



ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATION FORM

If you need assistance completing this form, then please refer to the guidance document which can be downloaded from the website www.york.gov.uk/assetsofcommunityvalue or alternatively call 01904 553360.

Section 1

About the property to be nominated

Name of Property:	Hagg Wood
Address of Property:	Intake Lane, Dunnington, York
Postcode:	YO19 5HY

Property Owner's Name:	Church Commissioners for England
Address:	Church House, Great Smith Street, London
Postcode:	SW1P 3AZ
Telephone Number:	02078981000
Current Occupier's Name:	Forestry England for forestry activities

Section 2

About your community organisation

Name of Organisation:	Dunnington Parish Council
Title:	
First Name:	
Surname:	
Position in Organisation:	Parish Clerk
Email Address:	parish.clerk@dunningtonparishcouncil.gov.uk
Address:	Withheld
Postcode:	
Telephone Number:	

Organisation type:

Local Government Body

Organisation size

How many members do you have?

Section 3

Supporting information for nomination

Any information entered in this section only may be copied and passed onto the owner of the property you are nominating. Definition of an asset of community value can be found in the guidance document.

Why do you feel the property is an asset of community value? Please give as much information as possible.

Protecting Hagg Wood: The Case for Asset of Community Value Status

1. Introduction Hagg Wood, a cherished Planted Ancient Woodland on the outskirts of Dunnington Parish in the Parish of Kexby and Scoreby, is more than just a wood, it is a living, breathing part of the community's heritage, ecology, and wellbeing. Designating Hagg Wood as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) under the Localism Act 2011 would formally recognise its importance and give the community a stronger voice in safeguarding its future.

2. Background Hagg Wood can be traced back to the Domesday Book in 1086. In the Middle Ages Hagg Wood would have been part of the Ouse and Derwent Forest over which the Crown exercised strict control. Over time the Hagg Wood diminished and in 1936 the Church Commissioners bought the freehold of the wood and granted the Forestry Commission a 999 year lease in 1952. After being heavily felled for timber during the Second World War it was replanted by Forestry England in the 1950's Hagg Wood was established as a community woodland in 2003 by agreement between the freehold owners of the land, the Church Commissioners, who suspended their shooting rights in the wood, the Friends of Hagg Wood, and the forestry lease holders, the Forestry Commission. While the agreement was initially for five years, the land, and the many paths over it, have since then continued to be widely used by many residents of the adjacent urban area for healthy exercise and mental refreshment, with the shooting rights not let. The substantial community value associated with the asset of the ownership of the freehold of Hagg Wood that has been achieved in the past can continue to be achieved if its ownership is motivated by such community value.

3. Community Significance Hagg Wood is deeply woven into the social and cultural fabric of Dunnington and Kexby with a combined population of around 3,500 people who have access:

- Recreation & Wellbeing: Residents use the wood for walking, running, bird watching, dog walking and horse riding (with consent of Forestry England) together with quiet reflection. Access to green space is proven to improve mental and physical health.
- Education & Engagement: Local schools and community groups use the woodland for environmental education, nature studies, and volunteering projects.
- Cultural Identity: Generations of residents have enjoyed Hagg Wood, making it a shared landmark and a source of local pride.

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- Friends: The Friends of Hagg Wood are all local volunteers who have been involved with "managing" the wood since they were formed in 1996 to enable the wildlife and the rich ecological features of the original ancient woodland to be restored and to promote its values.
- Social: The use of the wood is enjoyed by many and provides a social environment for all demographics.
- Public Rights of Way: There are two, very well used, fully adopted public rights of way running east west and north south through the heart of the wood which provides ease of access and a means by which to observe the flora and fauna close at hand.
- Historical: In 1944 craters were created when a flight had taken off from Elvington Airfield and had to return after twenty minutes because of a technical problem. As a consequence part of a bomb load was dropped before the aircraft returned to base creating craters which have been made more accessible with suitable planting to encourage amphibians.

4. Environmental Value The Forestry England management plan for Hagg Wood aims to increase broadleaf cover to over 80% by 2054, enhancing biodiversity and resilience. It is therefore important to retain this woodland to help achieve this objective which supports:

- Climate Resilience: Trees act as carbon sinks, help regulate local temperatures, and reduce flood risk.
- Habitat Connectivity: Hagg Wood forms part of a wider ecological network, supporting wildlife corridors.
- Wildlife: Recent ecological surveys have found 571 different species of flora and fauna, including 96 different bird species.

