



# Scotland's Finest Woods Awards 2019

## *1919 Forestry Act Centenary Award Information Sheet*

**£1,000 prize**

**Delivery Partner:**



### **What is it for?**

This Award is a **unique one-off competition for 2019 only to mark the centenary of the 1919 Forestry Act**. This Act has helped influence the way Scotland's trees, woods and forests have been managed and nurtured over the past 100 years and contributed to our lives, economy and environment providing a platform for further growth in the next century. The Forestry Commission Scotland has sponsored this Award.

### **Who can enter?**

Entry is open to established woodland/forest of at least 0.5ha (1.24 acres) in area located anywhere in Scotland that has been created in the past 100 years.

There must be

- clear short and long term management objectives; and
- an ability by the owner/manager to clearly and directly demonstrate how they have adapted/changed the management over time to ensure the woodland/forests resilience both in the past and for the future.

### **Prizes**

There is a **£1,000 cash prize** available and a **specialty commissioned trophy** to mark this important forestry centenary. Both will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

The winner will also receive a **certificate** and a **wooden display plaque** recording their achievement.

### **Judging**

The judges aim to **visit short-listed entries during April/May 2019**. You will be contacted by the judges directly in April 2019 regarding any site visit. If you do not hear from the judges by early May unfortunately your entry has not been short-listed.

Our judges' task will be to find and reward the pursuit of excellence and the judges will assess entries against the following criteria:

- Quality of entry form and supporting information
- Clarity and quality of short and long term management objectives
- Quality of woodland/forest management planning
- Quality of the implementation of operations to achieve the short as well as long term management objectives
- The degree of ability to adapt/change woodland/forest objectives and/or management in the past as well as in preparation for the future to achieve woodland/forest resilience.

Aspects that the judges will be looking for include:

- An innovative approach
- Understanding of the highest standards of forest management in the past as well as in preparation for the future
- Species selection and silvicultural techniques appropriate to the site
- Application of good health and safety practise

- Safeguarding and enhancing natural as well as cultural heritage including any historic environment features
- Provision of recreation facilities and engagement with the local community
- Clarity of the benefits to the land owner, wildlife and people.

### **Award ceremony**

The winners will be presented with their prizes on **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019** at the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston.

### **How to enter**

Simply 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 this unique and prestigious award.

Please provide any supporting information such as a summary management plan, species distribution and/or other relevant maps, any publicity leaflet(s) and up to a maximum of 10no. photographs that will help our judges make their decision. In addition, a short video may be included though this must not be any longer than 60 seconds maximum length.

Emailed versions of all material are to be provided though must not in total exceed 10MB – you may send 2-3 emails if necessary. If material needs to be sent by post then three copies are needed. Copies of this entry form can be downloaded from the Scotland's Finest Woods Awards' website [www.sfwa.co.uk](http://www.sfwa.co.uk) and should be submitted electronically unless otherwise agreed in advance.

### **Closing date for entries**

**Please submit your application as early as possible and by Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at the very latest. Late entries will not be considered.**

### **Publicity**

An objective of Scotland's Finest Woods and its partners is to showcase entrants as exemplars of good practice so as to encourage others. By entering the competition, entrants are accepting that their woodland may be used as an example of good practice in post-competition publicity and, as may be agreed with the entrant, in other ways.

In order to maximise the potential for obtaining publicity entrants are requested to provide publication quality photography as well as a video of up to a maximum 60 seconds length if available.

**For more information please see [www.sfwa.co.uk](http://www.sfwa.co.uk) or contact:**

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