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Timber Transport Forum Conference 2018

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Programme

0930 Registration and Refreshments

Chair: Alistair M Speedie

10.00	Welcome	
10.10	Highland Welcome	Cllr. Allan Henderson
10.20	Supplying Norbord; the challenges	Kevin Thomas
10.35	Highland Roads	Colin Mackenzie
10.55	Wood You Use Rail?	Frank Roach
11.00	Discussion	
11.10	Break	
11.30	A word from our sponsors	Volvo
11.40	New Woodlands and the Public Road Network	John Dougan
12.00	Future Haulage	Christopher Snelling
12.20	Future Highways	Sam MacNaughton
12.40	21 Years of Progress in Argyll	Fergus Tickell
12.45	Lunch	Please view the Volvo timber lorries
13.50	Keynote Speech	Fergus Ewing MSP
14.15	STTS Project Review	Derek Nelson

Chair: Neil Stoddart

14.30	Haulier Perspective	Neil Stoddart
14.40	Sound Planning, Safe Roads	Gregg Reid
15.00	Haulage & Electricity Awareness	Mick Bottomley
15.15	Working with Stakeholders to Deliver Road Improvement Projects	Andy Brown
15.30	Discussion and Thanks	
15.45	Finish	

Chairs



Alistair M Speedie

Alistair Speedie is Director Economy, Environment and Infrastructure with Dumfries and Galloway Council. His responsibilities include Economic Development, Enterprising Services, Infrastructure and Transportation and Planning and Regulatory Services. Alistair has been Chair of the GB Timber Transport Forum for the past 14 years. Alistair works closely with CoSLA (the Confederation of Scottish Local Authorities) on timber transport matters in Scotland and with national agencies in England and Wales. He was a key player in securing the implementation of the Strategic Timber Transport Scheme and Fund in 2004.



Neil Stoddart

Neil Stoddart is General Manager for JST Services. After 20 years with Scottish Woodlands harvesting various hard to access forests around the country, Neil became General Manager of JST Services in 2017. The company operates a range of specialist plant from a base in Ayr including a self loading timber haulage fleet and fully mobile Liebherr Port Handling equipment. JST also operate a 2000t box hold vessel in the Irish sea (round timber) and two floating pier terminals in Argyll.

Speakers



Kevin Thomas

Kevin Thomas

Kevin is the UK Wood Supply Manager for board manufacturer Norbord Ltd. He is part of a team sourcing just under 2m tonnes of wood fibre each year for UK operations.

Colin Mackenzie

Colin is consultant adviser to the Highland Timber Transport Group undertaking strategic planning and project development work for timber transport in Highland Scotland. An initiator of the international ROADDEX project he has helped to promote and monitor the use of low ground pressure vehicles and tyre pressure control systems in timber haulage. Colin spent 30 years of his earlier career as a senior civil engineer and roads manager with The Highland Council.



Colin Mackenzie

Sam MacNaughton

Sam is a Chartered Civil Engineer and Transport Planner with extensive experience of designing and building roads and bridges throughout the Highlands. He is part of the Transport Scotland design team upgrading the A9 between Perth and Inverness. His responsibilities include the management of landowner and community stakeholder interests and coordination of three consulting engineers engaged on the design of the project.



Sam MacNaughton

John Dougan

John is a member of Forestry Commission Scotland's Management Board and leads on a number of projects, particularly in relation to expanding Woodland Creation activity in Scotland.



John Dougan

Christopher Snelling

Christopher is Head of Policy for the Freight Transport Association. He has worked in FTA's policy team for 12 years, covering issues such as deep sea shipping, rail freight, air cargo and latterly road freight. He leads the FTA's domestic policy team as well as its campaigning and political work. Prior to working at FTA Christopher worked as an MP's researcher, a public affairs consultant, and for the RAC on political issues.



Christopher Snelling

Fergus Tickell

Fergus has worked in the forest industry in Argyll for nearly 30 years, first as District Manager with Tilhill in Oban, then manager of three large Estates with significant forestry interests and most recently in the development of biomass projects two of which are in Argyll. Fergus was a co-founder of Argyll Timber Transport Group in the mid 1990s and is currently its Chair.



Fergus Tickell



Fergus Ewing

Fergus Ewing MSP

As Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Connectivity in The Scottish Government, Fergus leads on: Rural Scotland, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Agriculture, Transport, Forestry, Fishing, Aquaculture, Crofting and Connectivity.

Derek Nelson

Derek is Policy Advisor in the Business Development team at Forestry Commission Scotland which he joined in 1982. Amongst other responsibilities Derek manages the Strategic Timber Transport Fund, the TimberLINK shipping service and the Strategic Timber Transport Scheme application, assessment and award process.



