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### **Community Asset Transfer Carron Valley**

We write in support of this proposal for a community woodland in Carron Valley. Our community is widely dispersed with no community hall, church, shop, pub, public transport etc. The woodland project will provide a much needed community focus and will greatly enhance and supplement the forest landscape which provides very welcome recreational compensation for the lack of other facilities. We are very familiar with the community woodland in Gordon in the Borders which has been greatly appreciated by that community and is well used. There is a real opportunity too for increasing the diversity of flora and fauna of the area and increasing visitor numbers to the area. The Carron Valley with its very attractive landscape features is not as widely known as it should be and would benefit both economically and socially from such a development as this. There has also been recently a Heritage Lottery funded archaeological investigation of the historic sites of Kirk o' Muir and de Graham's castle and there is an opportunity here for a heritage trail which links your policies, the community woodland, the Duncarron Fort and the reservoir into a formidable visitor attraction. We urge you to help realise these aspirations which can only complement your own stewardship of the area.

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