

Asset of Community Value Nomination Form for Christchurch and East Dorset Councils

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Address							
Telephone No							
Email							
Nominating group or organisation						<u></u>	
Type of group o organisation Tick relevant box	Parish Council	Neighbourhood Forum	*Unincorporated Group	Charity	Community Interest Company	Company limited by	
Other - please specify					- company		
Name and Description of Asset details  Please provide a map including the proposed boundaries	See attac	Cannon Hill Plantation (South). Forestry Commission woodland south of the A31 Ferndown bypass. See attached map					
Full postal address of asset	Cannon Hill Plantation (South), Uddens Drive, Stapehill, Wimborne, Dorset.  Nearby postcode BH21 7BG						
Name(s) of current occupants of the asset	Forestry Commission						
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Name(s) and current, or last known, address of all those holding a freehold or leasehold estate of the asset	Mr Bruce Rothnie, Deputy Surveyor - South England Forest District The Queen's House Lyndhurst Hampshire SO43 7NH						



Is the asset already for sale or long term assignment?  No (Not to our knowledge) See enclosed letter from FC dated 25/07/16  There are many reasons why we feel this site should be listed. The following are some of the key factors -  Surfaced paths make this a year round access site for all, particularly suitable for those with mobility issues and push chairs etc. The Castleman Trailway runs through the middle of the site giving a sustainable transport link between Ringwood and Poole.  It is the only accessible green space for the local communities of Stapehill, West Ferndown and workers from the industrial estates without travelling by car, thus reducing the carbon footprint and additional congestion on the local road network.  Serving as a lowland heathland mitigation site, attracting walkers, dog walkers, cyclists and horse riders away from the rare and threatened habitats of Ferndown Common and Slop Bog SSSI's.  A sustainable alternative natural green space (SANG) used by youth groups, the local children's nursery as an educational area and workers from the largest industrial estate in Dorset as a pleasant environment for lunch breaks.  The Mental and Physical health benefits of such green spaces are well documented.		
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# Please include the following with your nomination:

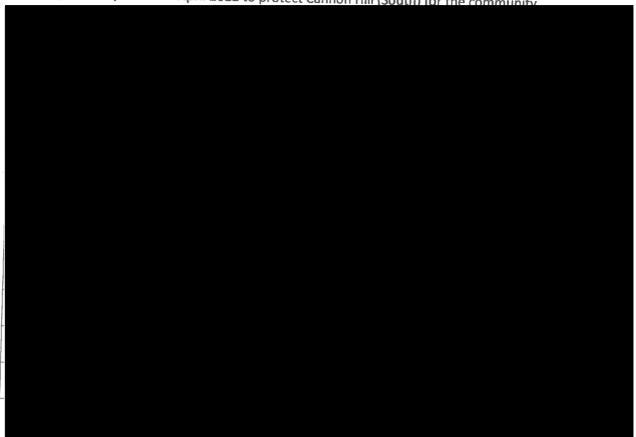
- 1. Location map of asset 🗸
- 2. Evidence of your group's approval for nominating this asset 🗸
- 3. Proof of your group's identity
  - a. Memorandum & Articles of Association 🗸
  - b. Annual Statement of Accounts
  - c. Minutes of Meetings
  - d. Other please specify

\*If you are an unincorporated body, please supply the signatures and names and addresses of at least 21 people who are eligible to vote in the local authority area or neighbouring area.

Please submit this form and accompanying documents to:

**Judith Plumley** Head of Community and Leisure Christchurch Borough Council **Civic Offices Bridge Street** Christchurch **BH23 1AZ** 

This Nomination of Asset of Community Value has been submitted by the following Trustees of The Friends of Uddens & Cannon Hill Woodlands on behalf of the 215 current members and the 6,000+ who signed the petition in April 2012 to protect Cannon Hill (South) for the community





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> Bruce Rothnie Deputy Surveyor



25 July 2016

Dear

LAND WEST OF BLUNTS FARM

Thank you for your letter of 15 July 2016.

Thank you for emphasising the importance of this small woodland to local people and we welcome the continued support to our local team provided by the Friends of Uddens and Cannon Hill Woodlands.

