



Redgrave Parish Council – Woodland Purchase Consultation

Proposed purchase:

Redgrave Parish Council is considering the acquisition of approximately 1 acre of semi-natural woodland located on Hall Lane, directly opposite the Flat Iron triangle and immediately next to the Green (see attached map). The woodland would be purchased using existing Parish Council reserve funds and held as a long-term community asset for the parish.

Why the Parish Council Is Considering This Purchase

The Parish Council has been offered the opportunity to buy this area of woodland for £20,000. The land is currently unmanaged and at risk of being sold privately. Securing it for the parish would enable the Council to safeguard the woodland, maintain it as a green space, make it accessible for community use, and ensure that any future management reflects local interests. The proposal is to fund the purchase entirely from existing reserves, with no increase to the precept.

The woodland is semi-natural and is expected to require only limited, low-intensity maintenance. The Council anticipates that any routine care would be carried out by local volunteers, as is already the case with other small conservation areas in the parish.

The Parish Council is now seeking residents' views on whether it should proceed with the purchase. Your feedback will help inform the final decision.



1. About You

Are you a resident of Redgrave Parish?

Yes

No

Postcode (optional): _____

2. Your Views on the Proposal

Do you support the Parish Council purchasing the woodland for community use?

Support

Neutral / unsure

Oppose

If you support the proposal, what benefits do you see? (Tick all that apply)

Environmental / biodiversity value

Preservation of local green space

Community access and enjoyment

Heritage or landscape value

Other (please specify): _____

If you have concerns about the proposal, what are they? (Tick all that apply)

Cost of purchase

Ongoing maintenance or management

Limited community benefit

Other (please specify): _____

Do you feel the woodland should be used for any of the following? (Tick all that apply)

Passive recreation (e.g., walking, nature appreciation)

Wildlife habitat management

Community volunteer activities

Educational purposes

No public access; conservation only

Other suggestions: _____

Would you personally be willing to volunteer for occasional maintenance or care of the woodland?

Yes

Possibly

No

3. Any Further Comments

Please provide any additional thoughts or suggestions:

Consultation Status:

This consultation is intended to gather the views of parishioners and help inform the Parish Council's decision. It is not a binding vote. The Parish Council will consider all responses carefully, along with financial, legal and practical factors, before making a final decision.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Your input will help the Council make an informed and balanced decision for the future of the parish.

Name: _____

Email or Phone: _____

Please return the completed survey by Sat 3 Jan 26 either by email to the parish clerk at clerk@redgrave-pc.gov.uk, by mail to the Parish Clerk at Moneypot Hill House, Moneypot Hill, Redgrave, IP22 1SF or dropping it off at the village shop.