

Forestry Grant Scheme

Financial Support: Woodland Creation Forest Management

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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"

Forestry Grant Scheme will support:

- Creation of new woodlands contributing towards the Scottish Government target of 10,000 hectares of new woodlands per year
- 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

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

Or search on-line for “Forestry Grant Scheme”



Forestry Grant Scheme

8 Categories

1) Woodland Creation

2) Agroforestry

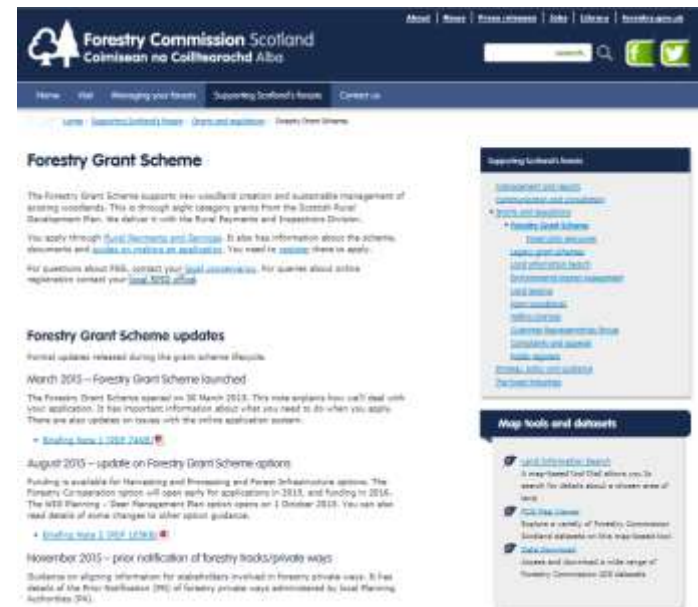
- creation of low density woodlands on agricultural land

3) Woodland Improvement Grants

- Planning
- Woodland Restructuring
- Habitat & Species
- Low Impact Silvicultural Systems

4) Sustainable Management of Forests

- Low Impact Silvicultural Systems
- Native Woodlands
- Public Access: Rural Woods
- Species Conservation:
 - Grey Squirrel Control
 - Reducing Deer Impacts



5) Tree Health

- supports the protection of woodland from the impacts of non-routine tree pests or diseases

6) Harvesting and Processing

- development of the small-scale premium softwood and hardwood processing sector
- support for equipment to increase harvesting in small, undermanaged woods

7) Forest Infrastructure

- supports forest access in small-scale or undermanaged woodlands

8) Forestry Co-operation

- Cost of project co-ordinator
- key 'landscape scale' projects involving a number of landowners



The screenshot shows the Forestry Commission Scotland website. The main heading is "Forestry Grant Scheme". Below this, there is a paragraph explaining the scheme's purpose: "The Forestry Grant Scheme supports the woodland creation and sustainable management of existing woodlands. This is through eight category grants from the Scottish Rural Development Plan. We deliver it with the Rural Payments and Incentives Division." It also provides information on how to apply through "Land Management and Services" and lists contact details for questions.

There are two sections titled "Forestry Grant Scheme updates":

- March 2015 – Forestry Grant Scheme launched**: A notice about the scheme's launch on 30 March 2015, explaining how it will deal with applications and providing a link to a "Guiding Note 2015-2020".
- August 2015 – update on Forestry Grant Scheme options**: A notice about the availability of Harvesting and Processing and Forest Infrastructure options, stating that the Forestry Co-operation option will open early for applications in 2015 and forestry in 2016. It also provides a link to a "Guiding Note 2015-2016".
- November 2015 – prior notification of forestry private ways**: A notice about the requirement for prior notification of forestry private ways administered by local planning authorities (LPAs).

On the right side of the page, there is a "Supporting Forestry Schemes" sidebar with a search bar and a list of links for various schemes and services.

