

South Lakeland District Council - Asset of Community Value Nomination Form

Before completing this form please read the material at www.southlakeland.gov.uk

Section A – Organisation

Name of organisation	Colton Parish Council
Address (including postcode)	[REDACTED]
Contact (name)	[REDACTED]
Position in organisation	Clerk to Parish Council
Address of contact (including postcode)	[REDACTED]
Telephone no.	[REDACTED]
Email address	clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Type of organisation

Description	Applying as:	Registration no. of charity and/or company (if applicable)
Neighbourhood forum (as defined by in Localism Act)	✓	
Parish Council	✓	
Charity		
Community interest group		
Unincorporated body		
Company limited by guarantee		
Industrial and provident society		

A1. Local Connection

Your organisation must have a local connection, which means that its activities are wholly or partially concerned with the administrative area of South Lakeland District Council or neighbouring authority.

Colton Parish Council

A2. Number of members registered to vote locally (unincorporated bodies only)

In the case of unincorporated bodies at least 21 of the members must be registered to vote locally. If they are registered to vote in a neighbouring local authority please indicate where.

602 registered voters in Colton Parish

A3. Distribution of surplus funds (certain types of organisations – see below)

If your organisation is an unincorporated body, a company limited by guarantee, or an industrial and provident society, its rules must provide that any surplus funds are not distributed to members. Surplus funds must be applied in part or whole for the benefit of the local area. If relevant, please confirm that this is the case.

N/A

A4. Your organisations rules: Please send us the relevant type of document for your organisation and indicate which it is:

	Please tick:
Memorandum and Articles of Association (for a company)	
Trust Deed (for a trust)	
Constitution and/or rules (for other organisations)	Standing Orders (as a Parish Council)

Section B – Information on the nomination

What is being nominated	Semi-ancient natural woodland
Name of the premises/land	Stony Hazel Wood
Address (including postcode)	Rusland Ulverston LA12 8JZ

B1. The nomination form **must** include a map, which clearly states the boundaries of the premises or land that you are nominating. Please include with the nomination form.

B2. Owners and other with interests in the building or land:

	Name(s)	Address(es)
Current occupants		
Current or last known details of those owning the freehold of the land	Lake District National Park Authority	Murley Moss Oxenholme Road Kendal LA1 7RL
Current or last known details of those having a leasehold interest in the land	N/A	*to the knowledge of the Parish Council

B3. Why do you think the building or land is of community value?

Does this use further the social well-being and social interest of the community?	Stony Hazel woodland is used extensively by local people and visitors on a regular basis as a beautiful semi-ancient woodland suitable for exercise and relaxation.
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<p>Include information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current level of use and who uses it • any used by particular communities of interest or need 	<p>As well as containing important industrial archaeological heritage the wood is managed for biodiversity with traditional woodland skills such as coppicing.</p> <p>It features on one of the joint Rusland Horizons/Lake District National Park greenwoods trails aimed to support open and safe access for all.</p> <p>In the past few years, in addition to general recreational walkers the wood has been used by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Orienteering groups (events and training by Lakeland Orienteering Club) 2. Walking groups (Ulverston Walkfest, Ulverston U3A) 3 The Rusland Horizons Trust for education and outreach activity including ecotherapy and dawn Chorus walks) 4. Search/Rescue dog training sessions 5. Rookhow charitable organisations activities 6. National Trust – for a team volunteer meeting and walk
<p>What do communities gain from their use of the asset and what would be the impact if it were lost?</p>	<p>Members of the community gain health benefits from outdoor exercise, educationally through Rusland Horizon schemes, and culturally through a shared local resource.</p> <p>Local small businesses in the community gain through woodland management activities and visitor facility.</p> <p>All the above could be badly affected if community access were lost</p>
<p>What is the nature of social well being and social interest which the asset supports?</p> <p>Does the use of the asset do any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce isolation • Address the needs of disadvantage members of the community • Reach vulnerable people • Support community cohesion and involvement • Enable communities to be self supporting • Increase access to positive activities 	<p>There are numerous proven physical and mental health benefits from outdoor exercise for all ages including improving well-being, physical fitness and reducing social isolation.</p> <p>The woods offer a safe place to exercise with a clearly marked footpath for those who are less confident or adventurous in the outdoors.</p> <p>The woods are also adjacent to the Rusland Reading Rooms which has the benefit of offering facilities that make outreach and educational activities accessible to all including those less physically able</p> <p>The woods also bring increased community cohesion and self support as people are able to join the various courses and activities centred on Stony Hazel, particularly by Rusland Horizons, Rookhow and in conjunction with the nearby Rusland Reading Room</p>

Does the community feel strongly that the asset should be retained as a community asset?	Yes as evidenced by the policies adopted in the Colton Parish Community led Plan. Covid has only increased the need for access to the outdoors in a safe and inspiring environment. The ability to access Stony Hazel to walk was much valued during lockdown and restricted movement periods.
Could the asset realistically continue to be used for this or another qualifying community purpose (or could this be achieved within the next five years)?	Yes. The wood can be used in the beneficial ways described indefinitely.

Section C – Submitting this nomination

C1. Please include the following before submitting your application:

- The rules of your organisation
- A map of the nominated building or land

C2. Signature:

[Redacted Signature]	(Clerk, Colton Parish)
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By signing your name (if submitting by post) or typing it (if submitting by email) you are confirming that the contents of this form are correct, to the best of your knowledge.

C3. Where to send this form:

By post to: Partnerships and Organisational Development Team, South Lakeland District Council, South Lakeland House, Lowther Street, Kendal, LA9 4DQ

By email to: policy@southlakeland.gov.uk