



Scotland's Finest Woods

TRUSTEES ROLE - 2020

Due to the retirement of two of Scotland's Finest Woods current Charity Trustees in 2020 we are seeking new Trustees to join us. We will particularly welcome applications from those with some knowledge of agriculture including farm woodlands, or timber marketing, or fundraising or a combination of these. Whilst desirable, Charity Governance and/or a knowledge of woods and forestry is not required.

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1. Scotland's Finest Woods (SFW) is a small charity that runs the annual Scotland's Finest Woods Awards. The winners are normally announced at the Royal Highland Show in June annually.
2. The Awards celebrate the contribution that woodlands can make to the people of Scotland and to its environment and economic prosperity.
3. The underlying principle of the Awards is that people from across Scotland work hard to support their local community, economy and environment and the Awards provide a way to recognise and reward their achievements and so identify exemplars for others to follow.
4. Building on a long history of woodland awards in Scotland, SFW marks 35 years in 2020 having been established in 2005 as an independent not-for-profit company to run the annual awards programme. The first competitions ran in 2006. The company is a registered charity and is funded by a range of partner organisations and supporters.
5. In recent years, SFW has successfully raised the profile of the Awards, developed and expanded the Awards programme and built a strong base of funding from both the public and private sectors as well as NGO support. SFW is therefore in a strong position to continue the development of the Awards programme and the Trustees seek experienced and motivated Charity Trustees to aid the effective Governance of the organisation.
6. A part-time Executive Director (ED) carries out the day-to-day management of SFW as well as being one of the Trustees and the Company Secretary. The ED carries out 30-35 days' work annually to manage all aspects of SFW and the annual Awards Scheme. The ED's current contract for services is for three years (December 2017 – November 2020) and is renewed annually at the Trustee's Annual meeting.
7. The Trustees generally meet once a year in Edinburgh in early October and otherwise fulfil their responsibilities by email correspondence.

About the Role of Trustees

Title: Charity Trustee and Company Director of Scotland's Finest Woods

Location: Scotland

Duration: Expected to be a minimum term of three years and subject to mutual agreement with the other 4no. Trustees

Time requirement: Approximately 2-4 days annually

Annual fee: The position of Charity Trustee is voluntary though essential expenses can be reimbursed

Responsibilities: See OSCR guidance [here](#)

For more information about SFW see: www.sfw.co.uk or follow us on [twitter](#).

How to Apply

Please email a cover letter stating why you would like to become a Trustee of Scotland's Finest Woods, what skills and experience you consider you can bring to the role and SFW's effective operating in future and attach a CV by the **deadline of 12noon on Wednesday 18th March 2020** to: admin@sfw.co.uk

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