

Neighbourhood Area: South

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**Monday 15 December 2014 at
Netherwood Green Woodland area**

Resident feedback

During December, the South neighbourhood team consulted with the users and nearby residents of the woodland area by Netherwood Green to see how they used the area, any issues and any improvements they would like to see. This was with a view to putting together a funding application.

Respondents

We had 47 responses to the consultation from the drop-in session and online survey. These came from residents living on both the Long John Hill and Bracondale sides of the woods, as well as a few from further afield.

There was a fairly even split with how often residents used the woodland, with most either using it once a week or more, or once a month or less.

Use & views of the area

The area is most used for walking and leisure, with the woodland being the most important part of the area, followed by the open spaces. A number of people commented that the wildlife / bird watching was an important part of the area.

Just over half of respondents said there was something about the area they disliked including:

Overgrown, litter / fly-tipping, dog fouling, some areas of the woodland were inaccessible, antisocial behaviour – or perception that it may occur, and lack of diversity of species.

Many wanted the area to retain its natural and wild feel, yet see more resources available for it to be managed more effectively including reducing rubbish and encouraging wildlife.

People were keen to see improvements to the footpaths, have some waymarks/nature signs, natural seating, develop one or two accessible routes, community involvement in the area, cutting back overgrown areas, projects to reduce fly-tipping, littering and dog fouling.

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Using this feedback from residents, we will put together project plans and seek opportunities to obtain funding to take some of the suggested improvements forward. We will keep residents who responded to the survey updated with any progress and promote ways in which you can get involved, subject to funding being available.

We will be monitoring the area for fly-tipping to get a better understanding of how often this happens.

Many thanks to all those residents who took part in the survey.

We hope you found this report interesting. To see the programme of when and where we will be for the next three months visit www.norwich.gov.uk and go the Walkabouts page of the A to Z. All residents are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

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