

**Scottish Forestry journal welcomes proposals for articles – these may be research-based and intended to be submitted to our peer review process, or they may be more general articles.**

**As an initial step, authors are asked to contact the Editor at [editor@rsfs.org.uk](mailto:editor@rsfs.org.uk) to discuss proposals and scheduling, and to receive our author guidance documents.**

### **About *Scottish Forestry***

*Scottish Forestry* is the journal of the Royal Scottish Forestry Society, and the only forestry publication in Scotland to include scientific articles.

As well as disseminating forestry management knowledge and forest science, the journal fosters understanding of and passion for woodland, forestry and trees, particularly in Scotland but also beyond.

### **Readership**

The journal's readership is the members of the RSFS, who receive a copy of each edition. To join, visit <https://www.rsfs.org.uk/index.php/become-a-member>. Membership would make you eligible for consideration for the journal's two annual writing awards. The journal is also taken by specialist international libraries and is sent to the six legal deposit libraries, part of the UK legal deposit system, which are The British Library, London; National Library of Scotland, Edinburgh; Bodleian Library, Oxford; Cambridge University Library; Trinity College, Dublin; and the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth.

The readership is uniquely eclectic, including forestry professionals and companies, conservationists and ecologists, academics and scientists, government agencies and policy makers, students, owners of woodlands large and small, and individuals who simply love woodlands, trees and their wildlife and wish to continue learning about all aspects of forests.

Peer-reviewed articles will also be published on the RSFS website three months after publication in the journal. Winners of the annual writing awards will also be published on the website.

### **Who writes for *Scottish Forestry*?**

We accept contributions from different walks of life, including lay-people and non-members, not just academics, scientists, forestry professionals and members of the RSFS.

### **Suitable subject matter**

As an applied subject, forestry builds on knowledge from a wide range of disciplines and subjects, and topics in recent editions have included: alternative conifer species, woodland creation, tree protection and deer, agroforestry, wood quality, native woodlands and natural regeneration, animal habitats and habitat management, climate change, carbon accounting, historical/archival subjects, foresters themselves, biodiversity, conservation, ecology, economics, wildfire, social aspects, workforce gender, genetics, policy, soils, surveying, community/urban forests, rewilding, forest management technology including drones and thermal imagery, and more. The emphasis is on a Scottish context and relevance but if you want to write about forestry in another country, don't let

the national focus stop you. If you are unsure if your topic is a good fit, the Editor welcomes new ideas and is happy to explore possibilities with you.

### **Types of article**

Articles published in *Scottish Forestry* include research and review papers, reports, technical papers, case histories, features, book reviews, letters and discussion or opinion pieces.

In general, articles should not have been published elsewhere, or they should be significantly amended if so: brought up to date, significant additions made or shortened; in these cases, discuss with the Editor.

### **Peer-reviewed articles**

Peer review is available for longer research, review and technical papers – ask the Editor for the separate, additional guidance for these. Preference is given to original, substantiated research, and relevant, topical issues.