



# Scotland's Finest Woods Awards 2022

## *Schools and Early Years' Awards Information Sheet*

**Winners' Prizes: £500/each and Second Prizes: £250/each**

Delivery Partner:



We have teamed up with [Outdoor Woodland & Learning Scotland](#) (OWLS) to run Schools' and Early Years' Awards.

### **What is it for?**

These Awards are to encourage and reward schools as well early years' projects 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.

### **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 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 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 each** for the winning school and early years education provider together with **custody of a striking trophy for one year and** second prizes for each runner-up being **£250**. All prizes are awarded at the judges' discretion.

Each winning school and early years' education provider 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**

**The 2022 prize-giving awards ceremony date and format will be advised after the end March 2022 closing date. The Awards' Ceremony may coincide with Friday of the Royal Highland Show i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022, in case it may be possible to get together in person.**

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

### **How to enter**

Simply complete an entry form and submit by email to [Eilidh.malcolm@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:Eilidh.malcolm@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 Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Any entries received after this date will not be considered.**

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See [www.sfwa.co.uk](http://www.sfwa.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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