

2012
A stylized rainbow graphic with multiple bands of color (blue, yellow, red, black) arching over the word 'Devon'.
Devon
County Show
17, 18, 19 May

DEVON WOODLAND COMPETITION

Entries Close:

Wednesday, 30th November 2011

DEVON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

Patron: HRH The Prince of Wales

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Judges:

Mr Ben Wadsworth
Mr Bryan Elliott

Entry Fees: £5 per entry

DEVON WOODLAND COMPETITION

Class 1 For a woodland area of one hectare or more, between 5 and 20 years old, where an applicant can demonstrate ongoing management.

Class 2 Previously unmanaged woodland, or part of, such as woods on farms or shelter belts, which is currently being improved for timber quality and for the benefit of flora, fauna, archaeological interest or public access.

("Improved" means upgrading the quality and/or quantity of trees by planting, natural regeneration or thinning)

The following points will be taken into consideration by the Judges for Class 1

- I. The present state of growth in relation to age and species.
- II. The suitability of the species or mixture used for the site.
- III. Efficiency in the whole process of establishment.

Class 3 A community / school woodland area of 0.2 hectare or more.

Class 4 a) A woodland area of one hectare or more over 40 years old
b) A woodland area of one hectare or more under 40 years old

The following points will be taken into consideration by the Judges for Class 4

- I. The commercial quality of the growing timber and the productivity in relation to age.
- II. The quality of management in the selection and removal of thinnings.
- III. Efficiency in the whole process of maintenance with particular attention to the objects of management.

Class 5 A woodland with multi-purpose objectives of management and demonstrable success of achieving these objectives.

The following points will be taken into consideration by the Judges for Class 5

- I. Multi purpose objectives of management.
- II. Demonstrable success in achieving these objectives.

Awards are made in every class at the Judges' discretion

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Due to the value of Woodland trophies winners will need to insure the trophies whilst in their possession, away from the Showground.

FP1 Champion Prize - "The Newman Perpetual Challenge Trophy"

Offered by the late T Newman, will be awarded for the best entry in the competition, together with a cash prize of £50. (Ref: 43)

FP3 "The Forestry Authority Perpetual Challenge Trophy"

To be awarded to the best entry in Class 2. (Ref:279)

FP2 "The Stucley Perpetual Challenge Trophy"

Offered by the late Sir Dennis Stucley Bt, will be awarded to the winner of Class 5 together with a year's free membership, kindly donated by the Royal Forestry Society. (Ref: 85)

FP4 "The Confor Elite Stand Perpetual Trophy"

Offered by Confor for the best stand of trees seen by the judges during the year either as an entry or a component of other classes. (Ref 328)

FP5 "The Watkins Perpetual Challenge Trophy"

Awarded to entrant of class 1 who best fulfils the following criteria:
(Ref: 325)

- Successfully established new woodland
- Fulfilling the initial objectives of the scheme when planted
- Design with due regard to semi natural habitats and features

GUIDELINES FOR ENTRY

1. Entries are restricted to woodlands in the County of Devon.
2. Entries may be submitted by owners or by contractors and consultants on behalf of the owner whose name shall be shown.
3. Woodlands awarded prizes in 2009/2010 may not be entered in the corresponding class in the 2011 competition.
4. Entries will close on **Wednesday, 30th November 2011** and entrants will be informed of the date of judging.
5. Judging will take place in February 2012. The winners will be notified in March 2012, before the Devon County Show on 17th to 19th May 2012.
6. It would be preferable for the applicant or their nominated representative to be present at the time of judging. Similarly, provision of transport by Land Rover, where necessary, does much to ease the Judges' convenience.
7. If no representative is available, entries must be clearly indicated by markers unless there are physical boundaries.
8. Each entrant may chose to receive a copy of the Judges' report on the competition by indicating this on the entry form.
9. Awards may be made to the Gold, Silver and Bronze placed exhibits in each class as follows:
Gold - £30
Silver - £20
Bronze - £15
10. Gold, Silver and Bronze Prize Cards will be awarded in recognition of merit across the whole competition.
11. Each entrant will receive two tickets to the 2012 Devon County Show, which will be forwarded before May 2012.
12. All exhibitors and other persons admitted to the Showground shall be subject to rules, the orders, regulations (including health & safety) of the Devon County Show and the Council of the Devon County Agricultural Association.
13. The Devon County Agricultural Association (The Devon County Show) operated to a high Health and Safety standard. All Show personnel are expected to meet that standard and comply with the Health and Safety at Work act 1974, which is held in the Association's Office.

