

## INDEPENDENT PANEL ON FORESTRY

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**Tim Greenwood**  
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Dear Tim,

Our Panel members asked me to write to express their immense gratitude for the arrangements you co-ordinated for their visit to the New Forest earlier this week. We hope you felt the visit went successfully.

The members found it extremely helpful to hear about the situation of the New Forest first hand and to learn more about the local arrangements for governance and engagement with communities. The intricate connections between commoning, past and current policy, and the landscape came across really strongly during the morning. As you might expect, engaging with the enthusiasm of the volunteers in the afternoon left a lasting positive impression.

Please do pass on our thanks to all those who contributed to the visit and for the time given up during the day to host the visit. A number of the points raised during the day provided good food for thought as the Panel works towards its final report scheduled for completion in June.

With thanks and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Michael Seddon  
Deputy Head of Secretariat