



SRUC Forestry and Arboriculture

- Based at SRUC Barony Campus
- Formally 'the Barony' or Barony College



SRUC Barony Campus



Course Areas:

Agriculture
Agricultural Technology
Use
Animal Care
Applied Animal Science
Bioscience

Business
Engineering

Forestry
Horse Care

Rural Skills
Sustainable Food Production & Land

Veterinary Nursing
Wildlife and Conservation

Introductions:

- Martyn Davies, Senior Lecturer
for Forestry & Arboriculture



What is currently on offer:

- ★ Full time courses – FE
- ★ Full time courses – HE
- ★ Work-Based Learning – Forestry and Arboriculture
- ★ Specialist Apprenticeships
- ★ Schools Programmes
- ★ Commercial Courses



Full time FE courses

- ★ National Certificate in Rural Skills.
- ★ Certificate in Forestry.
- ★ Advance Certificate in Forestry and Arboriculture.



Full Time FE Courses

Course Make up:

- ★ 1-year course's.
- ★ Typically running August to June.
- ★ SCQF Levelled Courses.
- ★ Theoretical knowledge put into practice with practical's.
- ★ A range of tickets offered to students.



Example: Advance Certificate in Forestry

- ★ Follows on from Certificate in Forestry so students have introductory knowledge and operate tractors, fell small trees, plant trees etc.
- ★ 60% theory, 40% practical.
- ★ More detailed knowledge and more advanced practical skills.
- ★ Forwarders, Skidding, Tree Climbing.



Work-Based Learning

- ★ Apprenticeships.
- ★ Must be employed.
- ★ Tailored to the employer using optional units.
- ★ Portfolio based evidence gathering.



Work-based Forestry

- ★ Block release.
- ★ At college for 4 blocks of 4 days for skills training and theory knowledge.
- ★ L2 = 12 months.
- ★ L3 = 12-18 Months.
- ★ Mandatory Units.
- ★ Optional units and Ad-quals (tickets).



Schools Programmes

Growing Rural Talent:

- ★ Introduces school goers from S4-S5 to forestry using 2 SQA forestry units and a guided work placement.
- ★ Graeme Hodgson is co-ordinating and is looking for students and company's to be involved. Anything from management to planting to processing.
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Commercial Courses

- ★ A range of short courses and assessments.
- ★ Covers NPTC, Lantra and other awarding bodies.



Research

- ★ Looking at bark being added to animal feed as a wormer.
- ★ 3D mapping of woodlands and forests.



Moving forward

From September 2021:

- ★ HNC in forestry or urban forestry.
- ★ Distance Learning Programmes.
- ★ National Certificate in Horticulture.
- ★ PDA for school goers in S5-S6 to take forestry units alongside other choices.



Moving forward

Commercial courses:

- ★ Commercial courses for forestry and arb will come within the department.

Expanding the range of courses:

- ★ GIS, Drones, Mensuration, Tree climbing, Medium / Large Trees etc etc etc



Working with partners

- ★ Continuing to work with UHI's Scottish School of Forestry based near Inverness.
- ★ Developing a National Forestry Training Standard for Scotland.
- ★ Sharing of resources and materials.



Continuing to grow

- ★ The team – add skills and diversify.
- ★ Our tree nursery – our students produce a small amount of tree stock.
- ★ Our business partners – we are all responsible for training the future.



Any Questions or Queries...

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