

## WIAT Woodland Management Standard

Woods should be **safe and welcoming to all**. The **standard** can be broken down into a number of criteria. FCS may choose to visit woods, however, an applicant is responsible for providing evidence that these criteria are being met.

Criteria	Standard	Example of suitable Evidence
<b>Welcoming</b>		
Community perception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overall impression should be positive and inviting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback reports / surveys of local community organisations / community council and/or users</li> </ul>
Healthy, safe and secure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilities must be safe to use.</li> <li>Personal security issues actively addressed.</li> <li>Management of anti-social behaviour.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facility inspection and monitoring strategy</li> <li>Incident report</li> </ul>
Clean and well maintained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active management of litter and fly-tipping issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of litter / fly tipping approach e.g. inspection regime</li> <li>Incident report</li> </ul>
<b>Active management</b>		
Forest Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard and its associated guidelines.</li> <li>Current FP actively implemented.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved Forest Plan</li> <li>Agreed scheduled of works and annual report of activity</li> </ul>
Management operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivered in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard and its associated guidelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed scheduled of works and annual report of activity</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting access</b>		
Accessible woodland	Woodland access components must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly defined and accessible entrance(s).</li> <li>Useable path(s) / track(s) /</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Site interpretation plan</li> <li>Inspection and maintenance reports</li> </ul>

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	amenity spaces.	
<b>Community Engagement</b>		
Involving local people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of periodic community involvement in management and access decisions (over and above management plan consultation process).</li> <li>• Facilitation of periodic events/activities involving local community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary reports and feedback / surveys of local community</li> </ul>

**Note:** if the woodland has an approved Forest Plan and evidence is provided that it is being managed according to a recognised Quality Standard (e.g. Green Flag) then FCS will not require the above evidence.