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



100ha Woodland

Woodland Creation Option:
Conifer

Sitka Spruce Woodland for
Timber Production

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|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Initial Planting: | £192,000 |
| Crop Protection+: | £34,989 |
| 5 Years Crop Maintenance#: | £104,000 (annual payment: £20,800) |
| Total Grant Payment (over 5 years) | £330,989 |

10ha Woodland

Woodland Creation Option:
Native Broadleaves

Creating Native Broadleaf
Woodland

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|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Initial Planting: | £18,400 |
| Crop Protection+: | £13,382 |
| 5 Years Crop Maintenance#: | £13,600 (annual payment: £2,720) |
| Total Grant Payment (over 5 years) | £45,382 |

+ Crop Protection Payment: modelled on minimum requirement for fencing and/or tree tubes and gates, additional items are available; please see specific option guidance for more detail.

Crop Maintenance Payment: represents payment rate per hectare paid for 5 years.

Woodland Improvement Grant Restructuring Regeneration



Aim: To improve the biodiversity, resilience and species diversity of woodlands

Delivering:
UK Forestry Standard Woodland

£300 per hectare

Delivering:
Diversity and Resilience Woodland

£550 per hectare



Sustainable Management of Forests Public Access – Rural Woods



Aim: to provide support for the management of rural woods for public access

The grant supports the ongoing activities of:

- Carrying out annual tree and path safety inspections
- Keeping access routes free of litter and tree debris
- Keeping paths and signs and recreational facilities up to an acceptable standard

The rate is £100 per eligible hectare per year for up to a maximum of five years

Grant support will be capped at £10,000 per management unit per year

Forest Infrastructure

Aim:

To provide support for new access infrastructure that will bring small scale, undermanaged or inaccessible woodlands into management



Capital Grant

Construction of Forest Road

Construction of Lay-bys, Turning Areas or Loading Bays

Construction of Bell-mouth Junction

Payment rate

£25.80 per linear metre

£6.60 per square metre

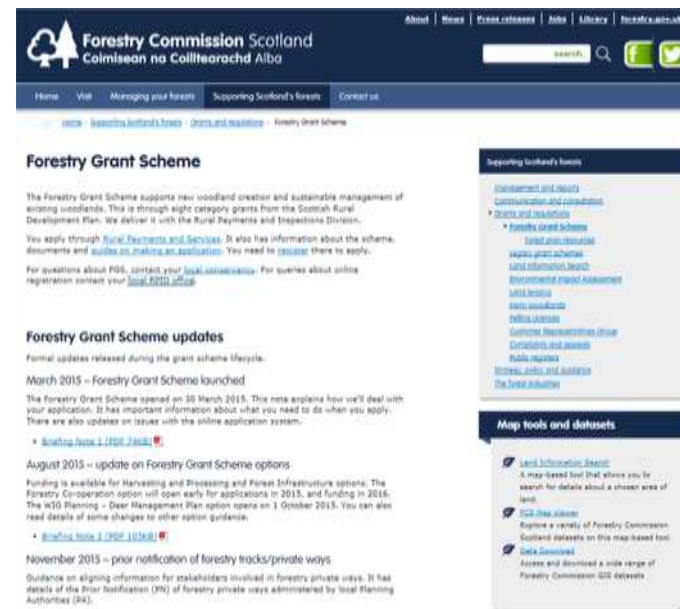
£32.40 per square metre

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FGS Can Support Development of:

- Woodland Creation
- Agroforestry
- Woodland Improvement Grants
- Sustainable Management of Forests
- Tree Health
- Harvesting and Processing
- Forest Infrastructure
- Forestry Co-operation



Speak to a Woodland officer or visit the FCS website for more information

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

LET'S GET PLANTING!

NO PROJECT TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL

Under **1** to over **500 hectares**.



GET PLANTING QUICKLY



Over **99%** of applications have been **successful**



75% were given the go ahead within **20 weeks**

9 WOODLAND CREATION GRANTS

to suit most needs.

- CONIFER
- DIVERSE CONIFER
- BROADLEAVES
- NATIVE SCOTS PINE
- NATIVE UPLAND BIRCH
- NATIVE BROADLEAVES
- NATIVE LOW-DENSITY BROADLEAVES
- SMALL OR FARM WOODLAND
- NATIVE BROADLEAVES IN N & W ISLES

SUPPORT FROM BEGINNING TO END

Grants can cover up to **90% of costs**, including planning, planting, maintenance and tree protection.



PLANNING



PLANTING



MAINTENANCE



PROTECTION

We can give **advice** and **put you in touch** with **FORESTRY EXPERTS**

For **more info** and to **apply** visit www.forestry.gov.uk/scotlandgrants