



Glenny Wood Report – January 2025

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 – as reported previously there have been no significant issues at Glenny Wood.

2 – Finance / Insurance – Income and expenditure has been reasonable during 2024 and not above expectation. Significant expenditure in November / December for major works undertaken with drainage, stream, wetlands and loos.

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. Tree works commences on the 10th March. The cost will be £3240, which is in the 2025 Financial plan. Although I expect to reduce this bill as we will be selling wood back to the tree surgeon.

3 – Site usage – I have just completed an analysis of the figures for last year. The overall usage is up by 11 percent to 6343 visitors. 73 percent of these visitors were from Gordano. The usage of activities booked has fallen, which we hope will improve as the 60th Anniversary challenge is taken up. Copy of the analysis at Annex A below.

4 – Site Management – From January there is a change to the way the site is managed. Angus Wardle, who has been assisting on site / leading in my absence since January 2018, will take over the significant task of managing the day to day site maintenance and project implementation, sub-contractors, and meeting the overall site plan. Basically Angus is in charge of all the physical site works. Phil Savage has been our Finance Manager for a couple of years and will now combine this with undertaking all the admin needed for the site along with arranging the annual safety checks, the site shop and badges. This allows me time for looking at the overall site development, making best use of Glenny Wood, Woodland management, Bookings, Communications and Funding.

5 – Site Works – over the past few months the team have been very busy maintaining the site and dealing with the challenges the weather has caused. We have had to clear a couple of trees from the land as you enter and above the loos, deal with numerous branches that have fallen. Just the joys of managing a woodland site!
The massive wood pile near the tree walk has been completely cleared which is a significant achievement. Wood has been burnt and much has been used to restock the wood pile and create a new kindling area. We still have many years wood supply on site
The new campfire Maple had a make over with replacement logs in for seating and new floor coverings which we hope will keep the bracken at bay.
Two other big tasks were the renewal of the drainage piping for the lodge and the rerouting of the stream.

Of course, there have been many other smaller tasks completed.

All the details and pictures Maintenance / Project works are at -

<https://glennywood.org.uk/home/information/>

6 – Looking ahead

- 60th Anniversary of Glenny Wood is coming up. We now have the badges for each Group for their members shirts and the Anniversary challenge badge is being launched. Full information - <https://glennywood.org.uk/home/60th-anniversary>
- Tree Planting – We are in the process of sourcing around 30 trees to plant, some due to planning, some due to our policy of improving the numbers of trees on site and ensuring the future of the site. We have also applied for 10 Apple Trees from Thatcher’s and 420 saplings from The Woodland Trust. We await the outcome of the applications.
- Highlands. A wild Camping and Backwoods adventure area is being created with two plateaus. The aim is to have this up and running for April, so lots of work needed, installing a loo facility, wood piles, hammocks etc... Full details - <https://glennywood.org.uk/home/the-site-1/highlands-wild-camping>
- We are also looking to make changes to the Grass Sledge area with a storage hut beside of it and an all weather running surface.
- The planning works for the lodge changes trundles along. An Arboriculture specialist report is being undertaken in February and that I hope is the last piece of the planning jigsaw to enable our planning consultant to make the application. This is for 5 accommodation cabins and a loo block. This will be above the lodge to sleep around 35-40. A design impression is below, Annex B. Then it’s the funding challenge probably via National Lottery and local sources.

7 – Bookings – Unfortunately our booking Secretary Alison has not been well, so I have been looking after the bookings for the past 3 months. I hope Alison will be back with us soon.

So that’s a summary of Glenny Wood, October 24 to January 25, 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
14th January 2025

Annex A – usage Stats

Glenny Wood Scout Campsite										
Site Usage Numbers 2024										
	Total Numbers		Total Camping		Total Visit Numbers		Gordano Only		Gordano Only	
	Visitors	No of Visits	Campers	No of camps	Visitors	No of Visits	Campers	Number	Visitors	Numbers
January	147	6	18	1	129	5	18	1	129	5
February	191	6	76	2	115	4	56	1	21	1
March	641	24	99	5	542	19	69	3	491	17
April	565	19	140	5	425	14	70	1	345	12
May	885	33	162	7	723	26	69	3	712	25
June	825	25	337	6	488	19	30	1	405	16
July	1274	37	405	8	869	29	0	0	755	24
August	124	4	107	3	17	1	70	1	0	0
September	729	26	215	6	514	20	75	1	449	17
October	437	18	90	4	347	14	4	1	308	12
November	436	13	37	1	399	12	37	1	399	12
December	89	3	0	0	89	3	0	0	89	3
Totals	6343	214	1686	48	4657	166	498	14	4103	144

