



## 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.

### Highland Conservancy

Woodlands, Fodderty Way, Dingwall, IV15 9XB  
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For more information about the Forestry Grant Scheme, visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/scotlandgrants](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/scotlandgrants)



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