

# Royal Scottish Forestry Society



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## 2017 Programme Card

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Members are reminded to email the Executive 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.

The website calendar is the most up to date medium for all Society events, so please make full use of this facility.



See also our RSFS Facebook Page

### 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Excursion & ABM

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

RV: Excursion HQ Moffat House Hotel, DG10 9HL .  
6pm drinks reception followed by informal dinner.  
Introduction by John Dougan, FCS South Scotland Conservator.

#### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Morning:** Annandale Estates commercial woodland, productive broadleaves, biomass boiler, Archimedes screw water turbine & visit ancient Lochwood oaks. Led by Nick Dowdell of Scottish Woodlands. Followed by lunch at Raehills kindly hosted by Lord Annandale.

**Afternoon:** Ae Forest (FCS): wind farm within major forest complex, and natural regeneration of commercial forestry. Led by Dr Sallie Bailey, FCS Forest District Manager, Dumfries & Borders

**Evening:** Annual Dinner at 7pm. Guest Speaker: Lord David Johnstone of Annandale Estates and Chairman of Scottish Land & Estates.

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May - New Native Woodland day

**AM:** Corehead (Borders Forest Trust) a community engaged, sustainable project integrating the restoration of native woodlands, wetlands and heath lands with a farm operating on organic principles.

**Afternoon:** Newton Farm (led by Finlay Mitchell of Woodland Management Services) 70 ha productive broadleaves and 200 ha native broadleaves.

**6.30 pm:** ABM at Moffat House Hotel

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Morning:** Silton Forest near Eskdalemuir (led by David Smith of Treelands Forestry) part of 1,000 ha forest – large privately owned commercial forestry.

**Afternoon:** tour of James Jones & Sons Ltd sawmill at Steven's Croft, Lockerbie. UK's most diversified, family-owned timber processor.

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#### RSFS Forest Trust Company see [www.cashel.org.uk](http://www.cashel.org.uk)

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

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**Field Days 2017 – see [www.rsfs.org.uk](http://www.rsfs.org.uk) for more information**

**26<sup>th</sup> Jan (LB)7.30pm:** “Great forests for sustainable buildings / growing local forests for quality timber and a better environment” talk by Sandy Brownlie (BSW) and Iain Laidlaw (FCS) and at The Corn Exchange, Melrose., TD6 9PN.

**25<sup>th</sup> April (N):** AM: Foulis Estate, Evanton courtesy of Mr Hector Munro – a mixed highland estate making the most of its own woodlands including Biomass plant & Grain-drier.

RV10.00 Foulis House Mains,IV16 9UX/NH588643  
PM:Munro Sawmills, Dingwall courtesy of Mr Philip Blake. Enterprise in Action.  
IV15 9UN/NH552599

**26<sup>th</sup> April (LB):** Charterhall Estate, Duns, courtesy of Major Alexander Trotter. Mixed farming and multi-benefit woodlands. RV 10.00 Charterhall House, TD11 3RE / OS: NT 763 473

**23<sup>rd</sup> May (NE):** Clunie Castle Estate, Sauchen, Aberdeenshire AB51 7RT courtesy of Cosmo Linzee Gordon. Woodland management on a lowland Aberdeenshire estate. RV 10.00.

**5<sup>th</sup> June (SW):** Jas P Wilson, Dalbeattie, DG5 4QU Forestry machinery and firewood processing manufacturer & dealer. Demonstrations. RV 10.00.

**6<sup>th</sup> June (C):** Ridings Sawmill Ltd, Cardross, G82 5NP / NS 344 774, courtesy of Mr Frank Riding. Medium-scale home-grown mill.

**14<sup>th</sup> June (SW):** AM: Craichlaw, Kirkcowan, Newton Stewart, DG8 0DQ (RV 10.00) harvesting operations, courtesy of Mr Andrew Gladstone.. Followed by tour of Shennanton Sawmill manufacturers of fencing, sheds & garden furniture (courtesy of Mr Charlie McNeill).

**20<sup>th</sup> June (N):** Glenfeshie Estate, courtesy of Mr Anders Holch Povsle. “An outstanding example of rewilding a traditional Highland Sporting Estate”. RV 10.00 at Uath Lochans FC car park PH21 1NX / OS: NN 838 022. Share vehicles.

**4<sup>th</sup> July (LB):** Dunglass Estate, Cockburnspath courtesy of Mr Simon Usher. Forest management, recreation, and competing land uses. RV 10.00 Estate Office,TD13 5XF, OS:NT 763 722.

**mid July (NE) date tba:** Farm woodland establishment and management.  
AM: Tullo Farm, Oldmeldrum, AB51 0AP courtesy of John Strachan.  
PM: Wantonwells, Inch, AB52 6NL courtesy of Rosie Wilson-Leagas.

**1<sup>st</sup> Aug (Cashel):** Cashel AGM. Time tba.

**12<sup>th</sup> Sept (C):** Argyll Estates, Inveraray, courtesy of the Duke of Argyll. RV 10.00 lorry park on N side of A819 300m W of The Arch, PA32 8XE  
OS: NN 094 088. West coast estate forestry underpinning heritage estate businesses and tourism.

**13<sup>th</sup> Sept (SW):** Adam Wilson & Sons (Troon) – mill tour and example of timber transport by sea. RV 10.00, KA10 6DJ.

**15<sup>th</sup> Sept (NE):** Game Wildlife Conservation Trust farm Auchnerran, Logie Coldstone, Strathdon, AB34 5PY , Allalogie Shelterwood (CCF), then talk by Dr Scott Wilson on integrated upland land uses in Norway, and ABM in Victory Hall, Aboyne

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept (N):** AM Tombain Wood courtesy of Mr Graham Hamilton . “Management Decisions”. 85 ha privately owned mixed conifer woodland. RV 10.00 at Grantown-on-Spey car park NJ035 281.  
12.30 AGM: at nearby Grant Arms Hotel.  
PM:Seafield Strathspey. One of Scotland’s finest private estates courtesy of the Earl of Seafield.. “Harvesting Operations” meet at morning start point

**19<sup>th</sup> Sept (LB):** Leadburn Community Woodland (with FCS) and Upper Eddleston natural flood management (with Tweed Forum).  
RV10.00 at layby NT236543 1km S of Leadburn on A703.

**5<sup>th</sup> October (LB):** Alba Trees: alternative conifers – the nursery perspective. Dr Scott Wilson will outline his work. ABM. RV 10.00 Alba Trees Nursery EH33 2AL / NT463274

**10<sup>th</sup> Oct (C):** Tentsmuir Forest (FCS). RV 10.00 main car park, 4 miles NE of Leuchars off the B945 (follow signs Kinshaldy Beach, KY16 0DR), OS ref: NO 499 242. North Sea coastal silviculture with classic afforestation of sand dunes, and 2<sup>nd</sup> rotation pine regeneration under threat from Red-band needle blight.

**If the Director has your email address you will receive an e-newsletter with up to date details.**

**All RSFS Field Days are suitable for CPD points.**

**Come and meet us at the following Shows-**

**30<sup>th</sup> June -2<sup>nd</sup> July:** GWCT Show, Scone

**Aug (tba):** Galloway Country Fair, Drumlanrig

**21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** Peebles Wood Market