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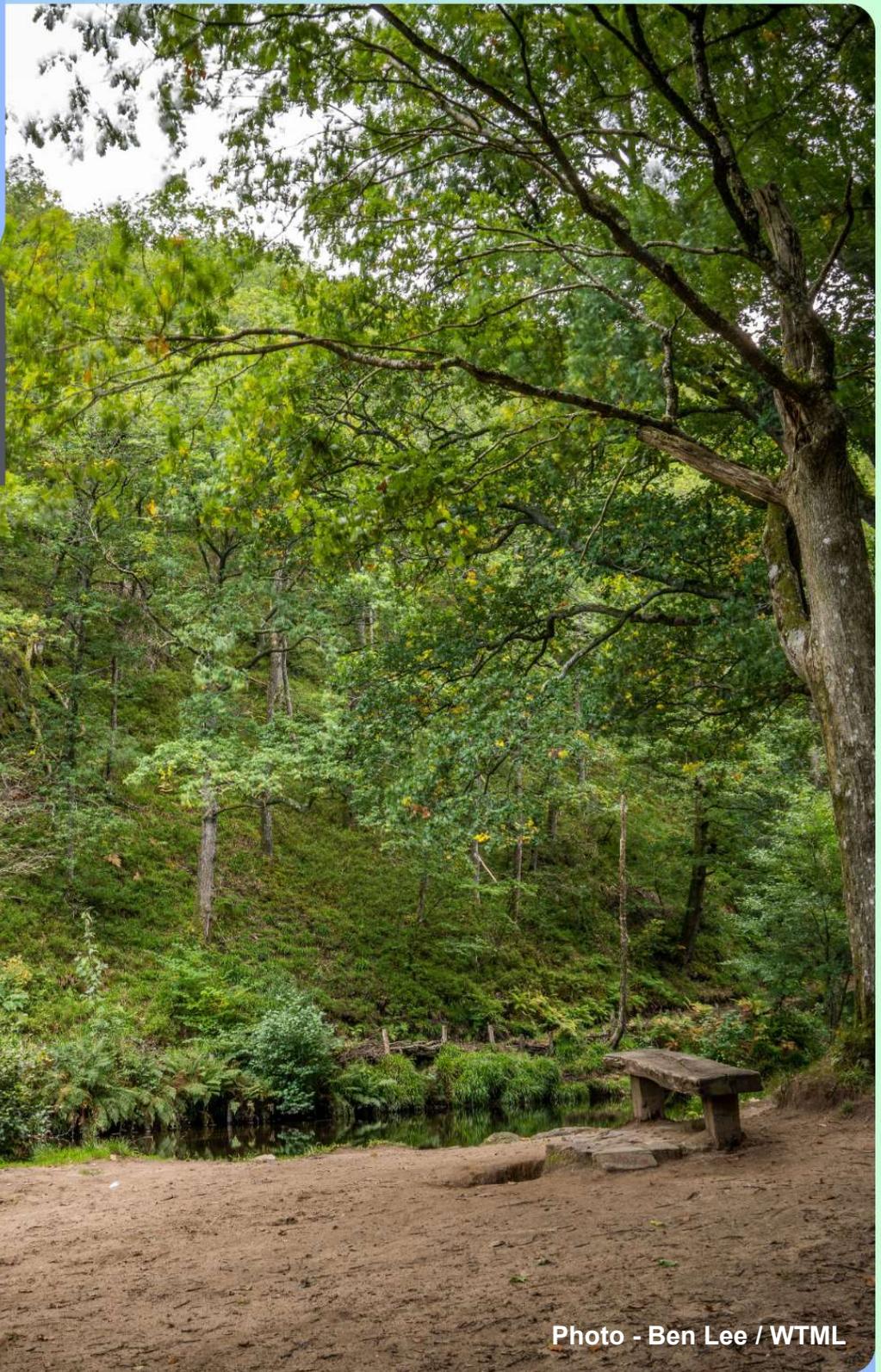


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# WOODLAND SCHEDULE

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# DEVON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Devon County Show, Westpoint, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1DJ

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**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**Judges:**

**Mr Mick Bracken, Mr Mark Prior & Mr Stan Abbott**

**To Enter:**

<https://showingscene.com/events/devon-county-show-2026-may-2026/woodland>

## DEVON WOODLAND COMPETITION

### **Class 1**

#### **Woodland Creation**

Size: 1 hectare (no minimum block size)  
Age: 3 - 15 years  
Type: Any  
Objectives: One or more of: biodiversity gains, habitat creation, improved air, soil or water quality, flood risk mitigation, recreational access for health and wellbeing, sustainable production, natural regeneration.  
Assessed On: Extent to which the woodland contributes to any of the above public goods.

### **Class 2**

#### **Productive Woodland Stand**

Size: 1 hectare, (no minimum block size)  
Age: 15 – 50 years  
Type of Plantation: Any productive stand  
Objectives: Productive woodland: Can be conifer or broadleaf, so long as there are commercial outputs from the wood. This could include timber for construction industry through to fencing and woodfuel for biomass boilers.  
Assessed On: Woodland managed sustainably, whilst producing a crop that has a commercial value. Perhaps younger stands only showing **potential** for crop at this stage in its life.  
Silvicultural systems to encourage timber suitable for specific markets?  
Has it been thinned/brushed? How well is it meeting the needs of society today and into the future? Is it supporting the green economy or helping to reduce our reliance on timber imports?

