



Woodland Creation in the Cairngorms National Park Forestry Grant Scheme Financial Support

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WORTH ALMOST
£1 BILLION GVA*
PER YEAR
THAT'S

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

6,312 FTE
IN FOREST
RECREATION AND TOURISM



Targets

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


Cairngorms Nature Action Plan seeks to create around 1000ha per year

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.





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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.




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Forestry Grant Scheme

The Forestry Grant Scheme supports new 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 Inspections Division.

You apply through [Rural Payments and Services](#). It also has information about the scheme, documents and [guides on making an application](#). You need to [register](#) there to apply.


For questions about FGS, contact your [local conservancy](#). For queries about online registration contact your [local RPID office](#).

Forestry Grant Scheme updates

Formal updates released during the grant scheme lifecycle.


March 2015 – Forestry Grant Scheme launched

The Forestry Grant Scheme opened on 30 March 2015. This note explains how we'll deal with your application. It has important information about what you need to do when you apply. There are also updates on issues with the online application system.

- [Briefing Note 1 \(PDF 74KB\)](#) 

August 2015 – update on Forestry Grant Scheme options

Funding is available for Harvesting and Processing and Forest Infrastructure options. The Forestry Co-operation option will open early for applications in 2015, and funding in 2016. The WIG Planning – Deer Management Plan option opens on 1 October 2015. You can also read details of some changes to other option guidance.

- [Briefing Note 2 \(PDF 105KB\)](#) 




November 2015 – prior notification of forestry tracks/private ways

Guidance on aligning information for stakeholders involved in forestry private ways. It has details of the Prior Notification (PN) of forestry private ways administered by local Planning Authorities (PA).

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Grant Support

Nine 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



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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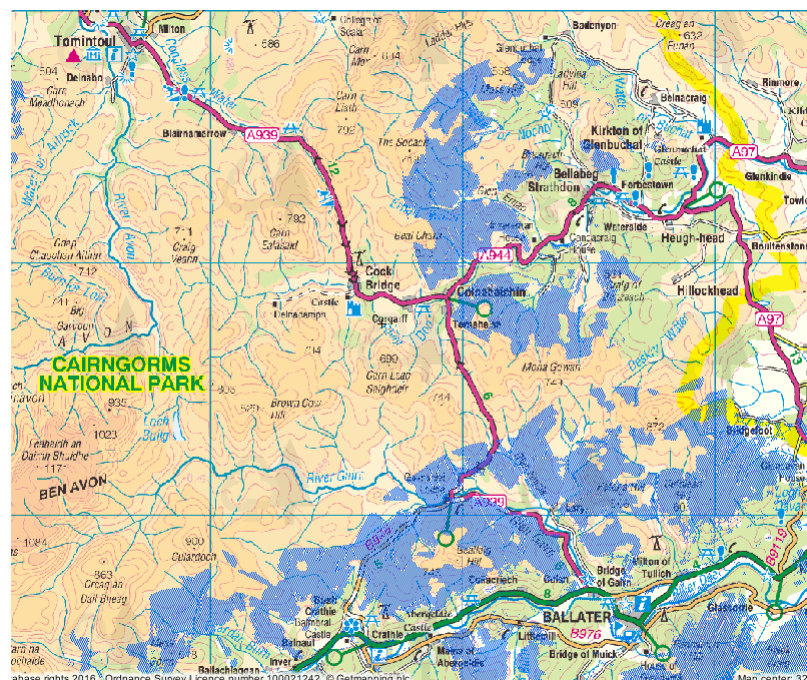
Cairngorms National Park Priority Areas for Woodland Expansion

Must be within the area identified by the Cairngorms National Park Authority

Aim: Encouraging Woodland Network Expansion

Higher payment rates (12.5%) for the following woodland creation options:

- Diverse Conifer (predominantly Scots pine)
- Native Scots Pine
- Native Upland Birch
- Native Broadleaves
- Native Low-density Broadleaves



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.

Grampian Conservancy
grampian.cons@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
0300 067 6210

Highland Conservancy
highland.cons@forestry.gsi.gov.uk
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www.charteredforesters.org/directory-of-consultants/

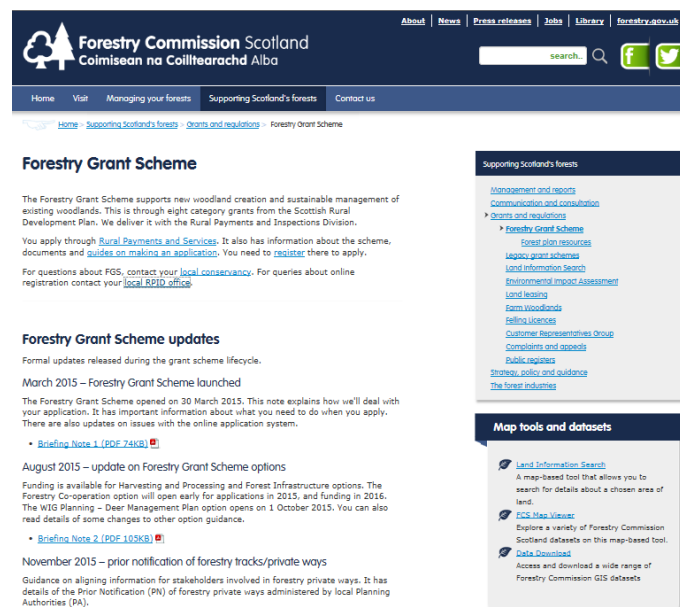


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FGS Can Support Development of:

- 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

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