

Free Farm Woodlands Advice



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Free online events – Woodland Creation & Management webinar series

Join our three upcoming farm woodlands events from the comfort of your own home. Panels of experts will discuss how to grow trees to benefit farming, from planting, to establishment, to thinning and harvesting. Each event will include a live Q&A session where you can ask our speakers your questions about farm forestry. Follow the links below to register, or visit **www.fas.scot/events** to sign up and see full details of speakers and topics.

Part 1 – Benefits of Woodland

<https://bit.ly/31st4Yy>

Thursday 9 July, 6pm to 7:15pm

How could a new woodland benefit your farm? What kind of trees should you plant? How can growing trees improve livestock productivity, increase biodiversity and benefit the wider environment?

Part 2 – Successful Woodland Establishment

<https://bit.ly/2YlaycP>

Thursday 16th July, 6pm to 7:30pm

Woodland creation is about growing trees, not just planting them. How do you make sure a new woodland establishes well? Could you access carbon funding to help pay for it?

Part 3 – Managing Existing Farm Woodlands

<https://bit.ly/2Zilltg>

Thursday 23rd July, 5pm to 6:30pm

How can you get the most value from harvesting your woodland? What benefits are there to managing woodland for biodiversity rather than timber harvesting? What grant funding is available for improving farm woodlands and access?

If you need more advice on farm woodlands or any other topic, the Farm Advisory Service has a range of support and help available:

Advice line

For free telephone advice on a wide variety of topics including cross compliance, water framework directive requirements, climate change and other technical issues call us on **0300 323 0161** or email **advice@fas.scot**. The advice line operates between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Bespoke Advice and Grants

FAS can also help you to increase the profitability and sustainability of your farming business through Scottish Government grants including Integrated Land Management Plans (ILMPs) – worth up to £1,200.

The ILMP will identify opportunities and cost savings for your business, based on an independent and confidential assessment of your business by an experienced farm business adviser of your choosing. As part of your plan you can choose to benefit from up to two further specialist advice plans.

Online

Our website contains articles, videos and much more at **www.fas.scot**

£1,000 funding available for woodlands advice

Farmers and crofters can now apply for up to £1,000 for an advisor to review how woodlands could help get the most out of their land. The advice will also identify the most suitable grants available. The Scottish Government has recently made it easier to access funding for specialist advice on woodlands; previously, farmers had to first complete an Integrated Land Management Plan (ILMP). For more information and to apply, visit **www.fas.scot**.

How trees will play a key role in 'green recovery'

As we look towards life after the Covid-19 pandemic, the Scottish Government is committed to rebuilding a greener, lower carbon economy. This means reducing reliance on fossil fuels, plastics and other environmentally damaging products, as well as offsetting carbon emissions. Increasing woodland cover and sustainably managing existing forests has an invaluable role to play in these ambitions.



Timber products as carbon storage

Carbon absorbed by trees stays locked up in the wood for the lifetime of the product.

This can be decades or centuries for construction materials. Recycling shorter-lived products, such as pallets or packaging, keeps the carbon stored for longer.



Material substitution

Timber and wood-based products can replace materials with a higher carbon and environmental footprint, such as concrete and steel in construction. Materials made from tree fibre are also easier to recycle than plastics, and eventually break down.



Fuel substitution

Woodfuel from sustainably managed forests can replace more polluting – and finite – fossil fuels to provide heat and power.



Renewable and sustainable resource

After harvesting another crop can be planted. This next rotation of trees starts absorbing more carbon, beginning the process again.



Sustainable jobs

The forestry industry currently contributes £1 billion to the Scottish economy annually and supports 25,000 jobs.