Report from Belford Woodlands Group for AGM Year 2022 to 2023

We have a regular team of eighteen people and meet on the first Saturday of every month to carry out work in both the Community Woodland and the Jubilee Woodland. The weather has not been too kind to us on the first Saturdays this year, so we have juggled the dates.

One of our team has made some new bird and bat boxes, which we have put up.

We have planted four willow trees alongside the burn in the Community Woodland to help stabilise the banks.

In June we took part in ‘The Great Big Green Week’. Some local children helped build a Hibernaculum (place to provide shelter for frogs and the like during the winter), which we have placed in the Jubilee Woodland.

In July we worked with the County Council, Community Group and N.B. Clark Builders to re-lay the footpath from the High Street, through the Community Woodland to the Doctors. This has made a terrific improvement to this well used path.
In September, four members of the group attended a first aid course and all passed. We now have five members trained in first aid.

Also in September we completed our daffodil bulb planting in front of the fence, alongside the burn, near the big oak tree. It should look good in the spring. Over the top of the daffodils we have sown a 30 metre long x 3 metre wide wildflower meadow from bridge to bridge, in front of the fence on the green. The seeds are butterfly, bee and insect friendly, so this should be a haven for them next summer.

It has been a real disappointment that some people are still not clearing up after their dogs. It is a big hazard for both volunteers and users of the woodlands.

We will be working on the vegetation alongside the burn during the New Year.

A big thank you to all the people who have helped us over this last year.