

116th Annual Spring Excursion and ABM SPRINGTIME IN MORAY:

A veritable cornucopia of northern jewels based in the Ramnee Hotel at Forres. Booking is Essential. Please contact Jo Maynard to reserve your place. Accommodation should be booked direct; see the RSFS Website or contact the Director.

Sunday 4th May

Welcome reception at the Ramnee Hotel 1800. Meet your fellow members & have a wee dram whilst Northern Committee brief on activities.

Monday 5th May

James Jones I Beam Factory & Christie Elite Nursery. Alternative Forres Distillery.

Picnic Lunch – Ramnee

Roseisle Forest & beach.

Transport provided.

1900 Annual Dinner Ramnee Hotel

Tuesday 6th May

Cawdor Estate. Transport & Lunch provided
1730 ABM Ramnee Hotel

Wednesday 7th May

Darnaway. Rendezvous there at 1000. Provide your own transport & lunch. Members are free to leave at any time for long journeys home.

Northern Region is hosting the European Foresters prior to the Excursion; some of whom may stay for the first day of the Excursion & The Annual Dinner. Further details are available from Gareth or Maurice.

RSFS CLAY SHOOT

There will be a corporate day at Forrest Estate (21 Jun) for all members plus sponsored teams. 100 Bird Sporting and Flush with entertainment for all the family plus lunch. Teams of 4 – Regional Team prize & many others. Details to follow.

NORTHERN REGION

Tuesday 17th June –AM Abriachan Woodlands.

A Community Project ten years on. PM Lovat Estate. Broadleaved planting and management – an investigation into land use. 10.00 – 17.00.

Tuesday 9th September – Forestry Enterprise.

Loch Lochy. The problems and methods of steep ground harvesting. 10.00 – 17.00.

Wednesday 8th October – ABM with guest speaker at Scottish School of Forestry Balloch. 1900. 2 miles east of Inverness.

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NORTHEAST REGION

Wednesday 23rd April – Kincardine Estate.

Woodland garden, biomass plant & birch regeneration with DF & SS under planting.

June – Visit to private woodlands in Buchan.

Cairness & Auquharney. Restoration & design.

Sep/Oct – Mar Estate. Woodland grazing trial at NNR & high elevation woodland management.

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CENTRAL REGION

April – FCS Alyth Hill. Visit to a choice of tree species to investigate the mitigation of future climate change & disease. PM Community Woods.

June – Woodland Trust Scotland. Glen Devon Woodlands – Landscape scale new native woodlands in the Ochils.

Membership information

The objective of the Society is “the advancement of forestry in all its branches”. Membership is open to all with an interest in trees, their silviculture, their timber and their place in our history and in the modern world. The Society welcomes landowners, professional foresters, saw millers and wood processors, contractors, students and **all others**, with an interest in trees, woods and forests who wish to be associated with the Society’s aims. Arboriculture in all its various forms for all.

Annual subscription and categories are as follows:

Member	Category 1.1	£ 50-00
Retired member	Category 1.2	£ 35-00
Student and/or young person (Under 25 years old)	Category 1.5	£25-00

Life Member* £600-00

Corporate Member By negotiation with James Hepburne Scott. See Lothian & Borders Chair.

*Aged over 60, having been a member for at least 10 years.

The principal benefits of membership include the opportunity to participate in field trips, the Annual Spring Excursion to a Region of Scotland and overseas tours; our journal, *Scottish Forestry*, issued free to members; the opportunity to join the specialist groups within the Society; the opportunity to join the RSFS Forest Trust Company; voluntary work to further the development of forestry and its attendant culture in Scotland by assisting the committees of the Society and by representing the Society at regional and national events, shows and exhibitions. Access to the University of Edinburgh Darwin Library.

Details and application forms can be obtained from Regional Secretaries, Membership Administrator, Director or on line.

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LOTHIAN & BORDERS REGION

Tuesday 10th June - Ford & Etal Estate . By kind invitation of Lord Joicey. 650 Ha of productive & amenity woods. sawmill & gardens. RV 100 Etal Village Hall NT927394 TD12 4TL.

Wednesday 16th July - Teviothead Forest

Complex. Focusing on Merrylaw. By kind invitation of Sir Michael Strang Steel & Tilhill. Multi aged Sitka factory. Employment theme. RV 1000. Kirk just off A7. NT 403052.

Tuesday 9th September - City of Edinburgh Council and Edinburgh

& Lothians Greenspace Trust. Visit millennium woodland plantings. Opportunities, challenges and legacy. RV 1000 Sheriff Hall Park & ride NT 313685.

Wednesday 15th October - Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh. Guided tour with ref to iCONic project and NTCS. Packed lunch or cafeteria. ABM RV 1000 Inverleith Row Gate. Bus travel

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SOUTHWEST & NI REGION

Thursday 22nd May – Visit to Clatteringshaws & Kirroughtree. A theme setter which continues regarding the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve & Dark Sky Park. Plus Phyttophora Ramorum

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mar 5 Cathedral Halls Dunblane

Jun 11 Cashel Forest Centre

Oct 8 Cathedral Halls Dunblane

impact and the effect of forest based recreation, visitor experience & the local economy in Galloway. Hosted by Rob Sutor FCS.

Thursday 26th June – Visit to Southwick. Hosted by Robert Thomas.

Thursday 25th September – Visit to Craigen Gillan at Dalmellington. Craigen Gillan are experts at development with vision. Here we see the international biosphere, dark sky & carbon accounting. Situated in the ex-mining communities they actively involve them in the running of the estate. All aspects are covered including the new observatory. Hosted by Mark Gibson & Fi McClelland.

18/19 November TBN – ABM Barony Colledge.

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WEBSITE

Members are again requested to email the Director to allow him to enter their details on the user database and issue a password. Merely registering does not give you access to the Members' Area. We have 158 members now logged in and hope to increase that this year. The website calendar is the most up to date medium for all Society events please make full use of the facility.

RSFS FOREST TRUST COMPANY

The Native Forest Centre is open Apr – Oct 10.00 – 16.00 (except Mondays). Also available for hire.

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