**Class 3 Agroforestry / Woodpasture**

Size: No minimum  
Age: 3+ years  
Type of Planting: Agroforestry / Woodpasture  
Objectives: Tree planting as part of a commercial farming system, for the benefit of crops or livestock.  
Assessed On: Increased productivity, animal welfare as well as wider environmental benefits such as soil quality. May also have a secondary objective to use the tree productively in time, such as domestic firewood.

**Class 4 Community Woodland (no class for 2026)**

**Class 5 Woodland Management**

Size: 1 hectare minimum (whole woodland)  
Age: From 15 years  
Type of Woodland: Productive woodland  
Requirements: **Must have evidence of active documented management plan.**  
Objectives: Undertaken significant interventions to improve the quality/quantity of healthy trees and improve the resilience of the woodland. Could include examples of natural regen, replacing ash with climate resilient species, thinning, protection from pests and diseases, include examples good silvicultural interventions including Irregular Forestry techniques.  
Assessed On: Interventions must have taken place in the last 10 years. Timeliness, innovation and efficacy of interventions. Compliance with UKFS; Clear management objectives being achieved; bonus for UKWAS certification, sensitivity of works.

**Class 6 Habitat Management (including Ancient Woodland and Rainforest recovery)**

Size: 1 hectare minimum (whole woodland)  
Age: 20 years plus  
Type of Woodland: Native Woodland  
Objectives: Undertaken significant interventions to improve the condition of or extend existing woodland with specific emphasis on meeting the conditions required by ecologically significant woodlands, e.g rainforest (lichens and bryophytes) ancient woodland specialist flora etc. Should include examples of natural regen/colonisation, innovative design or management for maximum structural diversity, removal of invasive species, wildlife management, grazing management, management for water.  
Assessed On: Interventions must have taken place in the last 10 years. Innovation and efficacy of interventions. Compliance with UKFS; Clear management objectives; sensitivity of works eg minus points for soil damage.

**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.**

**Gold, Silver and Bronze Prize Cards will be awarded in recognition of merit across the whole competition. Prize money awarded: Gold - £250 Silver - £100 Bronze - £50.**

**WD1 Champion Prize - “The Newman Perpetual Challenge Trophy”**

Offered by the late T Newman, will be awarded for the best entry in the competition. (Ref: 43)

**WD2 “The Stucley Perpetual Challenge Trophy”**

Offered by the late Sir Dennis Stucley Bt, will be awarded to the winner of Class 5. (Ref: 85)

**WD3 “The Forestry Authority Perpetual Challenge Trophy”**

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

**WD4 “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 324)

**WD5 "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

The Woodland Trust supports other people to protect, create and restore their woods and trees. We are pleased to be able to sponsor these awards to celebrate and acknowledge the efforts involved by farmers and landowners.

## 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.
4. Entries will close on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Entrants will be informed of the date of judging.
5. The winners will be notified ahead of the Devon County Show on 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
6. It would be preferable for the applicant, or their nominated representative, to be present at the time of judging. Similarly, provision of 4-wheel drive transport where necessary, does much to ease the judges' convenience.
7. If a representative is not available, entries must be clearly indicated by markers unless there are physical boundaries.
8. Gold, Silver and Bronze Prize Cards will be awarded in recognition of merit across the whole competition. Prize money awarded: Gold - £250 Silver - £100 Bronze - £50.
9. Each **class winner** will receive two tickets to the 2026 Devon County Show.
10. All exhibitors and other persons admitted to the showground shall be subject to the rules, orders and regulations (including health & safety) of the Council of the Devon County Agricultural Association (The Devon County Show).
11. The Devon County Agricultural Association (The Devon County Show) operated to a high Health and Safety standard.-When visiting sites, the health and safety of our judges is the responsibility of the entrant. All judges will wear appropriate clothing when visiting sites.
12. Information from entry forms will be stored on computer, information about the results may be published and/or provided to the Press for publication. The making of an entry is irrevocable consent for the storage and disclosure of information in this way.
13. Photographs and/or film footage will be taken at this event. These images may be used by the Devon County Agricultural Society, its subsidiaries (including but not limited to Devon County Show) and show sponsors in the following ways:
  - Printed publicity
  - Online publicity (including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram & Twitter)
  - Website use – (DCAA, its subsidiaries or sponsors)
  - Any other fair use in marketing and promoting the Devon County show by ourselves and our sponsors

They will be stored securely and will not be kept for longer than they are needed for the purposes listed above. If you would prefer for you or your child not to be photographed, please speak to the photographer on the day or contact the show office. If you would like to review our privacy and usage policy or have any further questions please contact [info@dcshow.org](mailto:info@dcshow.org) or head to [devoncountyshow.co.uk](http://devoncountyshow.co.uk) or phone 01392 353709. Registered Charity Number: 292897.

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