

## Quarrington Hill Household survey regarding Kings Wood

### June 2015

Distributed 1 form per household approx. **330**

Number of questionnaires returned **113**

Number who use Kings Wood **102**

Total of numbers per household **277**

#### **Filled forms represent age ranges:-**

0 -11	36
12 - 21	32
22 - 35	44
36 - 50	47
50 +	107
Ages not known	11

This seems to be a reflection of the demography of the village.

#### **Of the people who said they used Kings Wood we asked what was the purpose of their visit?**

Some respondents identified multiple uses.

Walking	79
Dog Walking	59
Cycling	15
Horse riding	0
Other	8

Other reasons given were:-

“voluntary countryside ranger”

“bird and nature watching”

“observing the seasonal changes, identifying trees, flowers etc.”

“ running”

“educating grandchildren”

“harvesting fruit”

**We asked what people liked about the wood.**

Nature / wildlife	36
Quiet/ peaceful	4
Ease of access/easy walking	6
Walking /exercise	12
Scenery / beauty	16
Proximity to village	4
Fruit and nut harvest	2
Fresh air	1
Everything	5
Safe to walk	1
Meeting people	2

**We asked what people would like to change about the wood.**

Nothing	26
Thinning of trees and grass	6
Reduce damage from horses	3
Add litter bins / litter pick	10
Add dog bins/ reduce dog fouling	15
Improve paths	10
Add seating/ picnic area	5
Motorbike ban	3
Bat and bird boxes	1
Educational nature walks	1

**We asked what activities residents would like to see happening.**

Organised walking groups	25
Assisted walking groups for elderly or less able bodied residents	15
Buggy fit for parents/ grandparents with young children	24
Nature walks	31
Other	5

Others were all related to encouraging children to be involved and one offer to run a children's foraging group.

**We asked people if they would be willing to volunteer for a variety of tasks and activities.**

Joining the management committee	19
Helping with routine maintenance/ tasks	20
Taking up training opportunities	16
Helping with fundraising for improvements	23
Joining organised activities	27
Occasional volunteering	31

Total number of Volunteers - 54

### **Ages represented in volunteer households**

<b>0-11</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>12 -21</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>22 -35</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>36 -50</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>50+</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Age not known</b>	<b>2</b>

## **Appendix 1**

### **What do you like about the wood?**

Peaceful and very pretty environment

Serene

Natural state, peaceful walking area

Plants, wildlife and the peace and quiet

Great outdoors

Peaceful and a place to relax, enjoy the wildlife also my children love playing there

It is peaceful and there are lots of birds and wildlife to enjoy

Makes a change from the busy main road, meeting people, centre of pathways to and from other villages, brings interest to the village.

Walking dog

I like the animals and woodland life trees and plants etc.

Close to home, a starting point for walks leading further afield, always something new to see

Peaceful, quiet haven for birds

Landscape, trails, views, easy to walk

Wildlife, quietness

Easy walking, scenery

Peaceful

Peace and quiet, love dog walking

Lovely walks and wildlife

Beautiful place

Nice walks

Everything, seasonal changes especially

Because we like countryside and nature, peaceful

Beautiful trees, birds, the sounds of the wood, size, meeting people on your walks for chats

Quiet countryside, tree lined walks on the village doorstep

Beautiful natural space, great retreat

Lovely peaceful walk

Nature, easy access, great for family walks

It's a great area to walk with family

It has a calming effect. Nature watching. It's a barrier between the village and the tip

Quiet peaceful area

Quiet place to walk and pretty

Peaceful, clean, quiet

Safe to walk with kids away from main road

Too busy to go but it's very pleasant walks

Green open space

Quietness

Wildlife, birds, walks, trees, shrubs, everything

Wildlife/ scenery

Peaceful and pleasant walking

The natural beauty

It's a nice walk to see flowers and the trees

It's nearby and peaceful

Peaceful

Nature

Ideal for walking children and dogs

View

Plants and flowers

Natural beauty

Pleasant

Just a nice walk, lots to see as you go round. See the wildlife

It is very tranquil and easy access

The walking

The quiet

Birds, wildlife, flowers shrubs trees. Peaceful walks

Nice place to walk and relax

Good fro nature

Watching or deer

The trees wildlife, wild flowers

Trees, flowers and wild animals

Peace and quiet

Peaceful

Pleasant to walk through, plenty of variety plants, birds etc

Peace and tranquillity

Easy access

Harvesting the hazelnuts in autumn

The beauty of nature

Scenery, green area

Local green acre site, many varieties of wildlife

We made it, that's why we love it

The appearance

Open spaces

The fresh air and cycling paths

Wildlife, wild flowers, peace and quiet.

Open space

Good for exercise

Lovely clean area to go walking, beautiful views

We love the many varieties of wildlife, birds, pheasant, heron, squirrel, deer etc

All the wildlife in the wood and in autumn abundance of hazel nuts

I find the walk very calming

The walks, the scenery, the wildlife

Watching and listening for wildlife while walking at our own pace

Peace and quiet away from traffic

Good walks

The proximity and availability to walk at leisure

Quiet and full of life

Picturesque

The different plants and trees

Everything

The peace and quiet

Beauty, Nature

Tranquility, Nature

## Appendix 2

### What would you like to see change?

Less rubbish

Nothing it can stay as it is . If idiots would stop littering

More bins for dog muck. Stop motorbikes. Less pathways for horses from crowtrees. Stop flytipping, vandalism, more warning notices, more publicity.

No litter, respect for flora and fauna. Education

Some of the paths widened, grass cut back to allow small wild flowers, nest boxes or bat boxes in the bigger trees

Litter bins as some people disregard nature and litter the woods. More bins for dog faeces

Better black path (smoother for bikes and scooters)

Grass cut

More fruit trees for people to harvest make good use of. No dog excrement – more dog bins/ rubbish bins so people don't litter.

More dog waste bins

More paths and picnic areas

More dog bins and people pickng their dog poo up.

Better walk ways if possible as sometimes a struggle with pushchair

Better and more even paths, more dog waste bins

Seating

More dog owners picking up dog mess

More dog poo bins made available and owners picking up mess

More paths for buggies

Couple of clear areas with seats

Trees and bushes thinned out

Sick of horse riders chewing up the paths, could do with litter bins and dogs should be on a lead

More control on dog fouling

Litter picking

Tidier pathways

Stop the use of motorbikes

Keep rubbish out

Dog fouling, litter

Path edges cleared so you can see further into the trees, less horse muck and churned up paths, more seating. Poop bags discarded on trees

More care of dog owners not clearing up dog dirt

More seating, less trees

Dog fouling, prosecution of motorcycles

Needs tidying up and more walkways

Dog fouling

Additional smaller walking tracks within existing woodland

Clear pathways