



FOREST EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Scotland's Finest Woodlands Awards 2007

Scotland has a rich tapestry of landscapes of which woods, trees and forests play a varied and important part. Not only are they visited by hundreds of thousands of people each year for recreational and social purposes, but they also create employment, produce timber, act as green lungs in our towns and cities, provide necessary and valuable sites for conservation and form a spectacular backdrop to Scotland's scenery.

Ranging from the remains of the majestic Caledonian forest and its stately Scots Pines, through native woodlands full of Birch and Rowan, the productive forests of Spruce, Pine and Larch, inspired by the need to be secure with our home grown timber after the depredations of two world wars are now proving to be true multi-purpose forests for modern times. The splendid policy woodlands surrounding stately homes, enriched by the new species, such as Douglas and Noble Firs, brought back by the Victorian plant collectors, all mixed in with Oak, Beech and Sycamore, with shelterbelts on upland and lowland farms providing much needed shelter to livestock and growing crops. Also the parks, urban and community woodlands in and around our cities, towns and villages and finally to the streetscapes and gardens where our own "woods" grow contribute to the very bonny Scotland we see around us.

Since 1985 Scotland's Finest Woods Awards have been recognising and celebrating the existence of all these different types of woodlands and the important management which creates them and ensures their continued existence and well-being for future generations.

Are your woodlands some of Scotland's Best?

If **your** woodlands fall into any of the four categories below, do please enter to help celebrate and bring recognition to Scotland's Finest Woods:

***The Hunter Blair Trophy**, awarded for silvicultural excellence. This means the growing of trees for economic timber production and can cover either a stand or compartment of best quality timber.*

***The John Kennedy Trophy**, awarded for multi-purpose woodlands where a number of different policies and objectives are taking place within a woodland or forest. For example intergrating timber production and recreation or a visitor centre, or conservation.*

***The Tim Stead Trophy**, awarded for community and urban woodlands or other social projects which involve people with their environment.*

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The Schools Award, open to schools and nurseries for either practical or desk projects involved with forestry, woodlands or trees.

Each of the four awards has a top cash prize of **£500** and a trophy which is kept for one year, and a second prize of **£250**.

Awards will be made at a prestigious venue to the winners of each category, with separate additional local awards for the Tim Stead Trophy and Schools Award.

Entry: To enter, state in no more than 500 words, why you think that we should consider your application for these prestigious awards. The website is at: www.sfwa.co.uk

Please provide supporting information such as a plan, leaflets, up to ten photographs, etc that will help our judges make their decision.

You will find the **details and entry form** for the **Schools Awards** on the Forest Education website at: www.foresteducation.org

Closing date for all entries is 31st March 2007.

Please send your entry to:

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Or your entry for the Schools Awards to:

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