



Forestry Grant Scheme Financial Support Woodland Creation

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The conservancies support Scotland's forest industry with guidance and grants and by implementing forestry policy and regulations.

It carries out health, education and engagement programmes with local communities.

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FORESTRY'S ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO SCOTLAND

WORTH ALMOST

£1 BILLION GVA*

PER YEAR

THAT'S

£771,000,000 GVA

FROM FORESTRY AND
TIMBER PROCESSING

AND

£183,000,000 GVA

FROM FOREST
RECREATION AND TOURISM



EMPLOYS OVER

25,000 FTE

PEOPLE

THAT'S

19,555 FTE

IN FORESTRY AND
TIMBER PROCESSING

AND

6,312 FTE

IN FOREST
RECREATION AND TOURISM

*GROSS VALUE ADDED AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT TAKEN FROM "THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF THE FORESTRY SECTOR IN SCOTLAND, 2015"

Targets

Scottish Government: Expand woodland cover by 100,000ha by 2022

Why plant trees?

Planting trees can provide a range of benefits including:

- Timber and Fuel,
- Shelter,
- Carbon Sequestration,
- Increased Habitat,
- Shading Watercourses,
- Aid Soil Stability,
- Help Limit Diffuse Pollution,
- Improve Natural Flood Management,
- Increase Land Values,
- Improve Landscape and Amenity.



Example 1 – 40ha Conifer Woodland

10% open ground 5% Broadleaf Stocking Density: 2500/ha Conifer 1100/ha Broadleaf

Income	Year 1	Annual	Total
Planting Grant	£ 99,402	£ 8,302	£ 141,002
Fencing			
Gates			
Tree Protection			
Costs	Year 1	Annual	Total
Design & Management	£ 82,635	£ 5,500	£ 99,065
Prep & Planting			
Tree Protection			
	Net Balance £		41,937

Example 2 – 20ha Native Broadleaf Woodland

15% open ground Stocking Density: 1600/ha Broadleaf

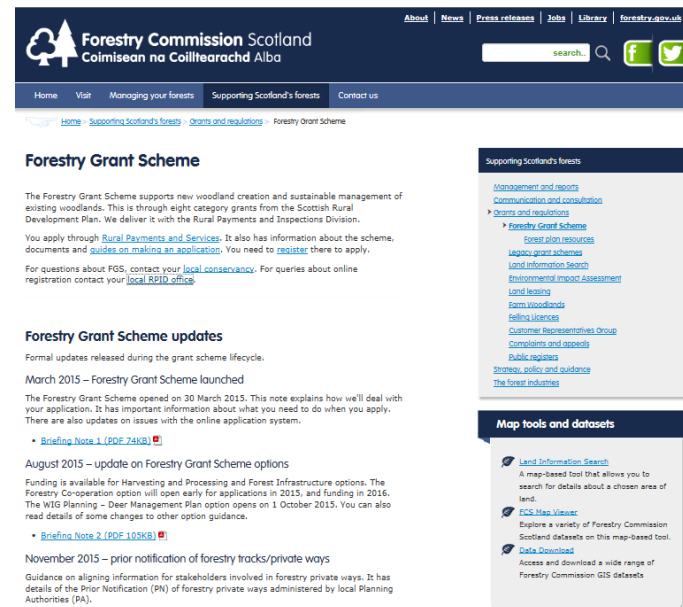
Income	Year 1	Annual	Total
Planting Grant	£ 57,432	£ 5,440	£ 84,632
Fencing			
Gates			
Tree Protection			
Costs	Year 1	Annual	Total
Design & Management	£ 50,873	£ 4,000	£ 58,149
Prep & Planting			
Tree Protection			
	Net Balance		£ 22,199



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Forestry Grant Scheme Support 8 Work Areas

