

## What's happening in 2026

- **Bombard Copse** – We have recently purchased this neglected piece of land and plan to make a real difference for nature and community.

OUR AMBITIOUS PLANS and PROPOSALS are currently open for public consultation and we are anxious to receive *your* comments. We aim to provide a welcoming central clearance to display the old Blacker Bombard base, provide seating and interpretation panels.

We are carrying out a baseline survey of the flora, fauna and amenity to ensure that our final plans provide improvements for both biodiversity and the community.

**THE COPSE DEVELOPMENT FUND** —we invite 50 donations of £100 each from individuals, businesses and organisations, to fund our plans. All donors will be recorded on the site information board and their names will be included in a draw to plant a tree next winter. Donations please on our website [www.disswoods.org.uk](http://www.disswoods.org.uk)

- **Quaker Wood** - Our much valued volunteers will continue with the same high standard of discrete maintenance to benefit the biodiversity and the community amenity. We will maximise the opportunities for our youth and all sectors of the community to use the natural resources of this wild space.
- **Diss Town Garden**—Our volunteers have taken on the responsibility for maintaining the garden behind The Diss Town Council offices.

We will be following our *VISION* to find further opportunities to enhance the biodiversity in and around the Green Gap between Diss and Roydon.



Diss Community  
**Woodland**  
Project

ANNUAL REPORT  
2026

**Our mission** - *Providing green space for people and for nature.*

**Our vision** - *To find further opportunities to enhance biodiversity in or near The Green Gap between Diss and Roydon.*

## Our impact in 2025

- **Quaker Wood** has enjoyed a strong year's growth and continues to mature. Thanks to our loyal volunteers we started major thinning and coppicing which will carry on for the next few winters. This will provide a far more varied style of habitat thus encouraging greater biodiversity.
- **Charity registration** has been completed so we can now reclaim Giftaid on your donations.
- **Bombard Copse** is our exciting new acquisition – read more about our plans on the back cover.

We are grateful for capital assistance towards this purchase from:  
Norfolk Community Foundation's Greening our Communities fund  
Diss Town Council's Surveyor's Allotment Fund

Our running costs are funded entirely by voluntary Contributions. **PLEASE DONATE £10 here.**

For larger donations please go to [www.disswoods.org.uk](http://www.disswoods.org.uk)



Thank you

Bombard Copse from the west, autumn 2023 before the new houses



# Diss Community Woodland Project

Charity Commission reg'n no 1213736

**Patron:** Richard Mabey, acclaimed nature writer and broadcaster

## Message from the chair George Waterman

*I am excited to reflect on how Quaker Wood, with nature's help, has developed from a bare site in 2009 to a maturing and varied woodland setting today. In the last 12 months we created a great new website that better reflects the wider range of our activities and we have purchased Bombard Copse. Please read, elsewhere in this report, what we have to say about our ambitions for the next 12 months.*



*The mission is to provide valuable amenities for both nature and the community. This can only be achieved with community involvement so I hope that you will be part of this journey in the coming year—as a volunteer at one of our sites, as a steering group member OR as a donor. Finance is vital if we are going to achieve our aims so please consider making a small donation today or become one of our major Investors in the COPSE APPEAL - see back page.*

*My thanks to everybody who has contributed so far.* George

PS Please do help us by sharing this report with your neighbours and friends.

### Our steering group:

Richard Pither\* secretary, Andrew Eaglen treasurer, Lindsey Bilston\*, Mike Garnham\*, Andrew Daniels\*, Chris Jewell\*, Julia Fairbrother.

\*also charity trustees.

- **JOIN THE STEERING GROUP** and help make our vision a reality.
- **JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS** at Quaker Wood, make new friends whilst experiencing a range of management tasks.
- **SIGN UP FOR OUR MONTHLY BULLETIN**

All responses to [quakerwooddiss@gmail.com](mailto:quakerwooddiss@gmail.com)

### DISS COMMUNITY WOODLAND PROJECT ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2024	2025	2025	2024
<b>Receipts</b>			<b>Payments</b>	
Balance brought forward	6079.34	5964.14	Insurance - Pub Liability & Personal Accident	328.95
Donations	120.00	564.26	Hire of Hall	44.00
Rural Payments Agency	168.16	4500.00	Bird Boxes	44.00
Norfolk Community Fund Grant		4500.00	Plaques for gate	43.85
Diss Town Council Grant		4500.00	Bank Charges	50.00
			Community Action Annual Subscription	75.00
			Mower Service	292.40
			Upgrade Website	809.40
			Legal Fees - Bombard Copse	8000.00
			Purchase of Bombard Copse	5884.80
			Balance carried forward	5964.14
				<b>25528.40</b>
				<b>6367.50</b>

A J Eaglen  
Treasurer  
Diss Community Woodland Project

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

I have independently examined the accounts for the Diss Community Woodland Project for the year ended 31st December 2025 and have found the records to be recorded accurately

Ed Eggen ACA, CIMA 6/3/2026

Edwin Higgins

ST. AGNES LODGE, 25 WALNUT ROAD

NB The current balance is considered to be a prudent reserve and we rely on the generosity of our supporters to fund the running costs.