



Glenny Wood Report - October 2024

This is a report to update Trustees on the activity at Glenny Wood for 2024. Full information on the Site and what has been taking place can be found on the website and specifically in the news sections - <https://glennywood.org.uk/index.html>

1 – Issues to concern Trustees – there have been no significant issues at Glenny Wood so far this year. Minor issues continue of site users not tidying up / cleaning up after them and showing a lack of respect for the site.

2 – Finance / Insurance – Financially the site is sound and income, both from District and other site users cover expenditure. Assuming the same levels of income over the next 12 months I do not see this situation causing a concern.

The insurance has been renewed and I have replied to Unity, TSA insurance agents, to take up their offer of getting the site valued to ensure we are not under insured. I am currently awaiting Unity to progress this.

Our biggest Financial risk is in Tree Management, due to the cost of tree works because of Ash Dieback and the age of some of the trees. This I see being managed in our 2025 budget as above.

3 – Site usage – the numbers look similar to last year, circa 5500 visits. I hope to undertake a 2024 usage analysis and provide this detail to the January Trustees meeting.

4 – Risk Management on site. – Risk assessments have been checked and revised recently and cover the main areas – Whole Site / Camping / Lodge / Car Park / Toilets & Showers / LPG on site.

Draft risk assessments are available for users to review and amend, to meet the sections requirements safety.

5 – Trees – key area of risk covered in 2 & 4 above. - Professional tree Inspection has been undertaken in August by O Frost Arboriculture specialist in tree and forestry consultancy. This will result in 8 Trees Felled, and 6 trees to Pollard. The Planning permission request has been submitted due to our TPO status.

I also undertake Quarterly inspection and after a very bad storm either a team member or I check the site.

The risk therefore I feel is being reasonably managed and all factors taken into account and our professional's advice is being followed.

Proactive tree management - in January 24 we planted 14 mature 6 foot trees, more than were felled last year and 2025 will see similar activity I am sure.

6 – Activity Provision - Currently we have 30 Activities available on site along with 3 campfires. This year we have added in the boundary trail and treasure hunt, along with totally revamping the squirrel trail. In addition, we have added a new campfire called Maple.

7 – Other key actions - We have created a composting area, cleared the capped mine working area and starting to build historical interest structures (to ensure no one can go on the capped area, it is safe, and create some interest in the site history), built a bug hotel,

replaced the hot water cylinder in the loos, upgraded the Veranda and replaced the wetlands bridge. Clearance work for areas at the very far end of the site have commenced, to create a wild camping, bivy / hammock area.

And then there's maintenance which is significant, as is grass cutting and a mega amount of strimming, by Mark who we sub contract in twice monthly.

<https://glennywood.org.uk/home/information/> gives a good insight to what physically managing the site means.

All Annual Checks / Servicing have been completed with no issues

8 - Glenny Team - The small Glenny team of Angus, Jill, Andy, Phil S, Tony, Alison (Bookings) and myself are always kept busy on Wednesday workdays and many other hours, behind the scenes to keep the site, legal, risk, finance and bookings on an even keel.

9 – Looking ahead - The plan has been updated and the long term and short-term actions are combined so we ensure these are undertaken and to best advantage within the team. A copy of the long term plan is attached to the covering email.

So that's a reasonably short summary of Glenny Wood, which I hope you found interesting. For my report section on the agenda, I will assume you have read the report and I am happy therefore to take questions or points of clarification.

Phil Woolcock
17th October 2024.