

Scotland's Finest Woods



Scotland's Finest Woods Awards

List of Winners 2025

Thursday 4 December 2025

Holyrood Room, Scottish Parliament

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Early Years Award

Winner of the Scottish Forestry Early Years' Trophy:

West Johnstone ELCC, Renfrewshire

Runner Up – Glenburgh Nursery Centre, Rutherglen, South Lanarkshire

Schools Award

Winner of the Crown Estate Scotland Schools' Trophy:

Hardgate Primary School, Haugh of Urr, Castle Douglas, Dumfries & Galloway

Runner Up – Selkirk High School, Selkirk, Scottish Borders

Urban Forestry Award

Winner of the Future Woodlands Scotland Trophy for Urban Forestry:

TreeLink Stirling for Free Fruit and Nut Trees

Highly Commended – **Clyde Climate Forest** (Glasgow City Region Initiative - Green Action Trust / The Conservation Volunteers / Trees for Cities / GCR Green Network)

Farm Woodland Award

Winner of the F & W Forestry Farm Woodland Award and Lilburn Trophy:

Rhanich Croft, Edderton, Highland

Highly Commended – Gascoigne Farm, Biggar, Scottish Borders

Climate Change Champion Award

Winner of the Trophy for Climate Change Champion:

Selkirk High School, Selkirk, Scottish Borders

New Native Woods Award

Winner of the Woodland Trust Scotland Trophy for New Native Woods:

Rest and Be Thankful, Forestry & Land Scotland and Transport Scotland, Glen Croe, Argyll & Bute

Highly Commended – Baleveolan Croft Woodland, Isle of Lismore, Argyll & Bute

Highly Commended – Ceannocroc Lost Woods, Glenmoriston, Highland

Highly Commended – Talla & Gameshope, Borders Forest Trust, Tweedsmuir, Scottish Borders

Commended – Attinlea Memorial Wood, Nethybridge, Cairngorm National Park

Commended – Kilbraur Sheep Stock Club, Rogart, Highland

QUALITY TIMBER AWARDS

Silvicultural Excellence for a Single Stand, Compartment or Small Woodland

Winner of the Hunter Blair Trophy for Silvicultural Excellence:

Forestry and Land Scotland for Braeval Forest, Aberfoyle, the Trossachs

Commended for Silvicultural Excellence – Coille na t-Sealgair / Hunter's Wood, Sorn, Ayrshire

Commended for Silvicultural Excellence – Wester Loch, Hawick, Scottish Borders

Multipurpose Forestry

Winner of the John Kennedy Trophy for Multipurpose Forestry:
Quinlochmuir, Strathblane, Stirling

New Commercial Woods category

Winner of the Glennon Brothers Trophy for New Commercial Woods:
Moorfoot, Penicuik, Midlothian

Highly Commended - Multipurpose Forestry: Glendivan, Langholm, Dumfries & Galloway

Highly Commended - Multipurpose Forestry: Rhanich Croft, Edderton, Highland

Community Woodlands Award

Winner of the Large Community Woodland Group competition and of the Tim Stead Trophy for overall Community Woodland Award Winner:

Gifford Community Land Company Ltd for Fawn and Speedy Wood, Gifford, East Lothian

Highly Commended - Large Community Woodland Group competition:

Sleat Community Trust for Tormore Community Woodland, Isle of Skye

Highly Commended - Small Community Woodland Group competition:

The Patons of Dunfermline charity, Wooers' Alley Team and Fife Council for Wooer's Alley, Dunfermline, Fife

Judges

Dr Andrew Barbour, Bob Dunsmore OBE, John Gallacher, Tim Hall, Syd House MBE, Michaela Hunter, Sir Patrick Hunter Blair Bt, Eilidh Malcolm, James McDougall, Bonnie Maggio, Kirstin Monk, Dr Suzanne Peace, Anna Perks, Dr Mike Perks, Prof Chris Quine, Dr Jane Rosegrant, Charlie Taylor, Dr Vicky West, Lyn White, Douglas Worrall, and Sally York.

Trustees

Alison Chisholm, Dr Alicja Dzieciol, Dr Stuart Glen, Wilma Harper MBE (Chair), Sam Howard, Tim Liddon, John Paterson, Guy Watt, and Peter Whitfield.

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

The underlying principle of the Awards is that people from across Scotland work hard to support their local communities, the environment and our economy, and the Awards provide a way to recognise and reward their achievements and so identify exemplars for others to follow.

The Trustees especially wish to thank this year's sponsors, supporters and the volunteer judging teams who have made the annual Awards programme possible.

Thank you

Thank you and well done to **all** entrants for contributing towards making the competitions happen – we hope you enjoyed the experience.

Thank you for recognising the trees under your stewardship by taking the time and effort to put your woodlands, forests, and woodland projects forward for consideration.

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