

## 2nd Woodland Grazing Workshop How trees and livestock can grow together

### Workshop Booking Form

NAME

ORGANISATION::

ADDRESS:

TEL: FAX:

EMAIL:

Total no. of places ..... @£15/head (inclusive VAT)

Total = £ .....

\*\* I enclose a cheque payable for £ .....

\*\* Please send a VAT invoice to the following address  
(if different from above).

ORGANISATION:

ADDRESS FOR INVOICE:

TEL:

\*\* Please complete/delete as applicable.

Please detail any special dietary requirements or special  
needs: .....

### Workshops

Delegates will be able to attend two different workshops during the afternoon session. Numbers will be limited to 20 per workshop and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please indicate your two preferred workshops and give a third choice as a reserve in the case of a workshop being oversubscribed.

- WORKSHOP 1: Pigs as a scarification tool
- WORKSHOP 2: Sheep and woodland grazing
- WORKSHOP 3: Stock husbandry and welfare
- WORKSHOP 4: Planning & Monitoring
- WORKSHOP 5: Management of birch

This event is organised by the Steering Group of the West Highland Woodland Grazing Project , which operates under the umbrella of the Argyll & Bute Biodiversity Partnership.

The following organisations are currently represented on this group:

- Argyll & Bute Biodiversity Partnership
- Argyll Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group
- Forestry Commission Scotland
- Scottish Executive Environment & Rural Affairs Department
- Scottish Native Woods
- Scottish Natural Heritage

For further information about the event or about the West Highland Woodland Grazing Project please contact:

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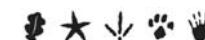
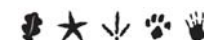
## 2nd WOODLAND GRAZING WORKSHOP

Thursday 10th March 2005

at the  
Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory,  
Dunbeg, Oban



Event organised by the Steering Group of the  
WEST HIGHLAND WOODLAND GRAZING  
PROJECT



Argyll & Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership

It is nearly a year since the Woodland Grazing Workshop "Trees & livestock can they grow together?" which was held in Argyll in February 2004. One of the main outcomes from the workshop was a recognition of the biodiversity benefits of woodland grazing and a rallying call for a more integrated and holistic approach to farm and woodland management.



The need to identify appropriate management regimes for woodlands, that recognises the role of livestock and the conservation benefit that they deliver, has been established. It is now necessary to introduce a grant scheme that supports such regimes.

One year on we now have that opportunity! In November 2004 Scotland's Forestry Minister, Lewis MacDonald, announced the establishment of three new pilot stewardship grants, to promote the sustainable management of farm woodlands. One of these new stewardship grants will be for the sustainable grazing of woodlands. The Forestry Commission, in collaboration with the West Highland Woodland Grazing Project, will pilot this grant in Argyll and Lochaber in 2005.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> Woodland Grazing Workshop will give participants the opportunity to find out more about both the science and practice of managing woodlands with livestock. This event will give more practical information and advice.

#### The event will:

- **Bring together farmers, crofters, foresters, other land managers, researchers conservationists and agencies with an interest in managing woodlands for conservation benefit using livestock.**
- **Promote the sharing of experiences and information relevant to the role of livestock in woodland management.**
- **Investigate some of the practical aspects of managing woodlands for conservation benefit using livestock.**

The workshop is aimed at farmers, crofters, foresters, conservation site managers, advisers, non-governmental organisations, agency representatives and those with an interest in promoting the sustainable management of woodlands using livestock.

The Workshop will be held in the newly built conference facilities at the Scottish Association for Marine Science, Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory at Dunbeg, Argyll — 7 miles north of Oban on the A85.

The morning session will be devoted to a number of guest speakers:

Helen Armstrong, Forest Research, will speak about the results of the survey of cattle grazed woodlands in Great Britain.

Neil Duncan, an Argyll farmer, will talk about the practical aspects of maintaining an economically viable farming enterprise whilst also achieving conservation benefit through woodland grazing.

Tony Boyd, Camusnagul & Achaphubail Crofting Trust, will talk about woodland grazing within a crofting community.

David Whitaker & Donald Hendry, Forest Enterprise, will talk about restoration of the native pinewoods using cattle in Glen Garry.

Alex Morris, Forestry Commission Scotland, will talk about the new Stewardship Grant and integration with the Single Farm Payment and Land Management Contracts.

The afternoon session will comprise of two 1-hour workshops. Each delegate will be able to choose two workshops to attend from the following selection.

#### Practical Workshops:

1. **The use of pigs as a scarification tool**
2. **Sheep and their role in woodland grazing**
3. **Stock husbandry and welfare**
4. **Management planning & monitoring**
5. **Management of birch regeneration**

Following on from this event and as a continuation of the West Highland Woodland Grazing Project it is planned to hold additional training events with site visits to look at some of these issues in greater detail. Further information will be available at the Workshop on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Booking Instructions

There will be a workshop fee of £15 (inclusive VAT) per delegate (which includes the cost of lunch and refreshments), cheques payable to Argyll FWAG.

Please send payment and completed booking forms to:



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**Early booking is advisable, places are limited and reservations will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**

Payment should be made by cheque (made payable to Argyll FWAG) or a VAT invoice can be requested.

If booking is cancelled before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005 fees will be refunded in full, cancellations after 1<sup>st</sup> March will not be refunded.

The final programme and joining instructions will be sent out after 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Deadline for submission of booking forms is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005**

