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| SFW dark blue | OWLS Final Logos-01**Scotland’s Finest WoodsAwards 2021** |

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.caledoniaplay.com/c/educational-play-I178/mag-post-magnifying-post-I215/1/) 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.sfwa.co.uk](http://www.sfwa.co.uk) or OWL’s website [www.owlscotland.org](http://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.**

**For more information please contact:**

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Website: [www.owlscotland.org](http://www.owlscotland.org)

See [**www.sfwa.co.uk**](http://www.sfwa.co.uk)for general information and **follow us on** [**Twitter**](https://twitter.com/ScFinestWoods) **!**

**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.**

Contact information: [www.sfwa.co.uk](http://www.sfwa.co.uk) T: 07969 327015 E: admin@sfwa.co.uk

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**Name of School: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………..**

**Type of School (Nursery/ Primary/ Secondary/ Special): ............................................................................**

**Name of Contact: …………………………………………………………………………………….…………………**

**School Role/Position of Contact: ……………………………………………………………………………………**

**Phone Number: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

**Mobile Number: ..……………………………………………………………………………………………………….**

**Address of School: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………......**

**Email address: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………….**

**The above fields are mandatory. Applications without this information cannot be accepted.**

**Are you, in addition, submitting an optional entry to the new Climate Change Champion Award? See** [**www.sfwa.co.uk**](http://www.sfwa.co.uk) **for details. Select:** **Yes / No**

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| **1. The aim of the project:** |
| **2. Please describe what you have done during this project.** |
| **3. How did/does your project relate to the curriculum?** |
| **4. Describe the involvement of:**1. **Pupils and teachers – the school community**

**b) Wider community** |
| **5. To what extent does the project have a lasting impact in sustainable development terms (i.e. environmental, social/community and/or economic aspects) on your school?** |
| **6. How do you hope build on this project in the future?** |
| **7. Please enter here hyperlinks to any photos or videos to support your application. Please do notattach electronic photos, videos and/or files to the application as our systems will not accept these.** |

**Your entry form should ideally be submitted by email and by the deadline of 31st March 2021 to:** **Bonnie.Maggio@forestry.gov.scot**