi-natural habitat, to give benefits for wildlife by reducing fragmentation of populations. As the habitat develops these new woods will become suitable for wildlife to use.

It is a very good opportunity for us all to monitor how these new woods develop as suitable habitat. As you are probably in the best position to notice the changes we would welcome feedback which can be shared with others. Because woodland develops differently in different parts of the area, it is difficult to devise a simple questionnaire which can be easily used but we hope you can use this one.

We would welcome annual feedback. Please write comments rather than yes/no answers where the space is provided to do so.

Owner's name:	
Name of wood:	**Grid Ref:**

1. How was your woodland established?

Planted in tubes ☐   Planted within fencing ☐   Natural colonisation ☐   Natural & Planted ☐

2. Are any species doing better than others?

Which are doing better than others?

Which are doing worse than others?

2. What is the growth like in your woodland?

Very Good Over 80% growing well	☐	When were the trees planted?			
		Average height of the trees?			
Good 60 to 80% growing well	☐	Has the wood developed from only naturally seeded trees?			
Patchy Some areas growing well but large areas not	☐	How much of the woodland includes naturally seeded trees/shrubs along with planted trees?	50 - 100% ☐	25-50% ☐	<25% ☐
Poor Generally poor throughout	☐	Comments:			

If patchy or poor do you have any suggestions why?

Drought	☐	Weed competition	☐	Defoliation	☐	Vandalism	☐
Compaction	☐	Browsing	☐	Drainage	☐		☐

3. Which species are flowering or fruiting in your new wood?

Species		Species		Species		Species		Species	
Ash	☐	Field Maple	☐	Spindle tree	☐	Bramble	☐	Violet	☐
Oak	☐		☐	Hazel	☐	Honeysuckle	☐	Vetch	☐
Sycamore	☐		☐	Hawthorn	☐		☐	Foxglove	☐
Birch	☐		☐	Wayfarer Tree	☐		☐	Primrose	☐
Beech	☐		☐	Blackthorn	☐		☐	Bluebell	☐
Scots Pine	☐	Crab Apple	☐	Guelder Rose	☐		☐	Nettle	☐

4. Has the canopy closed anywhere in your woodland?

100%	☐		Only some tree types have closed canopy so far	☐
Up to 50%	☐		Gaps in the canopy will be retained for added variety	☐
Up to 33%	☐		Gaps in the canopy will be replanted	☐
None	☐			☐

5. Was open ground laid out in the original planting design?

None	☐		Are you managing the open areas annually	☐
Up to 10%	☐		Are you managing the open areas more regularly	☐
Up to 20%	☐		Do the open areas include water features (streams,ponds)	☐
Above 20%	☐			☐

5. What birds are nesting in and using your new wood?

Bird				Bird				Bird			
Blackbird	☐	Nest	☐	Goldfinch	☐	Nest?	☐	Owl	☐		
Yellow Hammer	☐	Nest	☐	Bull Finch	☐	Nest?	☐	Kestrel	☐		
Linnet	☐	Nest	☐	Chaffinch	☐	Nest?	☐	Sparrow Hawk	☐		
Skylark	☐	Nest	☐	Mistle Thrush	☐	Nest?	☐	Green Woodpecker	☐		
Sparrow	☐	Nest	☐	Song Thrush	☐	Nest?	☐	Buzzard	☐		
Dunnock	☐	Nest	☐	Water Fowl	☐	Nest?	☐	Starling	☐	Roost	☐

Others:

6. Have you seen any woodland animals using the area?					
Red squirrel	☐	Dormice	☐	Wood Mouse	☐
Wood Cricket	☐	Newt	☐		☐

7. Are butterflies using your wood	Throughout	On the edges	Along rides
What species have you seen?			
Are other insects using your wood?			
Have you seen any unexpected flowers?			

Other observations:

Date