



GO & SEE' FUND – NOTES TO APPLICANTS

What Is It?

The 'Go & See' Fund has been made available through the East Sutherland Woodland programme which is helping community, voluntary and environmental groups in East Sutherland deliver small-scale woodland projects for the benefit of those who visit the area or live, work and learn here.

The fund will cover individual and group travel and subsistence costs for groups who would like to visit woodland projects elsewhere in Scotland to share ideas and experience with those who are already 'up and running' and find out how they did it.

Who can apply?

Representatives from community, voluntary and environmental groups in East Sutherland and around the Kyle of Sutherland (including Rosehall) who are active in woodland management or have an interest in developing a woodland-related project in the future.

Where can we go?

The fund will support day-trips to woodland-related projects within Scotland. For more details on eligible projects, visit the Community Woodland Association website at <http://www.communitywoods.org/map/> or have a look at the Rural Gateway Project Database at <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/rural-development/projects> which lists many inspiring community-led projects throughout Scotland. The fund can also be used in reverse and cover the costs of hosting a visit to your group by a representative from a project elsewhere in Scotland.

What does it cover?

- Mileage will be covered at £0.40/mile and standard class public transport will be reimbursed in full. Teas, coffees and lunch costs will be eligible up to a value of £8 per person provided receipts are submitted.
- Overnight accommodation costs incurred by groups travelling from East Sutherland will not be eligible. The fund can however be used to cover travel costs for overnight trips.
- Reasonable costs incurred by the host group (hospitality, staff time etc) will be eligible.
- If you wish to invite a representative from another group to visit you in East Sutherland, the fund will cover travel, subsistence and an overnight stay as appropriate.

When can we go?

To ensure that funding is available, your trip should be made after your application has been approved. Visits can be made up until 30th June 2010

Are there any conditions on funding?

After your visit, Highland Birchwoods will require a short report outlining the reason for your visit and the learning outcomes.

What should the report cover?

The short report should detail: how many people travelled to where; what did you hope to experience or learn about and how were these expectations met; what were the key learning outcomes of your visit; what will you do differently as a result of your trip or what have you been inspired to achieve next. Your report should be no more than 1 side of A4 and will be forwarded to LEADER as evidence of project activity.

How do we apply?

Complete an application form and return it to Highland Birchwoods. If you would like to discuss your proposed trip prior to an application, call 01463 811653 or e-mail

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How long is funding available?

The fund will available until 30th June 2010 or until the fund is depleted.

The East Sutherland Woodlands initiative is being led by Scottish Natural Heritage; Forestry Commission Scotland; The Highland Council; Sutherland Partnership and Sutherland Estates

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