

Agroforestry and an integrated approach to farming in Scotland

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History for support

1424 – James 1st introduced legislation banning the general use of woodlands without permission and actively encouraged planting

1504 – Scottish Parliament ordained that every lord shall plant 'at the leist ane aker of wood'

Woodland Grant Scheme

- Under the old WGS 2 (1991) Agro-forestry was an option, with the grant paid pro-rata on the number of plants/hectare
- This was accessible across the UK but not heavily promoted and therefore no uptake

- Woodland Expansion Advisory Group (WEAG) set up.
- Held 6 public meetings across Scotland during 2012 to discuss how the Forestry Grant Scheme and integration with Farming could be improved.

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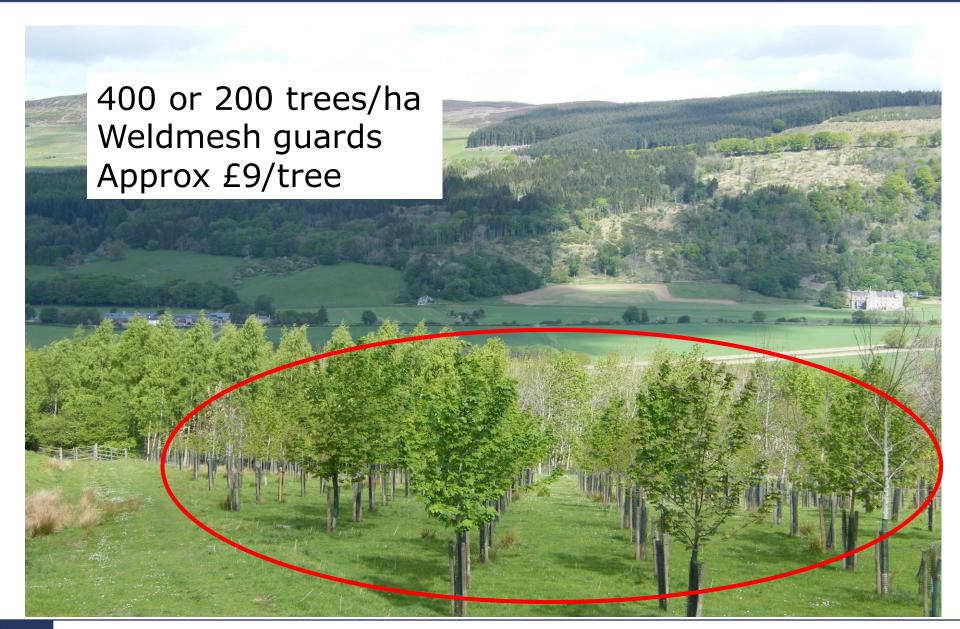


Relevant comments

- 'Agroforestry models could help to overcome cultural barriers between farming and forestry'
- 'Farmers do not see the value of trees on their land'
- 'Strategies do not get woodland planted'
- 'Trees should be planted for the right reason'
- 'Shelter belts could be of great value'
- Cattle should be allowed into Woodlands when the woodlands are 10 years old'
- 'Support for Agroforestry models and shelterbelts'



Agroforestry

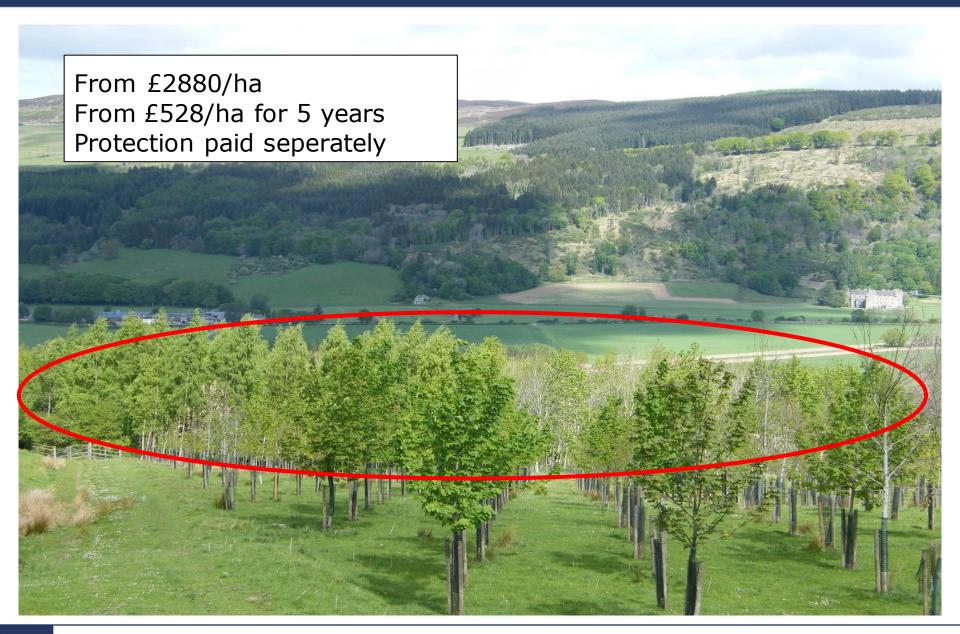


Small or farm Woodland



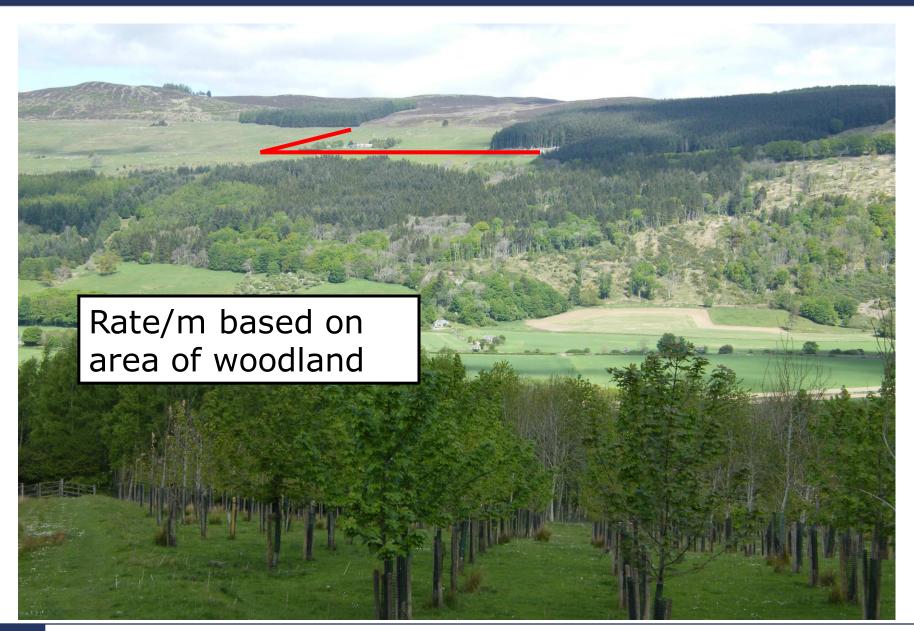


Broadleaves





Infrastructure





Woodland Grazing





- 100% increase in Agroforestry schemes(1) + 7 pending
- 213ha of small or farm woodland
- Approx. 500ha of Woodland grazing
- SAF 30,300 ha of 'open Woodland Grazed' WDG (approx 2% of woodland cover)
- 10,674ha of woodland in total approved
- 60% conifer, 40% broadleaf