
2023

Atodlen a Rheolau

Cystadleuaeth Coetiroedd

Schedule and Regulations

Woodlands Competition

Link to enter online

<https://enrolment.engage-powered.com/rwas/signup/?e=26&siteid=NONLS>

Cyflwyniad Gwobrau yn - Presentation of Awards at the

Sioe Frenhinol Cymru
Royal Welsh Show

24 - 27 Gorffennaf / July 2023

Ceisiadau Olaf

Closing date for entries 17 April 2023 –

All entries to be submitted online via the link

Please submit your entry as soon as possible, this will assist us to arrange the inspection programme in a timely fashion.

Your support will be very much appreciated.

KINDLY NOTE THAT NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

Tâl Ymgeisio

Entry Fee

£40.00 per Woodland

or

£35.00 if you are a fully paid member of RWAS both include entry into the National Competition in 2025

Medal Cards

Medal Cards will be awarded to both the Owner and the Manager / Forester

Cyflwyniad Gwobrau

Presentation of Awards

2023 Royal Welsh Show

Confor Marquee - Forestry Section

Tuesday 25 July

3.00p.m.

Manylion cyswllt

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Judges

Mr Chris Jones

Mr Alan Hubbuck

OBJECTIVE

To recognize the excellence in Forestry and Farm Woodland Management in Wales.

HOW TO ENTER

1. **Woodland classes** - the owner should select a range of representative areas of all the woodlands on their property for judging and provide the judges with the reasons for their selection. The judges will not have time to visit all areas especially on larger estates.
2. **Stand classes** – Areas entered as stand classes should be managed as a single entity and not spread over several different areas. The owner should select a representative area usually not exceeding one hectare in extent for the judges to view. Each stand or sub-compartment should only be entered in to one Stand class. Entrants are limited to one entry per Stand class.
3. Judges will consider Silvicultural management and will pay special attention to improved management over the past ten years. The whole of the area within the management unit must be entered and its area stated. Any working plan, objectives, or written scheme of management together with records should be produced.
4. Areas, which will have been naturally regenerated or grown from coppice are eligible for entry.
5. Awards will be made at the discretion of the judges.
6. The best entries for each Class from the four years (2021 – 2024) will be invited to enter the Welsh National Competition in 2025.
7. Judges will view the entries as soon as possible after the closing date.
8. The Royal Welsh Agricultural Society is committed to protecting your personal data and processing it only in accordance with legal requirements. For more details you should request a copy of our GDPR policy. We process your personal data as it is necessary for the performance of our contract with you to facilitate your entry to the Show. We will not transfer your data outside of the UK and EEA (European Economic Area) and will not share your data with third parties. Results will also be circulated with members of the Press and published on our website. We retain your data in accordance with our retention schedule to simplify future applications. You have various rights in the data we hold including rectification and objecting to processing.

DOSBARTHIAD - CLASSIFICATION

WOODLANDS

BROADLEAVED, CONIFER AND MIXED WOOD OR STAND OF TREES
(EXCLUDING POPLAR)

PART 1

BEST MANAGED WOODLANDS – Compulsory Section

Woodland Class 1 - Best Managed Woodlands 1 - 15 Hectares

Woodland Class 2 - Best Managed Woodlands 16 – 50 Hectares

Woodland Class 3 - Best Managed Woodlands 51 – 200 Hectares

Woodland Class 4 - Best Managed Woodlands Over 200 Hectares

PART 2

BEST MANAGED STAND or COMPARTMENT – Optional Section

STAND CLASS	You should select a specific area, not exceeding 1 ha, to show the judges. Only one entry per stand class is allowed.
A	Wood of new or restocked planting containing over 50% broadleaves under 10 years old. <i>Stands under 3 years should have a minimum height of 2m.</i>
B	Wood or stand containing over 50% broadleaves, over 10 & under 40 years old.
C	Wood or stand containing over 50% broadleaves, over 40 years old.
D	Wood of new or restocked planting containing over 50% conifers under 10 years old. <i>Stands under 3 years should have a minimum height of 2m.</i>
E	Wood or stand containing over 50% conifers, over 10 & under 30 years old.
F	Wood or stand containing 50% conifers, over 30 years old.
G	Area managed using low impact silvicultural system of any species.
H	A Community Woodland OR a Woodland providing enhanced Public Access facilities

GWOBRAU – AWARDS

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medal Certificates will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.

