

Royal Cornwall Agricultural Association
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ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

WADEBRIDGE 8th 9th & 10th June 2017



FORESTRY WOODLANDS COMPETITION

ENTRIES CLOSE 3rd MARCH 2017



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Entry Fees:

R.C.A.A. Members £2.50 per entry

Non-Members £5 per entry

Entry fees include VAT

Trophies:

(to be held by the winner for twenty four months)

The ECC International Perpetual Trophy	for the best entry in Class 1
The Silvanus Perpetual Trophy	for the best entry in Class 2
The Duchy of Cornwall Trophy	for the best entry in Class 3
The Lord Falmouth Trophy	for the best entry in Class 4
The Cornwall County Council Trophy	for the best entry in Class 5

Class 1

For new conifer, broadleaved or mixed woods of between 0.5ha and 20ha between the ages of 5 and 15 years old.

Judges will be looking for attention to detail in the design of the scheme in relation to the stated objectives for the wood and wider environmental considerations including timber quality and species choice re diversification (niche markets and biofuel).

Class 2

For woods or compartments of woods of between 0.5ha and 20ha which have been renovated or are undergoing renovation from a neglected state within the last 5 years.

Neglected means degraded for many years through high levels of abuse or inappropriate or inadequate management. Renovated / renovation means undertaking management of the woodland, such as thinning, restocking, restoration, stock exclusion, prevention of the fly tipping or abuse etc in order to better deliver the objectives of the woodland.

The judges will take into consideration evidence of improved value of the woodland in line with the stated objectives for the wood and wider environmental considerations.

Class 3

For woods or areas of woods or significantly wooded parkland of between 0.5 ha and 100ha of any age, the main objectives being environmental / conservation, landscape and recreation.

The judges will take into consideration some or all of the following:

- a) Species and habitat diversity and how the woodland meets its prime nature conservation importance.
- b) The contribution to the local recreation and amenity and how the facilities provided link to the local access and infrastructure network and fulfil local recreational needs.
- c) The management of the woodland in relation to the wider environmental considerations.
- d) How the management ensures that the wider landscape value is not detrimentally affected and how it will be delivered in the future.
- e) The quality of the management, and growing timber and production in relation to use.
- f) The efficiency of the whole process of maintenance, with particular attention to any of the methods of offsetting expenditure.

Class 4

For woods or compartments of woods of between 0.5ha and 20ha which were established over 15 years ago and which are managed primarily for their timber production. They can be of coniferous, broadleaf or mixed species woodland.

The judges will take into consideration species choice to site considerations, previous management and timber extraction design and the wood's ability to deliver a range of timber products that meet the current and future market needs, make it robust against climate change, pests and diseases and meet wider environmental considerations.

Class 5

For any business operating in Cornwall with the primary objective of using and adding value to round timber produced in the county.

The judges will look at examples of the business's value added products and take into consideration the efficiency of the business, its environmental considerations, quality of the workmanship, staff development and buy in, local marketing, simplicity or complexity of the process from wood to the end product etc.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Entries are restricted to woodlands in the County of Cornwall
2. Entries may be submitted by Owners or by Contractors and Consultants on behalf of the Owner, whose name shall be shown.
3. Entry Fee. To entitle an entry to be made at members' rate the owner of the woodland, not the Contractor, Consultant etc., must be a paid up member of the Cornwall Agricultural Association.
4. Entries will close on 3rd March 2017.
5. First and Second Prize Cards will be awarded in each class, in addition to the trophies listed, although the judges reserve the right to withhold prizes in any of the classes if they deem none to be of merit.
6. Winners from the previous years may not re-enter the same woodland or compartment for at least 3 years.
7. Judging will be completed and results announced before the Royal Cornwall show, to be held at Wadebridge 8th – 10th June 2017.
8. Each entrant may receive a copy of the Judges' report on the competition.
9. Owners should appreciate that the provision of technical information and the history of treatment does much to aid the Judges to form a view of the woodland entered. If this is not provided with the entry, a qualified person should accompany the Judges with such information. Similarly, provision of suitable transport, where necessary, does ease the Judges' convenience. There will be a constraint on the Judges' time to no more 1.5hrs per entry.
10. Every endeavour will be to inform entrants of the date of Judging.