



An overview of the Forestry Grant Scheme and contact information

The Forestry Grant Scheme

Scotland's woodlands and forests are a vital national resource and play an important role in rural development and sustainable land use. During the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014–2020, £252 million will be available through the Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS). You can apply for support under these headings:

- Woodland creation – contributing towards the Scottish Government target of 10 000 hectares of new woodlands per year
- Woodland improvement and sustainable management of forests.

Woodland creation

The nine woodland options in this category are:

- Conifer
- Diverse Conifer
- Broadleaves
- Native Scots Pine
- Native Upland Birch
- Native Broadleaves
- Native Low Density
- Small or Farm Woodland
- Northern and Western Isles

Agroforestry

Supports creation of small scale woodlands on agricultural pasture or forage land. Allows for an integrated approach to land management where there is a combination of trees and sheep.

Harvesting and processing

Supports the development of the small-scale premium softwood and hardwood processing sector. Funding can provide support for equipment to increase harvesting in small, undermanaged woods.

Woodland Improvement Grant

Supports forest management, activity to enhance the environment and the public's enjoyment of existing woodlands. There are five options in this category:

- Planning: covers Long Term Forest Plans, Forest Plan Renewal, Woodlands In and Around Towns (WIAT), Urban Woodland Management Plans, Woodland Grazing Plans, Deer Management Plans
- Habitats and Species
- Restructuring Regeneration
- Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS)
- Woodlands In and Around Towns (WIAT)

Felling licences

It can be a criminal act to fell trees without permission. Forestry Commission Scotland staff can advise you when a Felling Licence is required.

Sustainable management of forests

Supports the management of existing forests and woodlands with a high environmental value.

There are nine options in this category:

- Native Woodlands
- Livestock Exclusion
- Woodland Grazing
- Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS)
- Public Access WIAT
- Public Access Rural Woods
- Species Conservation:
 - Grey Squirrel Control
 - Predator Control for Capercaillie and Black Grouse
 - Reducing Deer Impact

Conservancy offices

For help and guidance on forest plans, woodland creation and management options and felling licences contact your local office during office hours for advice.

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