



Forestry Commission Scotland
Coimisean na Coilltearachd Alba

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"

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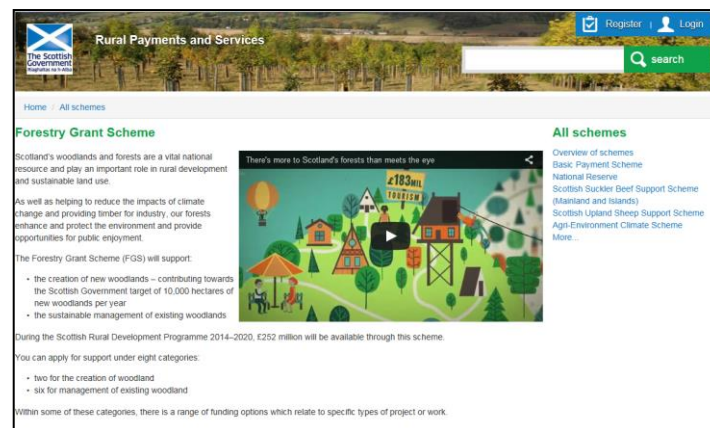
- Creation of new woodlands

- Sustainable management of existing woodlands

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

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

Or search on-line for “Forestry Grant Scheme”



Forestry Grant Scheme

You can apply for support under eight categories:

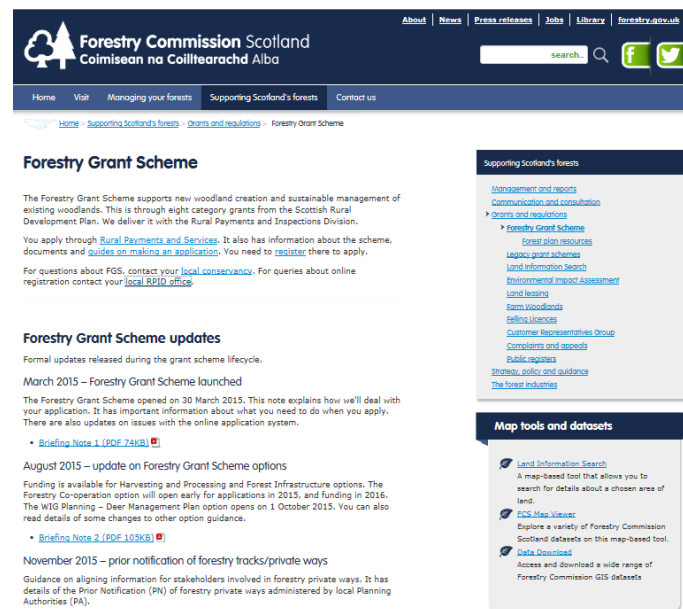
- Two for the creation of woodland
- Six for management of existing woodland

1) Woodland Creation

- Conifer
- Diverse Conifer
- Broadleaves
- Native Scots Pine
- Native Upland Birch
- Native Broadleaves
- Native Low-density Broadleaves
- Small or Farm Woodlands
- Native Broadleaves in Northern and Western Isles

2) Agroforestry

- Creation of low density woodlands on pasture or forage land



The screenshot shows the Forestry Commission Scotland website. The main content area is titled "Forestry Grant Scheme" and includes the following sections:

- Forestry Grant Scheme**: A paragraph explaining that the scheme supports new woodland creation and sustainable management of existing woodlands. It mentions that grants are delivered through the Rural Payments and Inspections Division. It also provides links for "Rural Payments and Services" and "guides on making an application".
- Forestry Grant Scheme updates**: A section for formal updates released during the grant scheme lifecycle. It includes a sub-section for "March 2015 - Forestry Grant Scheme launched" with a link to a PDF document.
- August 2015 - update on Forestry Grant Scheme options**: A section detailing funding availability for Harvesting and Processing and Forest Infrastructure options, and the WIG Planning - Deer Management Plan option.
- November 2015 - prior notification of forestry tracks/private ways**: A section providing guidance on aligning information for stakeholders involved in forestry private ways.

On the right side of the page, there are two sidebars:

- Supporting Scotland's forests**: A navigation menu with links to "Management and reports", "Communication and consultation", "Grants and regulations", "Forestry Grant Scheme", "Legal grant schemes", "Wild information Search", "Environmental Impact Assessment", "Land leasing", "Farm Woodlands", "Felling Licences", "Customer Representatives Group", "Complaints and appeals", "Public registers", "Strategy, policy and guidance", and "The forest industries".
- Map tools and datasets**: A section with links to "Land Information Search", "FGS Map Viewer", and "Data Download".