Derek Nelson

Gregg Reid BEng (Hons) / MIQ

Gregg started work with the Forestry Commission in 2008, as a Trainee Civil Engineer. He is currently Area Civil Engineer / Extractive Manager based in Oban Argyll. Gregg contributes to the Scottish Forestry Strategy and FES business plans by managing the delivery of the Civil Engineering programme for the Argyll and Lochaber Operations Area.



Gregg Reid

Mick Bottomley

Mick started his forestry career in 1988 and joined the Forestry Commission in 1993. He moved to Scotland in 2000 as District Forester Harvesting in Cowal & Trossachs and became Area Operations Manager for Argyll & Lochaber in 2007. In 2012 he took up the post of log purchasing manager at BSW's new sawmill in Fort William and Boat of Garten before returning to Forestry Commission Scotland as Head of Marketing and Sales in 2016. He is a Chartered Forester and has an MBA from the Open University.



Mike Bottomley

Frank Roach

Frank covers rail for HITRANS, the regional strategic transport partnership for the north of Scotland. A veteran of the Kinbrace lineside loading campaign, he remains an advocate of timber by rail, particularly to access hard-to-get supply. He lives and works by the railway in Sutherland.



Frank Roach

Andy Brown FIHE, PCQI, IEng,

Andy is a Senior Engineer in the Perth and Kinross Council Road Maintenance Partnership and has been involved in the work of the Stirling and Tayside Timber Transport Group for several years. Andy has recently managed the £2.3m STTS supported road improvement works serving the forests in Rannoch.