GWOBRAU ARBENNIG - SPECIAL PRIZES

- SP1** The **Milford Silver Medal** awarded to the
Best Broadleaf Entry in Stand Classes A, B & C
- SP2** **** The **Charles Shakerley Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup** awarded to the
Best Conifer Entry in Stand Classes D, E & F
- SP3** **The **EFG Perpetual Challenge Cup** awarded for the
Best Entry in Woodland Classes 1, 2, 3 & 4
- SP4** The **Meirion Davies Memorial Perpetual Challenge Cup** awarded to the
Best Community Woodland or Public Access Woodland in Stand Class H
- SP5** **Cash Prize of £100** awarded for the Best Farm Woodland (Managed as part of an Agricultural business)
- SP6** **The **RC Williams-Ellis Perpetual Challenge Cup** and awarded to a **Privately Owned Woodland**
gaining the highest cumulative number of points for the Stand Classes entered
- SP7** The **Wilson Memorial Shield** awarded to the Forester or Manager of a privately owned Woodland
gaining the highest cumulative number of points for the Stand Classes entered
- SP8** The **Royal Forestry Society of England, Wales and Northern Ireland Gold Medal Certificate** awarded
to the Best Entry in all Stand Classes.
- SP9** The **ICF Challenge Trophy** for the **Best Professional Management** in all Woodland Classes
- ** **Society Owned Trophy**
**** **Non-Society Owned Trophy**

TREFN Y GYSTADLEUAETH - COMPETITION ROTA

- 2021** - **NORTH** – Anglesey, Caernarfon, Denbighshire, Flintshire & Meirionnydd
- 2022** - **SOUTH EAST** – Brecon, Glamorgan & Monmouthshire
- 2023** - **MID** - Cardigan, Montgomeryshire & Radnorshire
- 2024** - **SOUTH WEST** - Carmarthenshire & Pembrokeshire
- 2025** - **Welsh National Competition** – by invitation from the
Best Entries of 2021, 2022, 2023 & 2024

RWAS Woodland Competition 2022 Guidance Notes given in 2021 - 2024

The RWAS Woodlands Competition is open to all Owners and Occupiers of Woodland in Wales and aims to encourage good management practice in all Stand Classes of woodland. The Judges will award prizes to those entrants who can demonstrate both long term and short-term management in their woodlands. The competition has been in place for many years and as well as the Woodland & Stand class prizes there are a range of Special Prizes that have been instigated by supporters of the Competition which are awarded as well.

How to Enter

Part 1 – Best Managed Woodlands – Compulsory Section

This section is a compulsory part of the competition. Competitors must enter all their woodlands which are managed as one unit. The Woodland Class is based upon the total area of woods under management together as one unit.

For example: An Estate has ten woodlands ranging from 1 to 15 hectares in size and totalling 75 hectares. In Part 1 they would enter Woodland Class 3, giving the name of the Estate, the area as 75 ha & the number of woods as 10. OR A private Owner has one woodland of 7 hectares. In Part 1 he would enter Woodland Class 1, giving the name of the wood, the area & the number as 1. OR An investor has two commercial blocks, managed separately & situated in different counties. He would enter each separately into the appropriate Woodland Class stating the name, the area, and the number of blocks (if more than 1).

Part 2 - Best Managed stand or compartment – optional section, minimum of one entry

You must enter at least one Stand Class in this section of the competition. Your choice of Stand Class or Classes is optional though you are encouraged to enter as many of the classes as appropriate. **Remember the entry fee covers entry to one Woodland Class and ALL the Stand Classes.**

In this competition a stand of, say, newly restocked woodland from a woodland from Woodland Class 1, above, will compete directly with a restocked area from Woodland Class 4. In this way Owners of small woodlands compete on the same level as those of the largest woodland. In practice you should select a specific area, not exceeding 5 ha, to show the judges. You should only select one area for each Stand Class for judging.

For example: The Estate in Woodland Class 3 above enters three stands into Stand Classes B, F & G. The private Owner has one entry in Stand Class G. The investor might enter stands from his wood in to Stand Classes A, F & G.

In the judging the entries in Stand Class G would be judged against each other, those of Stand Class F together etc. etc.

Prizes

Prizes will be given for each Woodland and Stand Class that is entered. The Judges award prizes at their discretion and may not award any prize or may withhold prizes if the standards are not high enough.

Gold, Silver & Bronze Medal Cards will be given to the Owners and to their Manager / Forester for both the Woodland and Stand Class Sections.

The Special prizes include several Cups, Trophies and Cash Prizes.