5. Conclusion Hagg Wood is not just a woodland it is a cornerstone of Dunnington's and Kexby's identity, a sanctuary for wildlife, and a vital space for community wellbeing. ACV status would retain the history and ensure that future generations can continue to enjoy and care for this treasured place. The community has both the passion and the responsibility and local support to protect Hagg Wood.

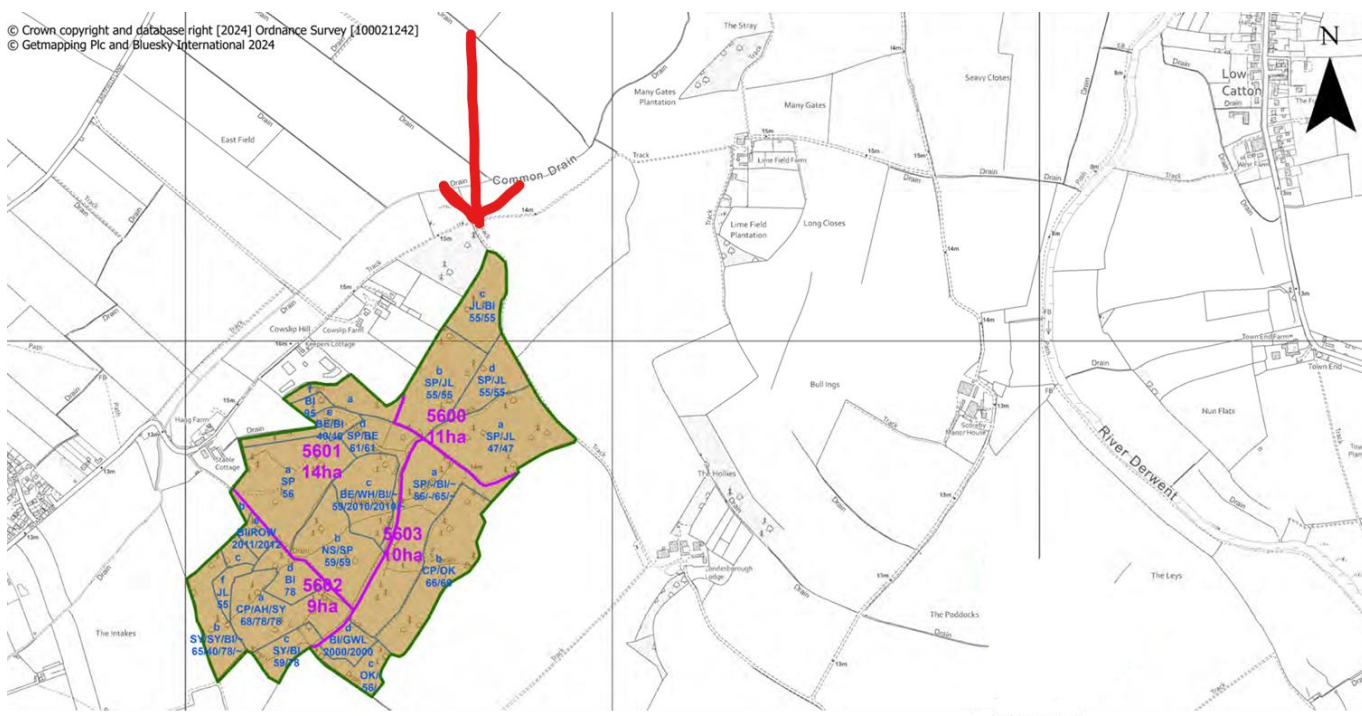
Section 4

Boundary of Property

What do you consider to be the boundary of the property? Please give as much detail/be as descriptive as possible. Please include a plan.

Hagg Wood is located between OS SE680 to the west and OS SE688 to the East. It is located between OS SE543 to the North and OS522 to the south.

The woodland owned by the Church Commissioners on the boundary to Dunnington and leased by Forestry England link attached. The parcel is the large wood included in the plan within the document of link attached and below marked with an arrow to the area in question. [Hagg Wood Forest Plan.pdf](#)



Section 5

Attachment checklist

- ☐ Copy of group constitution (if you are a constituted group)
- ☐ Name and home address of 21 members registered to vote in nomination area (if group is not constituted)
- ☐ Site boundary plan (if possible)

Section 6

Declaration

I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this nomination form is complete and accurate.

Signed

[Redacted Signature]

Dated: 17 07 2026

Please e-mail your completed form to property.services@york.gov.uk or post to:

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