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## Glastir Woodland Bulletin

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Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales are working in partnership to deliver Glastir Woodlands. The teams are now in place and will liaise with stakeholders to deliver the Welsh Government Woodland Programme.

### Welsh Government

Kay Davies heads up the Welsh Government Glastir team. Her Glastir Woodland team is now fully resourced and comprises of Shirley Thomas, Rhys Owen and Katie Hayhurst who are responsible for delivery and Richard Griffiths who provides the Welsh Government technical advice.

Bill MacDonald in the Forestry Policy Branch in Land Nature and Forestry Division is responsible for the overall policy and design of the Woodland schemes in Glastir, and for other woodland and timber schemes in the RCRDP. Bill also has responsibility in Welsh Government for policy advice on forestry practice, sustainable forest management standards including the UK Forestry Standard and UK Woodland Assurance Scheme, and the Woodland Carbon Code.

### Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

NRW has appointed Martyn Evans as the Glastir Woodlands Senior Advisor (Team Leader). Martyn's team comprises Evelyn Over and Eleanor Goupillon. The NRW Glastir Woodlands Team is responsible for providing the specialist and technical forestry advice to deliver the Welsh Government Glastir Woodland programme, and ensuring NRW regulatory responsibilities are discharged appropriately within Glastir Woodlands schemes.

### Glastir Woodland Creation Update

90 Expressions of Interest have been received and 84 customers have been selected to submit a GWC Plan. 51 Plans for 161ha of planting have been received of which 47 have been referred to NRW for verification.

29 plans have been approved and returned to WG by NRW and first contracts are now being offered via RPW Online.



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## Glastir Woodland Creation Plan – Claims for Fees

Welsh Government are issuing claim forms to customers on confirmation of an approved plan. Claims received are now being processed and eligible claims will be paid by the end of December 2015.

NRW has received 48 Glastir Woodland Creation (GWC) Plans for verification from the Welsh Government. NRW expects to receive further GWC Plans from the Welsh Government in due course.

NRW is in regular dialogue with the Welsh Government to ensure all GWC Plans are verified as soon as possible. Over half have been verified, with the majority set for verification by the end of the year

## Glastir Woodland Restoration Update

42 Expressions of Interest were received under the first GWR window. 37 customers were selected to submit a Forest Management Plan. 27 Forest Management Plans were received for a total of 257.5ha of restocking. 24 contracts have been issued and 19 signed and returned to the

25 Expressions of Interest have been received under the second window of GWR. 22 customers have been selected and invited to submit a Forest Management Plan by 8 January 2016 for an estimated 139ha of restocking.

## Lle Glastir Woodland Creation Opportunities map update

The Lle browser has an updated web link: <http://lle.gov.wales/apps/woodlandopportunities>.

There is added satellite imagery on the woodland opportunities map. You need to select the “basemap” choice in the top left of the screen.

Previous issues of the browser stalling to display sensitive areas have been resolved by splitting up large datasets to improve query times. The area and line tools now show calculations in metric and imperial. Furthermore, each of the sensitive datasets holds metadata to describe what each layer means, and how the data was derived.

**Look at the Lle Map before you start the Glastir Woodland Creation scheme to make sure you are aware of the new planting constraints and sensitivities.**



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## EIA opinions

The NRW Forest Regulations team has received 45 EIA opinions for consideration and so far processed 40 EIA opinions.

You can submit an EIA opinion to at any time, even if a Glastir Woodland Creation Expression of Interest window is closed. However, please note that the applicant must have a serious intention to undertake the new planting during the next five years.

To submit an EIA email [forestregulations@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:forestregulations@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

## Archaeological Trust consultation

NRW has received the majority of Archaeological Trust responses. Planners should forward responses to NRW as soon as they are received. This will enable NRW to continue the verification process.

Welsh Government and NRW continue to monitor the relationship between various strands of advice for woodlands in relation to archaeology, and are working together to explore how this information can be provided most efficiently in future.

## Photographic evidence

In priority habitats marked on the Lle Woodland Opportunities map, it is important to take good quality photographs that is representative of the priority habitat. For more information on the photographic evidence required for Glastir Woodland Creation schemes, please visit <https://naturalresources.wales/forestry/new-woodland-creation/support-available-for-new-woodland-creation>

## Stakeholder statement

In line with the UKFS, there must be a stakeholder statement in Section 6 of the GWC Management Plan. This should include details of any neighbours, users and community councils that may be in the new planting area. If a new planting is in a remote location, you need to say why no stakeholders are involved.

## Riparian buffers

Follow Table 5.1 (in UKFS) and plant Native broadleaves at 1,600 trees/Ha within the specified buffer of the watercourse. More clumped, irregular spacing of trees within the



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watercourse buffer will provide a mix of shaded and lightly shaded habitat within the riparian zone. There should be no planting within 7m of a flood defence, e.g. flood bank.

## Woodland Carbon Code

There is no charge for applicants to register a new planting project. For more conformation, visit the Woodland Carbon Code website <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/carboncode>

Advice is available from the Woodland Carbon Code project officer, Bruce Aucterlonie. Please contact Bruce through the aforementioned website if you need more information or help with registration.

The Welsh Government is looking at group registration options for GWC Plans with the Woodland Carbon Code project. More information will be available in the early-2016.

If an applicant does not want to register with the Woodland Carbon Code, one should not select the Native Woodland - Carbon woodland category (GWC reference 802).

## Additional guidance on tree species diversity

Look at guidance on tree species diversity [www.naturalresources.wales/forestry/planning-for-the-future/tree-species-choice](http://www.naturalresources.wales/forestry/planning-for-the-future/tree-species-choice) for species selection for the Glastir Woodland Creation species mixtures.

Consider using a wider range of species set out in the guidance for climate change resilience.



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