Andy Brown

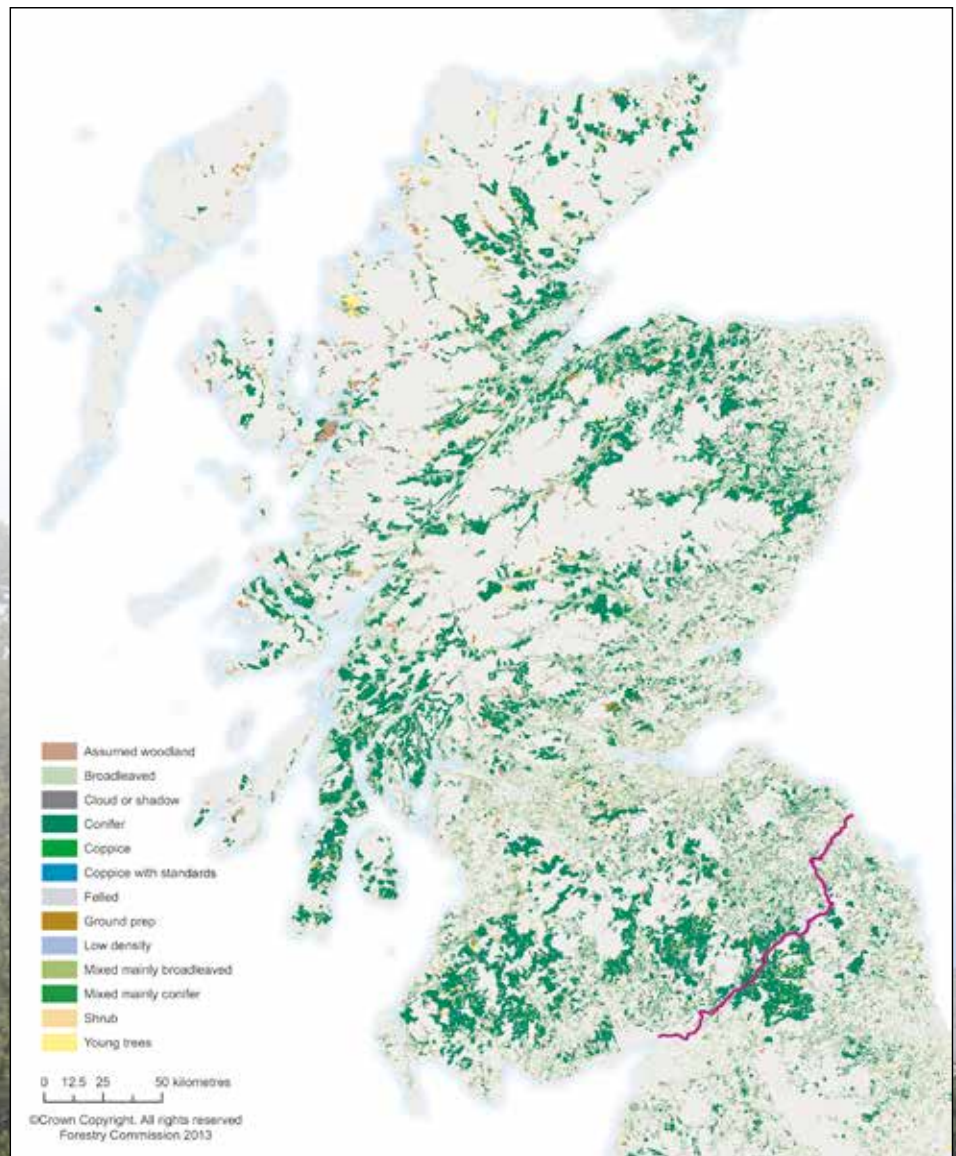
Forestry in Scotland

Scotland's forests cover 1.4 million hectares, 18.5% of the land area. Around three quarters of forest cover is conifers. (Data from Forestry Commission Forestry Statistics 2017)

Forestry Commission Scotland is the Scottish Government's forestry advisor and regulator and Scotland's largest land manager through Forest Enterprise Scotland. As well as managing the public forest estate, FCS

- Regulates new woodland creation,
- Provides grants for planting and managing woodlands,
- Issues felling licences to fell trees.

The grants and licences issued by Forestry Commission Scotland cover activities within the woodland or forest area; FCS authority does not extend to the transport of timber on the public road network. Forestry Commission Scotland does however manage the Strategic Timber Transport Scheme grants and the Timberlink (coastal shipping) public service contract on behalf of Scottish Government.



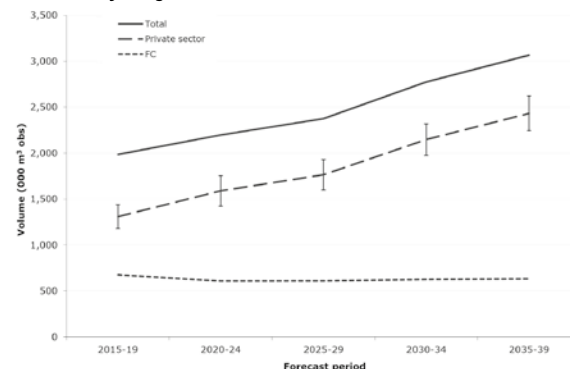
NFI 2011 woodland map

Forestry in Highland Council area

The volume of timber available from existing forests in Highlands is forecast to increase by 50 % over the next 25 years.

Graph from Forestry Commission's NFI 25-year projection of timber availability in the Highland Council Area 2014

Summary of 25-year forecast of annual softwood timber availability – Highland



Roads and Freight in Scotland

Trunk roads

Transport Scotland is a department of the Scottish Government. Its responsibilities include:

- The 3,578km Trunk Road Network. This includes motorways and some A roads.
- Expenditure on trunk roads in 2014/15 was £162 million
- Ferries
- The railway network in Scotland through Network Rail
- Grants for encouraging modal shift from road to rail and water



Data from *Scottish Transport Statistics No 35: 2016 Edition* - A National Statistics Publication for Scotland or Audit Scotland's *Maintaining Scotland's roads: a follow-up report 2016*

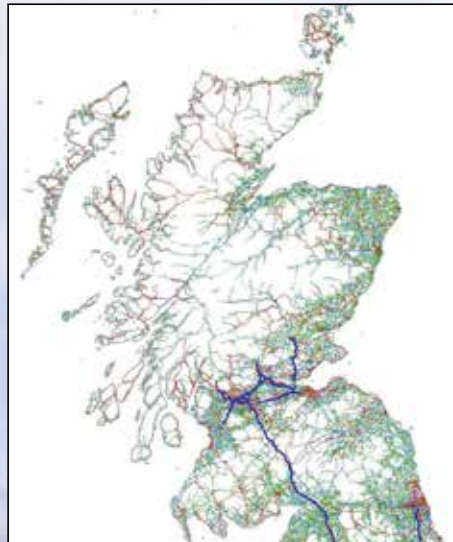
Local roads

The local roads authorities in Scotland are the 32 Councils. They are responsible for the local road network, including carriageways, footways, bridges and drainage systems. In total this covers

A-class roads 7,414 km
B-class roads 7,502 km
C-class roads 10,703 km
U-class roads 26,895 km

