



Scotland's Finest Woods Awards

Awards Programme 2017

Here at Scotland's Finest Woods we are doing our bit to highlight all that is best in Scotland's management of woods and forests, and to showcase how they contribute to the wealth and wellbeing of Scotland's people.

As always, our judges will be seeking out Scotland's finest woods and rewarding the pursuit of excellence!

Four award categories and £6,750 of prize money are available:

Community Woodlands Award >>

Community-based projects are invited to compete for this Scotland-wide award with two competitions. The Tim Stead Trophy and £2,000 of prize money are up for grabs:

- Enter projects by **small community woodland groups** such as community woodlands, urban woodlands or other projects which focus on involving communities with their woodland environment and thereby enhancing the lives of local people.
- Enter as a **large community woodland group** - you may have a member of staff or someone working with you and can demonstrate how your project contributes to sustainable development across the three strands of social, economic and environmental development.

New Native Woods Award >>

New native woodland projects are invited to compete for this award: the Woodland Trust Scotland Trophy and £1,000 are there to be won.

Quality Timber Awards >>

Focusing on growing quality timber, woodland owners are invited to compete in our three competitions with three trophies and £3,000 of prize money at stake:

- Enter **small woods, a single stand or compartment of trees** where exemplary silviculture results in high quality timber production and compete for £1,000 and the Hunter Blair Trophy.
- Enter **whole estates** managed as multi-purpose forests in which high quality timber production is a major objective and compete for £1,000 and the John Kennedy Trophy.
- Enter **new commercial woodlands** and compete for £1,000 and the James Jones Trophy.

Schools Award >> Don't forget to tell teacher!

Schools and pre-school projects can enter this ever-popular award. We are seeking out **Scotland's most fun-packed school woodland projects** with £750 of prize money to be won. There is a cash prize of £500 for the winning school and custody of the Schools Award trophy for one year. The runners-up prize is £250.

Key dates:

All entries have a closing date deadline of Friday, 31st March 2017. Any entries received after this date will not be considered. You are encouraged to get your entry in early though!

Judges will aim to notify shortlisted entries in April 2017 and visit selected sites during April/May.

Prize-giving ceremony – Friday, 23rd June 2017.

So don't be shy, enter your woodland project today! Be part of it...!

See www.sfwa.co.uk for full information and follow us on [Facebook](#).

Prizes

Community Woodlands Awards

There is **£2,000** in prizes with a cash prize of **£1,000** for the winning project in **each** competition and the competition winner judged to be the best community project overall will enjoy custody of the stunning Tim Stead Trophy for one year. Both winners and other commended entries receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

New Native Woods Award

There is a cash prize of **£1,000** for the winning project and custody of the striking Woodland Trust Scotland Trophy for one year. The winner and other commended entries receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Quality Timber Awards

There is **£3,000** in cash prizes.

Small woods, single stand or compartment of trees competition: £1,000 for the winning project and custody of the prestigious Hunter Blair Trophy for one year. The winner and any other entrants commended by the judges will also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Whole-estate competition: £1,000 for the winning project and custody of the impressive John Kennedy Trophy for one year. The winner and any other entrants commended by the judges will also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

New commercial woods competition: £1,000 for the winning project and custody of the much-admired James Jones Trophy for one year. The winner and any other entrants commended by the judges will also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Schools Award

There is a cash prize of **£500** for the winning school together with custody of the superb Schools Award trophy for one year. The runners-up prize is **£250**. Each school will also receive a certificate and wooden display plaque recording their achievement in addition to a special tree growing kits from Alba Trees as well as a [Mag Post](#) from Caledonia Play.

Prize-giving

The winning projects will be presented with their prizes on Friday, 23rd June 2017 at the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, Edinburgh.

How to enter

Simply visit www.sfwa.co.uk and download and complete a short entry form with basic location and contact details and state in no more than **500 words** why you think your entry would make a worthy winner of one of these prestigious awards.

Entries are sought as soon as possible and by Friday, 31st March 2017 at the very latest. Late entries will not be accepted.

More information

Please see www.sfwa.co.uk or contact: Angela Douglas at Scotland's Finest Woods Awards, c/o A Douglas Consultancy, 3 Salisbury House, Strathpeffer, Ross-shire, IV14 9AU or/ email: admin@sfwa.co.uk or/ telephone: 07969 327015.