

## TREE CHARTER DAY CASE STUDY: STAVELEY PARISH COUNCIL, CUMBRIA



*Picture: Craggy Wood (Credit: Cumbria Crack).*

In June 2016, the National Park Authority informed Staveley Parish Council that they were proposing to sell local woodland, Craggy Wood, to raise funds for other projects.

Upon hearing the news, the parish council set up a steering group to run a campaign to keep Craggy Wood in community ownership. The steering group managed to get Craggy Wood designated as an Asset of Community Value by South Lakes District Council.

The parish council negotiated a deal which gives the local community the opportunity to buy the woodland. If the community can raise £120,000 to buy the woodland, Cumbria Wildlife Trust will take on the ownership and long-term management of the site. The council plans to raise £46,000 by the end of 2018, with the remainder of the funding being raised in 2019.

This is a fantastic initiative by Staveley Parish Council which has embedded a number of principles from the [Tree Charter](#). Have you done something similar? Get in touch with NALC and let us know by contacting Ben Murray at [ben.murray@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:ben.murray@nalc.gov.uk).

NALC is encouraging all local councils to celebrate the impact woodland and trees have on their local communities this **Tree Charter Day (24 November 2018)**. There are plenty of ways you can do this from hosting or attending a local event to tweeting about what you have done over the past year to celebrate your woodland and trees and tagging @NALC and @WoodlandTrust using #TreeCharterDay.

More information can be found: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/treecharter>

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