Expenditure on local roads in 2014/15 was £259 million

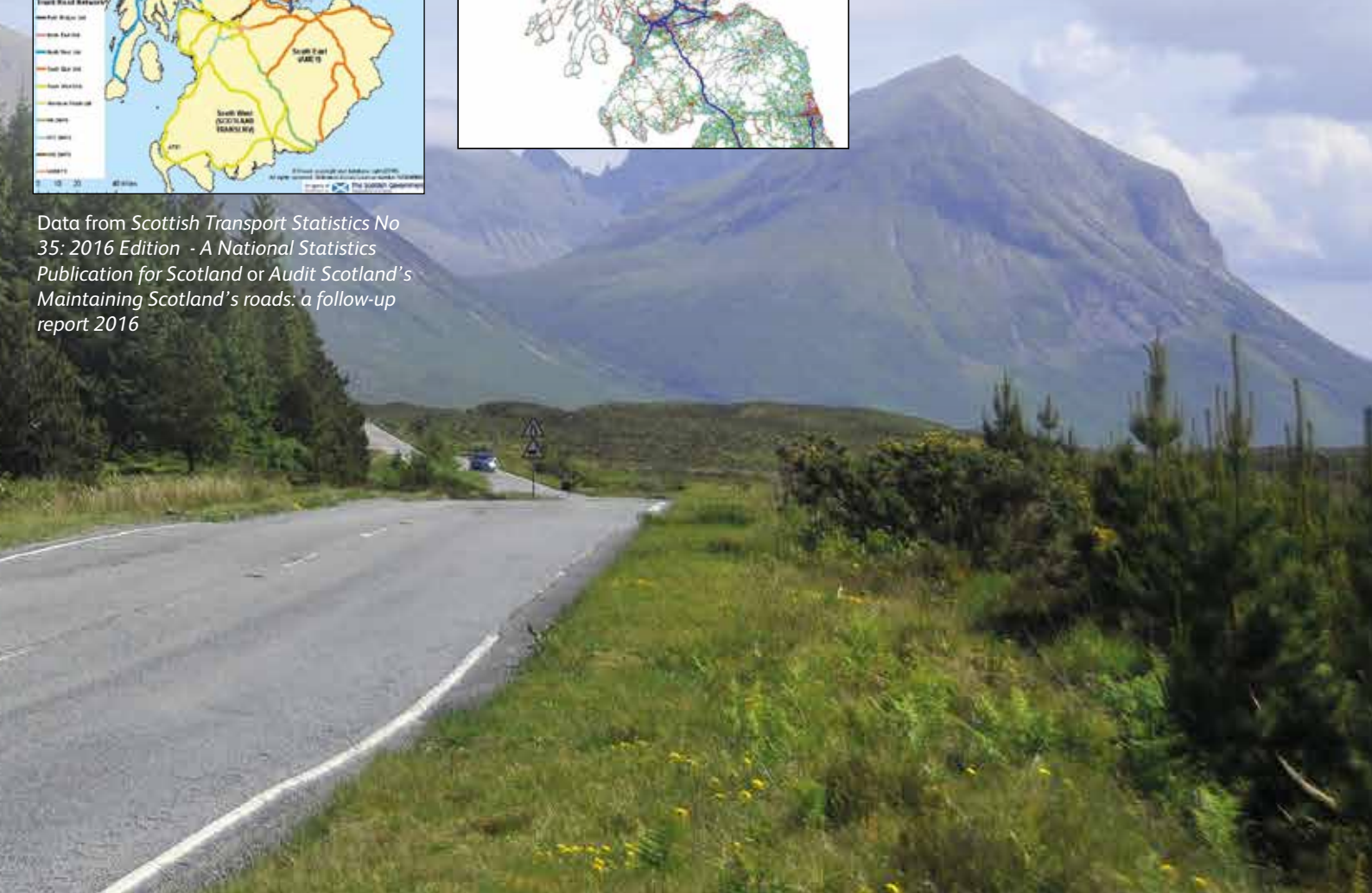
Highland Council, Dumfries & Galloway Council and Aberdeenshire Council together cover a third of the local road network of Scotland



