



Scotland's Finest Woods Awards 2021

Schools Award Information Sheet

Winner's Prize: £500 and Second Prize: £250

Delivery Partner:



We have teamed up with Outdoor Woodland & Learning Scotland (OWLS) to run a Schools Award.

What is it for?

The Award is to encourage and reward schools that increase young people's understanding and appreciation of the environmental, social and economic potential of trees, woodlands and forests and of the link between trees and everyday wood-based products.

There is also new for 2021, an optional extra Award you may enter for Climate Change related activities in addition to the Schools Award. Please refer to the Climate Change Champion Award information sheet, guidance and entry form at www.sfwa.co.uk.

Who can enter?

Entry is open to nursery, primary, secondary and special schools anywhere in Scotland.

What sort of project is eligible?

Entries can be any projects involving forestry, woodlands or trees.

Here are some examples of projects that you might want to enter:

- A programme of learning in a woodland or forest environment or in a forest industry setting
- Practical tree planting or woodland improvement projects in school grounds or in the local community.

The entry can be for an ongoing forestry or tree related project that has made considerable progress by the deadline date of Tuesday 31st March 2020, or one that is already complete. It should not be for a planned project or one that is in its early stage (these can be submitted in future years).

For more ideas, explore OWL's website www.owlscotland.org

Prizes

There is a cash prize of **£500** for the winning school together with custody of the Schools Award Trophy for one year and the second prize for the runner-up is **£250**.

Each winning school will also receive a **certificate** and special **commemorative wooden display plaque** recording their achievement and a special **Tree Pack** containing a tree-growing kit kindly donated by **Alba Trees** of East Lothian as well as a [Mag Post](#) kindly donated by **Caledonia Play**.

Keeping safe

It is requested that only **one person on behalf of the school** is available to meet the judge(s) on-site. Each person attending will need to safe distance and wear an appropriate face mask (unless exempt)/use hand sanitiser/wear suitable protective gloves. Judges will provide their own PPE. The school is to **have a**

pre-arranged plan to allow the judges to gain a good understanding of how your project has been run, carried out, adapted for Covid-19 is required and reviewed. Achievements and feedback from pupils, carers or others will be especially useful.

Judges are to be specific with entrants in advance of the visit about what they want to see and/or have made available before or at the site visit.

Entrants must provide the most relevant supporting information ideally some pictorial either as photographs or short, small file size video or by website/YouTube links.

Award ceremony

Details are to be confirmed, however **it is expected the 2021 Awards' Ceremony will be held virtually to keep everyone safe during the 2nd half of June. The Awards' Ceremony may coincide with Friday of the Royal Highland Show i.e.18th June 2021, in case it may be possible to get together in person.**

Additional presentations to winners can be made at schools or on site so that all those involved can join the celebrations.

How to enter

Simply complete an entry form and submit by email to Bonnie.Maggio@forestry.gov.scot.

Copies of this entry form can be downloaded from the Scotland's Finest Woods Awards' website at www.sfw.co.uk or OWL's website www.owlscotland.org and should be submitted electronically.

Deadline

The deadline is Wednesday, 31st March 2021. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.

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See www.sfw.co.uk for general information and **follow us on [Twitter](#) !**

Scotland's Finest Woods Awards are run by the independent charity, Scotland's Finest Woods to celebrate the contribution that woodlands can make to the people of Scotland and to its environment.

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