Overall
 214 Visits / Camps
 6343 Visitors / Campers

Camping Totals
 48 Camps
 1686 Campers

Visits Totals
 166 Visits
 4657 Visitors

Gordano Camps
 14 Camps
 498 Campers

Gordano Visits
 144 Visits
 4103 Visitors

Glenny Wood Scout Campsite																		
Site Usage 2022 - 2023 - 2024																		
	Total Numbers					Total Camping Numbers					Total Visit Numbers							
	Site users 2022	Site users 2023	Site users 2024	No of Visits / Camps 2022	No of Visits / Camps 2023	No of Visits / Camps 2024	Campers 2022	Campers 2023	Campers 2024	Camps Held 2022	Camps Held 2023	Camps Held 2024	Visitors 2022	Visitors 2023	Visitors 2024	Visits 2022	Visits 2023	Visits 2024
January	163	67	147	8	3	6	43	0	18	2	0	1	120	67	129	4	3	5
February	169	248	191	7	10	6	36	40	76	1	2	2	133	199	115	6	8	4
March	403	657	641	15	25	24	85	123	99	4	5	5	318	534	542	11	20	19
April	410	339	585	16	14	19	142	154	140	6	4	5	268	185	425	10	10	14
May	725	899	885	20	22	33	146	142	162	3	9	7	580	667	713	17	23	26
June	808	714	825	26	23	25	225	226	337	6	7	6	583	488	488	20	16	19
July	871	1031	1274	30	34	37	336	166	405	11	7	8	535	865	869	19	27	29
August	81	107	124	5	6	4	48	55	107	3	3	3	39	52	17	2	3	1
September	329	703	729	12	20	26	83	253	215	3	6	6	246	450	514	9	14	20
October	739	679	437	25	26	18	229	95	90	5	5	4	510	584	347	20	21	14
November	257	363	436	10	15	13	40	19	37	1	1	1	217	344	399	9	14	12
December	70	20	89	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	20	89	3	1	3
Totals	5026	5737	6343	175	209	214	1413	1282	1686	45	49	48	3613	4455	4657	130	160	166

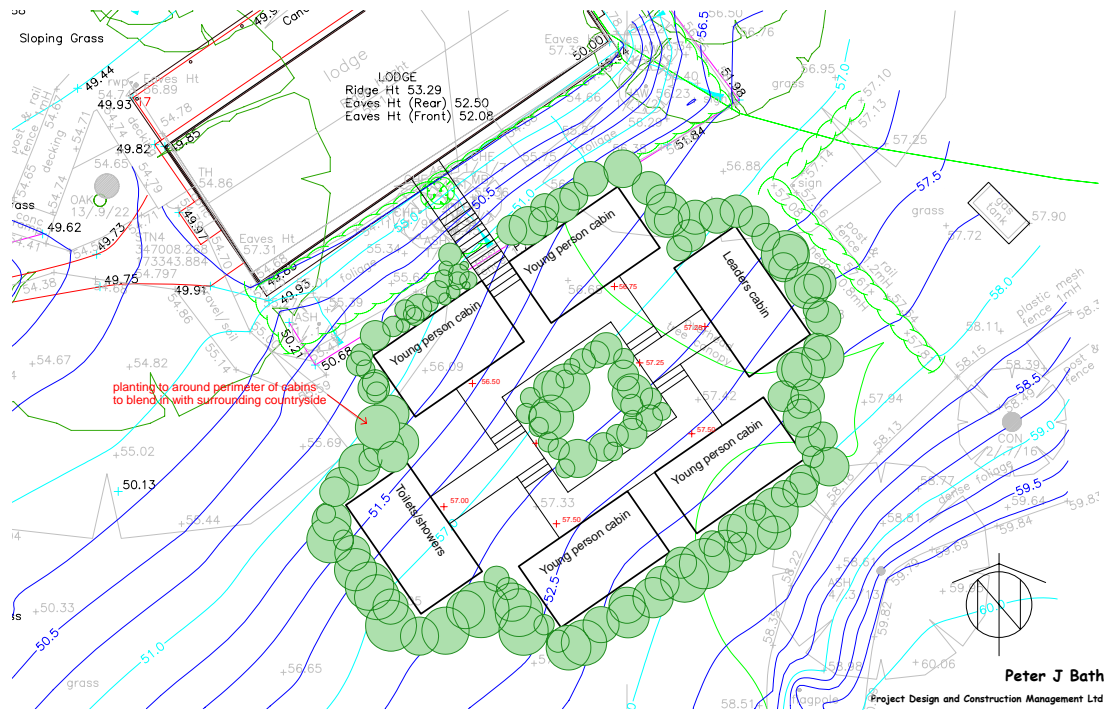
	Gordano Only					Gordano Only					Year on Year Increase / decreases	
	Campers 2022	Campers 2023	Campers 2024	Camps Held 2022	Camps Held 2023	Camps Held 2024	Visitors 2022	Visitors 2023	Visitors 2024	Visits 2022		Visits 2023
January	25	0	18	1	0	1	120	47	129	4	2	5
February	0	29	56	0	1	1	72	165	21	3	6	1
March	55	35	69	3	2	3	254	454	491	9	17	17
April	27	0	70	1	0	1	228	167	345	9	9	12
May	46	26	69	2	2	3	580	613	712	18	20	25
June	42	80	30	2	1	1	404	471	405	15	15	16
July	90	78	0	3	2	0	438	759	755	15	22	24
August	0	14	70	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	46	70	75	1	1	1	246	340	469	9	12	17
October	39	59	4	1	2	1	381	424	308	14	14	12
November	0	19	37	0	1	1	210	300	399	8	6	12
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	89	1	0	3
Totals	370	410	498	14	15	14	2958	3630	4103	105	123	144

