



# Scotland's Finest Woods Awards

## 2019 Awards Programme

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!*

Six award categories, 10 competitions and £9,750 of prize money are available:

### For 2019 only: The 1919 Forestry Act Centenary Award >>

To celebrate 100 years since the Forestry Act was created in 1919. Entry is open to all Scotland's established woodland/forests of 0.5ha or more, created in the past 100 years. You must demonstrate how you set clear, short and long term objectives. You also must explain how you have adapted the woodland/forest's management over time to ensure the woodland/forests resilience in the past and for the future.

### 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.

### Farm Woodland Award >>

A new category created in 2018 for farmers/crofters this year with two competitions and two fantastic trophies. The magnificent Lilburn Trophy and new for 2019 the Scottish Woodlands Ltd. Trophy for Young People each with £1,000 ready to be won:

- Enter as **an active farmer or crofter** demonstrating the highest standard of benefits being delivered to both the farming/crofting operation and quality of woodland management anywhere in Scotland.
- Enter as a **young active farmer/crofter and/or forester/woodland manager**. You will be responsible for considering the options for the land and its management demonstrating excellence in the integration of farming and woodlands/forestry.

### 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/forests** 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. There are also additional fabulous prizes available at the Judges' discretion!

## Key dates:

All entries have a closing date, deadline of **Sunday 31st March 2019**. Any entries received after this date will **not** be considered. You are encouraged to get your entry in early! **Judges aim to notify shortlisted entries in April 2018 and visit selected sites during April/May. Prize-giving ceremony – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019.**

***So please don't be shy, enter your woodland project today! Remember, you need to be in it to win it!***

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## Prizes

### The 1919 Forestry Act Centenary Award

A **specially commissioned trophy** and a **£1,000 cash prize** are available to be won just this once!

### 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.

### Farm Woodland Award

There is a cash prize of **£1,000** for the winning project in **each** competition and in addition, custody for a year of the prestigious **Lilburn Trophy** kindly gifted by The Royal Highland & Agricultural Society of Scotland or new for 2019 the **Scottish Woodlands Ltd. trophy for Young People**. 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 are **£3,000** in cash prizes and fabulous trophies.

**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/forest 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, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, Edinburgh.

## How to enter

Simply visit [www.sfw.co.uk](http://www.sfw.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 invited as soon as possible and by Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at the very latest. Late entries will not be accepted.**

## More information

Please see [www.sfw.co.uk](http://www.sfw.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](mailto:admin@sfwa.co.uk)