



TIR COED

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

In 2002 Tir Coed undertook a series of community consultation exercises inviting communities throughout the Ystwyth Valley to express their views regarding the Forest Design Plans for the next 10 years. There were several rounds to this consultation process. Detailed comments can be viewed here:

[FOREST DESIGN PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT](#)

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Following on from feedback from these consultations communities have been invited back to view how their comments have been feed in to detailed plans for Forest Design within the Ystwyth for the coming years.



In March, 2003, Tir Coed undertook a Needs Analysis exercise in the Ystwyth Valley. 1,500 households were sent a questionnaire to complete – 302 responses were received. Information on and level of interest and needs in the following categories were assessed :

1. Training needs in woodland & countryside management and wood crafts.
2. Skills available in woodland & countryside management and wood craft;
3. Hectares of privately owned woodlands and which species;
4. Interest in hedgerow improvements;
5. Interest in community based woodland projects;
6. No. of timber users locally;
7. Interest in wood as a renewable energy source;

8. No. of households with open fires/log burners.

The information gathered was analysed and the following is representative of the data compiled :

Question 10 : “Would you like training in woodland and countryside management?”

Hedge laying	-	23
Woodland management	-	14
Chainsaw use	-	7
Dry stone walling	-	5
Coppicing	-	5
Encourage wildlife & flora	-	4
Fencing	-	2
Felling/seasoning/selling oak	-	1
Drainage	-	1
Horse tree management	-	1
Chemical spraying cert.	-	1
Growing sustainable fuel	-	1
Botanical identification	-	1
Working at heights and Rope access	-	1
Maybe/possibly	-	10
Yes (nothing specified)	-	8

Question 12 : “Would you like training in wood crafts?”

Sculptures/wood carving	-	8
Basket weaving	-	7
Wood turning	-	6

Lathing	-	5
Furniture making	-	5
Hurdle making	-	4
Bodging	-	4
Courses on craftsmanship	-	2
Green woodwork	-	2
Buildings	-	2
Pollarding	-	1
Possibly (not specified)	-	11
Yes (not specified)	-	7

Question 9 : “Do you have any skills in woodland and countryside management?”

General woodland management	-	13
Academic	-	9
Chainsaw skills	-	7
Wildlife and conservation	-	7
Fencing	-	7
Tree planting	-	7
Agricultural background	-	6
Hedge laying	-	5
RoW (styles, gates, etc.)	-	5
Stone walling	-	4
Foresters	-	3
Coppicing	-	3

Fishery and game management	-	1
Chemical & culling experience	-	1
Yes - (no skills specified)	-	3

Question 11 : “Do you have any skills in wood crafts?”

Carpentry/joinery	-	12
Furniture making	-	5
General wood working	-	4
Building	-	3
Lathe work	-	2
Gates/styles	-	2 (also WOODLAND Skills)
Boat building	-	2
Fencing	-	2 (also WOODLAND Skills)
Turning	-	2
Qualified woodwork teachers	-	2
Work with willow	-	2
Academic	-	2
Cabinet maker	-	1
Musical instruments	-	1
Outdoor & community qualifications	-	1
10 th Century longbows, tools, etc.	-	1
Yes	-	2
Some	-	1

Question 16 : “In what capacity are you a timber user?”

Question 17 : “% of Welsh timber used?”

Question 18 : “Would you like to use more local timber?”

Working with timber	-	51
Using 50-100% Welsh timber	-	26
Using 0-49% Welsh timber	-	12
% Welsh timber used unknown or not stated	-	13
Want to use more locally sourced timber	-	21

Question 21 : “What do you consider to be the marketing opportunities for local timber?”

Better publicity	-	10
Advertised local sales	-	8
Better labelling	-	6
Fencing/garden products	-	6
Local added value	-	5
Construction	-	5
Carpentry/joinery	-	4
Alternative uses (e.g. woodchip)	-	4
Through large, local merchants	-	4
Local sawmill	-	2
Directory of suppliers	-	2

Question 22 : “Would you be interested in being involved in community woodlands?”

“Yes”	-	76
“Possibly/maybe”	-	29

Question 23 : “Would you be interested in being involved in community walled garden restoration?”

“Yes”	-	67
“Possibly/maybe”	-	29

Question 24 : “Are there any other environmental community projects you would like to participate in?”

Recreational/educational	-	7
“Yes”	-	6
“Footpaths/rights of way”	-	5
“Cycle paths”	-	2
“Hedge laying”	-	2
“Weed control”	-	2
“Recycling/sharing redundant furniture”	-	2

Tir Coed has already started to facilitate some training activities in the Ystwyth and will be doing more in the coming months. Details of training will be posted on our website as soon as possible.