We have no plans to sell or lease this woodland and remain committed to managing it in trust for the nation and in accordance with our existing Forest Design Plan.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Rothnie Deputy Surveyor

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Protecting and expanding forests and woodlands, and increasing their value to society and the environment.

# **SMALL CHARITY CONSTITUTION**

Sultable for small charities with an annual income under £5,000 that don't own a building or employ people and do not intend to register with the Charity Commission.

#### 1 NAME

The charity's name is The Friends of Uddens and Cannon Hill Woodlands

# 2 THE PURPOSES OF THE CHARITY ARE:-

To protect and improve Uddens and Cannon Hill Woodlands for the benefit of wildlife and the local community.

#### 3 TRUSTEES

The charity shall be managed by a committee of trustees who are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the charity.

# 4 CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES

In order to carry out the charitable purposes, the trustees have the power to:

- (1) raise funds, receive grants and donations
- (2) apply funds to carry out the work of the charity
- (3) co-operate with and support other charities with similar purposes
- (4) do anything which is lawful and necessary to achieve the purposes

#### 5 MEMBERSHIP

The charity shall have a membership. People who support the work of the charity and are aged 18 or over, can apply to the trustees to become a member. Once accepted by the trustees, membership lasts for 1 year and may be renewed. The trustees will keep an up-to-date membership list.

The trustees may remove a person's membership if they believe it is in the best interests of the charity. The member has the right to be heard by the trustees before the decision is made and can be accompanied by a friend.

## 6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AGM

- (1) The AGM must be held every year, with 28 days notice given to all members telling them what is on the agenda. Minutes must be kept of the AGM.
- (2) There must be at least 6 members present at the AGM.
- (3) Every member has one vote.
- (4) The trustees shall present the annual report and accounts.
- (5) Any member may stand for election as a trustee following 9 months of membership. They must be proposed and seconded by 2 existing members who also have a minimum of 9 months membership. Potential candidates must complete an "application to stand as a trustee form" which should include a brief personal resume. Completed forms must be returned to an officer of the charity at least 14 days prior to the AGM.
- (6) Members shall elect between 3 and 12 trustees to serve for the next 3 years. They will retire at the AGM of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year but may stand for re-election. \*See Note 6.6

#### 7 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

- Trustees must hold at least 3 meetings each year. At their first meeting after the AGM they (1) will elect a chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary. Trustees may act by majority decision.
- At least 3 trustees must be present at the meeting to be able to take decisions. (2) shall be kept for every meeting.
- If trustees have a conflict of interest they must declare it and leave the meeting while this (3) matter is being discussed or decided.
- During the year, the trustees may appoint up to 3 additional trustees. They will stand down (4) at the next AGM
- The trustees may make reasonable additional rules to help run the charity. These rules (5) must not conflict with this constitution or the law.

#### 8 **MONEY AND PROPERTY**

- Money and property must only be used for the charity's purposes. (1)
- (2) Trustees must keep accounts. The most recent annual accounts can be seen by anybody on request.
- (3) Trustees cannot receive any money or property from the charity, except to refund reasonable out of pocket expenses.
- Money must be held in the charity's bank account. All cheques must be signed by (4) 2 trustees.

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

If the Trustees consider it is necessary to change the constitution, or wind up the charity, they must call a General Meeting so that the membership can make the decision. Trustees must also call a General Meeting if they receive a written request from the majority of members. All members must be given 14 days notice and told the reason for the meeting. All decisions require a two thirds majority. Minutes must be kept.

- (1) Winding up - any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to a charity with similar purposes to this one.
- (2) Changes to the Constitution - can be made at AGMs or General Meetings. No change can be made that would make the organisation no longer a charity.
- General Meeting called on written request from a majority of members. (3)
- Trustees may also call a General Meeting to consult the membership (4)

<sup>\*</sup>Note 6.6 --

To allow for continuity and democracy, the Trustees at the first AGM (18th April 2013) agreed 1/3 of the trustees would stand down in each of the following 3 years.

At the next meeting of the Trustees, lots would be drawn to decide who would be required to stand down at the AGM's 2014 - 2016.

### 10 SETTING UP THE CHARITY

This constitution was adopted on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2012 by the people whose signatures appear below. They are the first members of the charity and will be the trustees until the AGM, which must be held within one year of this date.

