**OLD FORD PROJECT SURVEY OF COLWINSTON COMMUNITY**

Colwinston community were surveyed, via Facebook, to ascertain their level of engagement with the project as well as to provide a platform for the community to share their opinions on how best the area could be developed.

The following ‘visions’ for each of the areas were presented to the community and their opinions were sought on the description provided

**CLAPPER BRIDGE GARDEN**

The Clapper Bridge will be used to access a seating area, adjacent to a sedum lawn and surrounded by planters with shrubs and flowers. The garden will be enclosed in a stone wall

**WETLAND AREA**

A walkway will start at the Michaelmas Well and follow the hedge, passing through plants, trees and flowers until a bridge is reached over Colwinston Brook, towards the pond area. Three Willow trees will be planted and the pond will be dug so that it can be used by families to ‘pond dip’. Benches will allow the villagers to sit and admire the wildlife and landscape

**WOODLAND AREA**

A pathway into the woods will be constructed along with a central sitting area. Bird and bat boxes will be provided and provision will be made for a ‘forest school’ with bug houses and ‘log benches’. A woodland management plan will be implemented allowing for care of the exisiting trees and saplings as well as the planting of new indiginous trees.

55 responses were received and this document details the responses

**Results**

Most of the respondents were residents of Colwinston

Most respondents were kept up to date via Facebook or the village newsletter

65% were likely or very likely use the Clapper Bridge Garden as described in the vision provided

84% were likely or very likely use the wetland area as described in the vision provided

85% were likely or very likely use the woodland as described in the vision provided

Residents were also surveyed as to what features they would wish to support in the areas described previously

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| **Feature** | **% interested or somewhat interested** |
| Exhibits by local artists | 64% |
| Sculptures | 75% |
| Bird Hide | 84% |
| Sale of firewood | 51% |
| Sale of compost | 55% |
| Sale of charcoal | 31% |
| Open air cinema | 60% |
| Open air theatre | 73% |
| Arts and crafts workshops | 80% |
| Biodiversity and conservation projects | 91% |
| Woodland surveys and wildlife observation | 89% |
| Picnic area | 82% |

Further comment was provided by some respondents, with the following suggestions provided

* Bushcraft activities
* Tree labelling
* Keeping the area as natural as possible but designing access to bridge or circle the area
* Opening up the well safely for more access
* Providing historical information boards

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