- Woodland Creation
- Agroforestry
 - creation of small scale woodlands on agricultural land
- Woodland Improvement Grants
 - Planning: Forest Plan
Woodland Grazing Management Plan
 - Woodland Restructuring
 - Habitat & Species - Improved Biodiversity
 - Low Impact Silvicultural Systems - Continuous Cover
 - Woods in and Around Towns (WIAT)
- Sustainable Management of Forests



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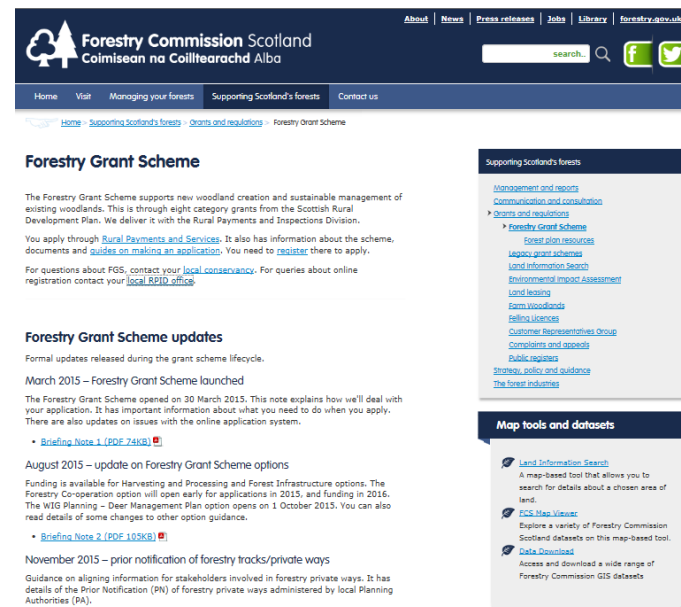
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The bottom sidebar contains a 'Map tools and datasets' section with links to: Land Information Search, FCS Map Viewer, and Data Download.

- **Tree Health**
 - supports the protection of woodland from the impacts of non-routine tree pests or diseases
- **Harvesting and Processing**
 - development of the small-scale premium softwood and hardwood processing sector
 - support for equipment to increase harvesting in small, undermanaged woods
- **Forest Infrastructure**
 - supports forest access in small-scale or undermanaged woodlands
- **Forestry Co-operation**
 - Cost of co-ordinator
 - key 'landscape scale' projects involving a number of landowners



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Grant Support

9 woodland creation options.


- Initial planting payment
- Annual maintenance payment for five years.
- Range of capital grants available for operations such as fencing and tree protection.



Basic Payment Scheme

- Afforested land will continue to be eligible for the Basic Payment Scheme
- 20 years - duration of the woodland creation contract





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Forestry Grant Scheme

Scotland's woodlands and forests are a vital national resource and play an important role in rural development and sustainable land use.

As well as helping to reduce the impacts of climate change and providing timber for industry, our forests enhance and protect the environment and provide opportunities for public enjoyment.

The Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) will support:

- the creation of new woodlands – contributing towards the Scottish Government target of 10,000 hectares of new woodlands per year
- the sustainable management of existing woodlands


During the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014–2020, £252 million will be available through this scheme.

You can apply for support under eight categories:

- two for the creation of woodland
- six for management of existing woodland

Within some of these categories, there is a range of funding options which relate to specific types of project or work.

There's more to Scotland's forests than meets the eye




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www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/forestry-grant-scheme/

Or search on-line for “Forestry Grant Scheme”



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Map tools and datasets

-  [Land Information Search](#)
A map-based tool that allows you to search for details about a chosen area of land.
-  [FCS Map Viewer](#)
Explore a variety of Forestry Commission Scotland datasets on this map-based tool.
-  [Data Download](#)
Access and download a wide range of Forestry Commission GIS datasets

www.scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/grants-and-regulations/forestry-grants

Next Steps

- Contact your local woodland officer at FCS. They will advise you on how to progress.
- Speak to your neighbours and local community.
- If required seek support from a forestry agent to apply to FGS and implement the project.

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