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



Planting a 100ha productive conifer woodland

Conifer

Sitka Spruce Woodland for
Timber Production

Initial Planting:	£192,000
Fencing & Crop Protection+:	£34,989
5 Years Crop Maintenance#:	£104,000 <small>(annual payment: £20,800)</small>
Total Grant Payment (over 5 years)	£330,989

Diverse Conifer

Mixed Species Conifer Woodland for
Timber Production (other than Sitka Spruce)

Initial Planting:	£216,000
Fencing & Crop Protection+:	£34,989
5 Years Crop Maintenance#:	£168,000 <small>(annual payment: £42,000)</small>
Total Grant Payment (over 5 years)	£418,989

Planting a 10ha productive broadleaf or productive mixed conifer and broadleaf woodland

Broadleaves

Broadleaf Woodland for
Timber Production

Initial Planting:	£28,800
Fencing & Crop Protection+:	£14,465
5 Years Crop Maintenance#:	£26,400 <small>(annual payment: £5,280)</small>
Total Grant Payment (over 5 years)	£69,665

Small or Farm Woodland*

Small-Scale Mixed Broadleaf
and Conifer Woodland

Initial Planting:	£24,000
Fencing & Crop Protection+:	£16,539
5 Years Crop Maintenance#:	£20,000 <small>(annual payment: £4,000)</small>
Total Grant Payment (over 5 years)	£60,539

+ Fencing & 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.

* Total woodland creation under this option limited to 10ha per business.

Basic Payment Scheme (BPS): Farmed land planted with trees remains eligible for BPS.

Planting a 10ha native woodland

Native Broadleaves

Creating Native Broadleaf Woodland

Initial Planting:	£18,400
Fencing & Crop Protection+:	£13,382
5 Years Crop Maintenance#:	£13,600 <small>(annual payment: £2,720)</small>
Total Grant Payment (over 5 years)	£45,382

Native Scots Pine

Creating Native Pinewood

Initial Planting:	£18,400
Fencing & Crop Protection+:	£11,102
5 Years Crop Maintenance#:	£13,600 <small>(annual payment: £2,720)</small>
Total Grant Payment (over 5 years)	£43,102

Native Upland Birch

Creating Upland Birch Woodland

Initial Planting:	£18,400
Fencing & Crop Protection+:	£13,382
5 Years Crop Maintenance#:	£6,400 <small>(annual payment: £1,280)</small>
Total Grant Payment (over 5 years)	£38,182

Agro-forestry

Aim

Agroforestry is an integrated approach to land management, where trees and agriculture co-exist to provide multiple benefits.



The option provides grant support to help create small scale woodlands within sheep grazing pasture.

Benefits: The trees can,

- provide shelter for livestock
- provide timber
- increase biodiversity
- enhance the landscape

The rate per hectare covers,

- purchase of trees and stakes
- purchase or construction of appropriate protection
- planning, site assessment, supervision, ground preparation, and planting
- cost of beating up and weeding

Payment Rates

Planting density	Initial payment	Annual maintenance
400 trees/hectare	£3,600/hectare	£84/hectare/year
200 trees/hectare	£1,860/hectare	£48/hectare/year

Sheep and Trees

Sheep and Trees is a partnership initiative aimed at helping land managers identify the many opportunities woodland creation can bring to support and develop their existing farm business.

The initiative is supported by:

- Scottish Government's Agriculture and Rural Economy Division
- National Farmers Union Scotland
- Forestry Commission Scotland
- National Sheep Association (Scotland)

Boost your Business

- provide important shelter and extend outwintering periods
- help provide more manageable grazing units
- improve farm business productivity - particularly on poorer quality land
- retain same flock size while introducing trees as a new crop
- significantly improve on-farm access through use of well-planned forest access roads
- help to reduce farming costs and maintain income leading to improved net income
- grow into a valuable capital asset, source of timber and future income stream

What Funding is Available?

- Woodland Creation grant
- Forest Infrastructure grant

The new woodland must be between 10 hectares and 50 hectares of productive conifer woodland using the 'Conifer' or 'Diverse Conifer' options.



Forestry Grant Scheme: Woodland Creation Grant Funding Examples

Woodland Creation Option:
Conifer

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 for Timber Production**

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These examples indicate the value of grants that are available to plant a **100ha productive conifer woodland**

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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

LET'S GET PLANTING!

NO PROJECT TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL
Under **1** to over **500 hectares**.

Average **grants** over
£4,000
per hectare.

GET PLANTING QUICKLY

99%

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

75%

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

Speak to a Woodland officer or visit the FCS website for more information
www.scotland.forestry.gov.uk/supporting/grants-and-regulations/forestry-grants