	Year on Year Increase / decreases			
	2022 v 23	2023 v 24	2022 v 23	2023 v 24
Overall	711	606	24	5
Campers	111	404	4	1
Visitors	842	202	30	6
Gordano Campers	60	69	1	1
Gordano Visits	672	473	18	21

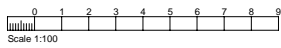
Percentage Gordano Usage Overall	2022	2023	2024
		66%	70%

Area	Activity	Usage* 2023	Usage* 2024
Activities	Confidence Course & Tree Walk	60	45
Activities	Altar Fires	31	42
Activities	Tunnels	53	33
Activities	Bouldering Wall	48	31
Activities	Grass Sledges	53	30
Activities	Peddle Karts	29	16
Activities	Big Games	30	12
Activities	Aerial Runway	15	12
Activities	Snookball	31	10
Activities	Table Tennis	8	8
Activities	Pioneering Poles and Rope	12	6
Activities	Wetlands - Pond Dipping	12	6
Activities	Tug of war - 4 way	8	6
Activities	Darts	9	5
Camp Fire	Camp Fire - Holly	103	76
Camp Fire	Camp Fire - Rowan	19	24
Camp Fire	Maple Camp Fire	0	2
Phone	Secure Mobile Phone charging box	5	4
Skills for Life	Ballista	4	16
Skills for Life	Shelter building info and kit	12	13
Skills for Life	Bug hunt/Mini Beasts	6	5
Skills for Life	Mini Pioneering	6	5
Skills for Life	Tracking	4	5
Skills for Life	Field Studies Activities, Sensory activities, Fire Skills	5	4
Skills for Life	Morse code	4	4
Skills for Life	Radio Active Logs	8	3
Skills for Life	Sheep Penning	7	3
Skills for Life	Flag Semaphore info and kit	4	2
Skills for Life	Six Knots	4	1
Trail	Squirrel Trail	31	24
Trail	Treasure Hunt	0	9
Trail	Boundary Trail	0	6

Annex B - Lodge design impressions



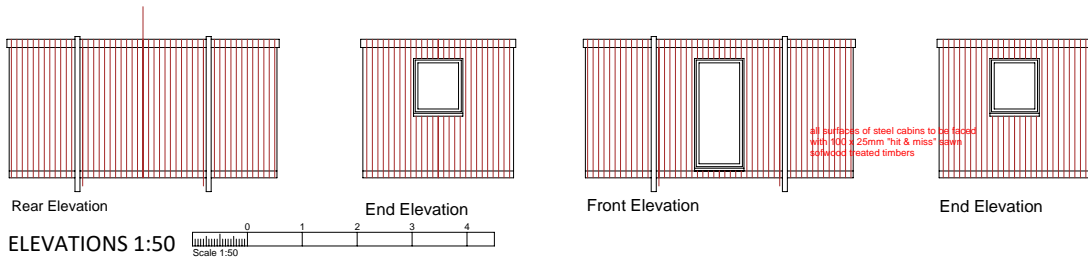
SITE PLAN - Scale 1:100



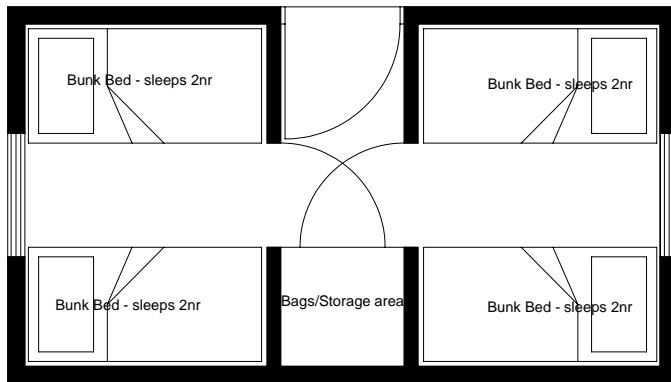
Proposed new cabins for overnight accommodation for young persons at Glenny Wood Camp Site, Wood Lane, Clapton-in-Gordano, BS20 7RQ

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ELEVATIONS 1:50



FLOOR PLAN 1:20

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