



Scotland's Finest Woods Awards

2021 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, ten competitions and almost £10,000 of prize money are available:

Climate Change Champion Award – NEW FOR 2021 >>

All entrants to the five established Awards listed below are encouraged to **submit an additional, optional entry** to this new, exciting and extremely topical Award for 2021. The superb CarbonStore trophy and £1,000 of prize money will be available to the first winner:

- Enter if you have submitted an entry to an Award below and are doing exemplary **work related to forests and woodlands addressing climate change**. Your entry may focus **on mitigating** and/or **adapting to the changing climate** and/or **sharing knowledge/information** or **raising awareness about climate change**.

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 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 each with a trophy and in total £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!

Don't be shy, enter your woodland project today! Remember, you need to be in it to win it!

Key dates:

- All entries have a closing date deadline of Wednesday 31st March 2021.
- Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Judges aim to notify shortlisted entries in April 2021 and visit selected sites during April/May.
- Prize-giving ceremony date to be advised although expected in second half of June 2021.

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

Climate Change Champion Award

A cash prize of **£1,000** awaits the first ever winner of this exciting and a highly topical **new Award**. In addition, a wonderful new **CarbonStore Trophy for the 2021 Climate Change Champion** will be revealed and given to the winner to look after and enjoy for one year. The champion and any commended entries receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Community Woodlands Awards

£2,000 in prizes with a cash prize of **£1,000** for the winning project in each competition. 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 any commended entries receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Farm Woodland Award

A cash prize of **£1,000** for the winning project in each competition and also, custody for a year of the prestigious **Lilburn Trophy** kindly gifted by The Royal Highland & Agricultural Society of Scotland or the **Scottish Woodlands Ltd. Trophy for Young People**. Both winners and any commended entries receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

New Native Woods Award

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 any commended entries receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Quality Timber Awards

£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 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 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 receive a certificate and wooden display plaque to record their achievement.

Schools Award

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 also receives a certificate and wooden display plaque recording their achievement. In addition, a special tree growing kit from Alba Trees and a [Mag Post](#) from Caledonia Play are gifted.

Prize-giving

The winning projects will be presented with their prizes in June 2021. Due to Covid-19 a further announcement about the format and date of this will be made nearer the time.

How to enter

Simply visit www.sfwa.co.uk to download and complete a short entry form with basic location and contact details and state within the word limit set (500 or 1,000 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 midnight Wednesday 31st March 2021 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, Bramblewood, Munloch, Ross-shire, IV8 8PF or email: admin@sfwa.co.uk

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