

United Utilities Statement of Commitment to the**United Kingdom Woodland
Assurance Standard (UKWAS)**

United Utilities values its woodlands as an essential part of its landholdings. These woodlands contribute to the biodiversity, amenity and landscape of the region. We also recognise they are a renewable and diverse resource contributing to the enjoyment and health of the community.

The United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) offers the ideal against which we can measure our performance and demonstrate good stewardship to partners and stakeholders.

We will continue to align the management of our woodlands with the standard and maintain certification as a measure of our commitment to forestry best practice.

When selling timber from our certificated estates we will endeavour to maintain chain of custody by engaging with certified merchants or businesses.

Signed on behalf of United Utilities

John Barnes
Chief Operating Officer (Water)

The UKWAS has been endorsed by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) as the local FSC standard for the UK. The FSC is an international body whose certification and forest management standards are recognised by organisations such as WWF, Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace, as meeting social and environmental criteria plus sound economic requirements. The FSC logo signifies independently certified forest management producing wood from well managed forests.

