


# Confor Industry Update Stirling Court Hotel

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# Our Forests, Our People

# Lobbying

- Manifesto for election
- Evidence to RACCE
- Briefed minister on tree planting and restocking
- Timber Transport funding
- 1100 ha over the border?



## FORESTRY'S ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO SCOTLAND

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

**£771,000,000** GVA  
FROM FORESTRY AND  
TIMBER PROCESSING  
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  
AND

**6,312** FTE  
IN FOREST  
RECREATION AND TOURISM

\*GROSS VALUE ADDED AND FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT TAKEN FROM "THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF THE FORESTRY SECTOR IN SCOTLAND, 2015"

# Forestry Commission Scotland

- Forest plans guidance completed
- Consultation procedures being updated
- NSA Sheep & Trees – launched last week

# Forestry Grant Scheme

- All FGS options now open except Agro-forestry
- Still a few problems on business registration – different interpretations
- Restock (restructure) grant rules changed
- FCS considering some form of “incentive” grant – contribution to cost of planning is already included in NWC grant. Would be deducted from final claim

# FGS New Woodland Creation at February 2016

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016/7</b>	
<b>Paid/Approved</b>	<b>6967</b>	<b>3733</b>	<b>1785</b>	
<b>Pipeline (Pre submitted)</b>				
<b>Conifer options</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>3773</b>	
<b>Other options</b>	<b>5733</b>	<b>2538</b>	<b>2583</b>	
<b>Total Pre Submitted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6356</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6967</b>	<b>3733</b>	<b>8141</b>	

## Other issues

- **Forest roads (Private Ways) independent review**
- **Land Reform Bill – stalking rates still in**
- **Land Use Strategy 2016 review**
- **Loading from public highway**
- **Future of Barony College**
- **UKWAS 4<sup>th</sup> edition consultation - 16 March**
- **Scotland's Finest Woodland Awards – 31 March**



## Diary dates

- 19 March FISA AGM
- 22 March Scotsman forestry conference
- 27/28 April ICF conference, Newcastle
- 16 May 2016 SAF window closes
- 24 June Forestry day at RHS
- **15/17 September APF Demo, Ragley Hall**
- **27 October Next Mid Scotland meeting**

# Thank you!