Road freight

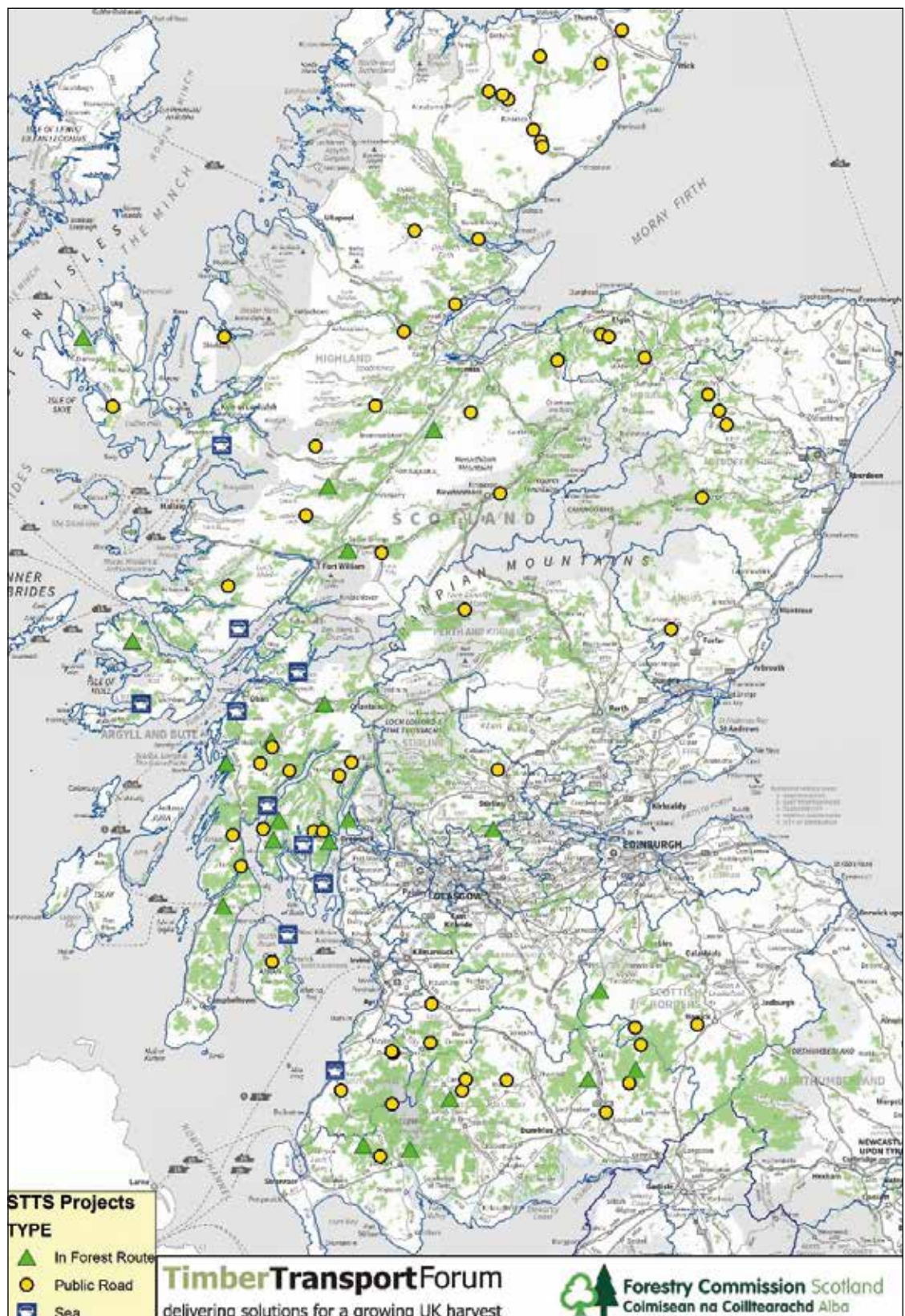
In 2015, in Scotland

- 136 million tonnes of road freight was lifted and delivered within Scotland
 - 44 million tonnes of road freight was metal ore and other mining and quarrying
 - 6.8 million tonnes of road freight was roundwood
- 16 million tonnes of road freight was delivered to elsewhere in the UK



Strategic Transport Scheme in Scotland

Since 2005
The Scottish
Government's
Timber Transport
Scheme has
awarded £33million
of co-finance to
159 projects across
Scotland including
project officer
support to timber
transport groups.



PARTNERING CHARTER

The Timber Transport Forum supports the many benefits of forestry by ensuring that the timber industries can access and market the UK timber resource in a sustainable way. At the same time we seek to minimise the impact of timber transport on the public road network, on local communities and on the environment.

We commit to core values of

- Openness, effective communication and co-operation.
- Mutual trust, respect and integrity.
- Excellence and continuous improvement.

We will work together in achieving each partner's aspirations, in particular to:

- provide a forum in which we can discuss timber transport issues, identify problems and find sustainable solutions.
- establish effective consultation procedures between partners.
- disseminate and inform best practice in the management of timber transport
- maintain and promote voluntary agreed timber routes maps as a basis for finding solutions to timber transport problems.
- inform strategic planning of timber transport and encourage targeted investment in infrastructure and in other technologies that will reduce the impact of timber haulage

Timber Transport Groups

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