



# BSCC woodland management opportunity matrix

Woodland management options	Financial/ personnel effort required	Likelihood of success	Benefits to community
Option one - Let nature take its course	Basic site maintenance of existing woodland - opportunity to involve volunteers	Not much to go wrong	Minimal financial and environmental benefit, better than nothing
Option two - Managed regeneration	Management and cost of contractor	Risk of 'mission creep' putting pressure on budget	Woodland could be 'shaped' according to limits of budget
Option three - Additional acquisition "cut and extract"	Significant expertise would need to be assigned with no guarantee of success	Viable with HIE woodland acquisition. Initial contact with HIE was positive but that might change	All of the benefits of option two plus numerous other development opportunities
Enterprise options	Financial/ personnel effort required	Likelihood of success	Benefits to community
Timber processing facility	Upfront capital & development capacity required, grants available	Only possible with HIE acquisition. Would require diligent planning & ongoing management/ capacity	Enables income generation (wood fuel, timber products, glamping pods), woodland playpark & skills development. Improves existing infrastructure.
Woodland Crofts	Investment in felling dedicated areas; requires close liaison with crofters, and commitment from them to develop plans. Lengthy process.	Only possible with HIE acquisition, requires access to larger woodland. Lengthy application process to Crofting Commission.	Creates a living & working forest, attracts enterprise and supplements incomes. Relieves BSCC of some replanting liability
Xmas Trees	Market research and some up front capital	Possible without HIE acquisition. Market research might show the project as non viable	Never going to be a major money spinner
Woodland Burials	Significant upfront investment in human resources more than capital	Possible without HIE acquisition. Largely untested business model locally	Potential to be a reasonable money spinner
Wind Turbine for Campsite	Would require external funding with all that entails	Possible without HIE acquisition. Preliminary research suggests fiscal viability. But such projects do show many break points	Potential to alleviate electricity costs & generate additional income