

Woodland Trust Scotland

Who we are and what we do



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The Woodland Trust

The UK's largest woodland conservation charity

We've over 500,000 members and supporters and more than 1,000 sites, covering over 26,000 hectares, UK wide.

We protect and campaign on behalf of this country's woods, plant trees, and restore ancient woodland for the benefit of wildlife and people.

Our vision is a UK rich in native woods and trees, for people and wildlife.



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Protect woodland - fighting to protect native woodland especially irreplaceable ancient woodland, which is under threat from tree diseases, climate change and development, believing that there should be no further loss of ancient woodland for any reason.

Restore woodland - leading the restoration of ancient woodland and the re-creation of native wooded landscapes, believing that all damaged ancient woodland should be restored.

Create woodland - championing the need for native woodland expansion to double the area of native woodland we have now.



Native Woodland Creation

Woodland Cover

Forest Research estimates area of woodland in the UK on 31 March 2019 is:

3.19 million ha - 13% of the total land area in the UK,

Of this **1, 457, 000ha (46%)** is in Scotland.

Equates **1, 072, 000ha (73.5%)** conifer
385, 000ha (26.5%) broadleaves.

*The Native Woodland Survey of Scotland estimated that there was **311,153ha** of native woodland

This equated to **22.5%** of the total woodland area or **4.0%** of the land area of Scotland.

*March 2011



Woodland Outreach - What Do I do.....



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Native Woodland Creation

We offer free:

- Advice tailored to your site and follow up report inc. direction on site design, trees and protection
- Guidance on grants & funding
 - SRDP - FGS
 - MOREwoods
 - MOREhedges

Project/Partnership working:

- Croft Woodland project
- Ancient Woodland Restoration
- Riparian woodlands



Ancient Woodland Restoration

We aim:

To get ancient wooded habitats into a process of active and sustainable restoration

Promote ancient woodland expansion.

2 full time project officers working in the greater
Cairngorms /Moray/Aberdeenshire area
Morvern /Sunart /Ardnamurchan area.

Further delivery via partnerships working:

Borders Forest Trust - Scottish Borders area

Native Woods Coop – West Coast via 2 project officers

Trees For Life – looking to improve native pinewoods



Ancient Woodland Restoration

Achievement to date

Engaged around 70 landowners in Scotland

Assessed and given free impartial forestry management advice over 20,000ha.

Currently over 3000ha of ancient woodland being actively restored.



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Croft Woodland Project



WTS . Scottish Crofting Federation . Point & Sandwick Trust .
Scottish Forestry . Coigach & Assynt Living Landscape .
Shetland Amenity Trust . Orkney Woodland Project . Argyll Small
Woodlands Cooperative . Highland Small Communities Housing
Trust.



Croft Woodland Project

3 Full time project officers

Offer free technical advice

Carry out site assessments

Provide budgets and funding advice.

Achievement to date

75 FGS

523ha (Further 84ha in progress)

179 MOREwoods 71ha (for smaller schemes not eligible for FGS)

29 MOREhedges 7856m



Riparian Woodland Partnership working

Spey Salmon Fisheries Board / Spey Catchment Initiative

River Dee Trust

Tweed Forum

The River Annan Trust & District Salmon Fishery Board

Cromarty Firth Fisheries Board

Esk Rivers and Fisheries Trust



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Looking forward

Treesthey're on the agenda..... the time is now.

Catchment scale projects

Developing more partnerships

The right tree in the right place

Landowners – the crucial factor.



Thank you for listening

We are here to help

Want more information?

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