To whom it may concern

**HLF Durham Woodland Revival HLF bid – Community Engagement Support**

Members of the Durham Woodland Revival team met the Heritage Lottery Fund at what is a Gateway meeting this week and I am pleased to say it was successful. We are now allowed to complete and submit the bid by the early March. DWR would like to thank you for your involvement in earlier consultations and in helping to shape the design of the delivery phase.

One comment that HLF did make was that in order to make our bid have a greater chance of success at the Board meeting in June we have been asked to substantiate the demand from people and organisations in engaging in activities and volunteering opportunities. This will help demonstrate the feasibility of volunteer and engagement targets.

I attach a project proforma of the project and towards the end there are some possible options of activities that will take place under the support for community groups. For this reason, I would be grateful if you could read the proforma and activities suggested and if you agree that this is something that you or your community group would be interested in being involved in then I would be most grateful if you could sign the attached letter in support of the project and the activities we are planning and return as a PDF ASAP by Friday 15th February 2019 at the latest.

It would also be useful if you could indicate which activities would be of most interest to you.

By signing the letter you are saying you support this project and its activities, but there’s no obligation to do so. Alternatively you may prefer to write your own letter or email in support of the project.

Thank you in advance.

Ken Bradshaw

Durham Woodland Revival Development Manager