



# Scotland's Finest Woods Awards

## 2022 Awards Programme

Scotland's Finest Woods aims 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.

*Our judges will be seeking out Scotland's finest woods and rewarding the pursuit of excellence!*

Six award categories, eleven competitions and over £11,000 of prize money are available:

### Climate Change Champion Award – revised for 2022, apply directly >>

This exciting and extremely topical Award was introduced last year and is **open to any forest, woodland or a school or pre-school climate change related learning project**. The superb [CarbonStore](#) trophy and £1,000 of prize money will be available to the winner:

- Enter if you are carrying out 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** (including through education by schools and pre-schools) **about climate change**.

### Community Woodlands Award – two competitions >>

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 – two competitions >>

Now in its fifth year, this category is for farmers and crofters, and has two competitions each with fantastic trophies. The magnificent Lilburn Trophy sponsored by [SAC Consulting](#) and the [Scottish Woodlands Ltd.](#) Trophy for Young People each with £1,000 are 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 available to be won.

### Quality Timber Awards – three competitions >>

Focusing on growing quality timber, woodland owners and their managers are invited to compete in our three competitions each with a trophy and in total £3,000 of prize money is 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 and Early Years – two competitions >>

Schools and pre-school projects can enter this popular category. We have two competitions and are seeking out **Scotland's most fun-packed**:

- **School and Early Years' woodland projects** with £750 of prize money to be won in each competition. There is a cash prize of £500 each for the winning school and early years' entries with one year's custody of the [Crown Estate Scotland](#) Schools trophy or [Scottish Forestry](#)'s specially commissioned Early Years trophy.

- The runners-up prize for each 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 Thursday 31st March 2022.
- Any entries received after the closing date will not be considered.
- Judges aim to notify shortlisted entries in April 2022 and visit selected sites during April/May.
- The 2022 prize-giving awards ceremony date and format will be advised after the end March closing date.

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#### Climate Change Champion Award

A cash prize of **£1,000** awaits the winner of this exciting and highly topical **Award** introduced last year to mark COP 26 being held in Scotland. In addition, the wonderful **CarbonStore Trophy for the 2022 Climate Change Champion** will be 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** awarded at the judges' discretion 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 and sponsored by **SAC Consulting** 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 winner 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 and Early Years

Cash prizes of **£500** for the school and early years' winners together with one year's custody of either the superb **Schools Award Crown Estate Scotland Trophy** or the **Scottish Forestry Early Years Trophy**. The runners-up prizes are **£250** each. Each school and early years' education provider also receives a certificate and wooden display plaque. In addition, a special tree growing kit from [Alba Trees](#) and a [Mag Post](#) from Caledonia Play are provided.

#### Prize-giving

The winners will be announced at a special 2022 Awards Ceremony. A further announcement about the Awards Ceremony format and date will be made as soon as is possible after the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 closing date for entries. For news watch [www.sfwa.co.uk](http://www.sfwa.co.uk) and [Twitter](#).

#### How to enter

Simply visit [www.sfwa.co.uk](http://www.sfwa.co.uk) to download and complete a short entry form with basic location and contact details, and state within the word limit (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 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at the very latest. Late entries will not be accepted.**

**More information:** see [www.sfwa.co.uk](http://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](mailto:admin@sfwa.co.uk)

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