



Q&As

Strategic Direction for Grants

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Q1 Why is BWW not going to carry on?

BWW was launched by Forestry Commission Wales (FCW) in 2006 to provide support for good quality, sustainable woodland management based on an approved, long-term management plan that meets the requirements of the UK Forestry Standard. Since the publication of the Welsh Assembly Government's Woodlands for Wales Strategy in 2009, three years after the BWW scheme was launched, the emphasis on woodland creation has been broadened to include climate change, carbon capture and water management.

As farmers own most of the plantable land in Wales, their involvement is essential to expand the country's woodland cover. However, research shows that the majority of the BWW scheme funding goes into existing managed woodlands, not into creating new woodlands or bringing farm woodlands into management.

Q2 Why not adapt BWW rather than use Glastir

Glastir is the Welsh Assembly Government's new Sustainable Land Management Scheme for Wales designed to replace all the previous land management schemes.

Developing Glastir as a single integrated land use scheme will be easier for landowners who will only have to make one approach to access all their grant support and provide opportunities to take a holistic approach to land use planning and management across Wales.

Q3 When will Glastir Woodland Grants be available?

Glastir woodland creation grants will be launched in Autumn 2010 and administered by FCW until 1 January 2013. After that date they will be delivered by WAG.

Glastir woodland management grants will be launched from 1 January 2013 and will be administered by WAG.



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Q4 Why is BWW closing before Glastir Woodland Grants are all available?

BWW contracts last for 5 years so any schemes approved in 2010/11 will continue to deliver support beyond the end of the current Rural Development Plan in 2013. To avoid a significant spend beyond 2013 FCW need to manage a planned closure of BWW now.

Glastir woodland creation grants will be available for all landowners who want to plant new woodlands.

Q3 Who is eligible for the Glastir Woodland Grants?

Glastir woodland management grants will be accessible directly to woodland only owners who have not entered the Glastir 'all Wales element'.

Glastir woodland management grants will be available to farmers who have entered the 'all Wales element' as part of the Glastir 'targeted element'.

Glastir woodland creation grants will be accessible to all landowners.

Q4 What will happen to Management Planners?

FCW thanks management planners for their support of BWW and recognises their contributions in making the scheme a success. There will be ongoing work until the 31st December 2011 completing BWW plans. Management planners will have the opportunity to work as project officers delivering the Glastir woodland creation grants whilst FCW are administering this scheme.

There may be future opportunities for management planners to undertake project work to support woodland grants delivered via Glastir and increased business opportunities as farmers make more use of their woodlands.

Q5 Who is developing the Glastir woodland grants?

The Glastir woodland grants will be developed by the Glastir project development staff to deliver outcomes aligned to the Woodlands for Wales strategy. FCW will provide input as Welsh Assembly Government's forestry department. Glastir stakeholder engagement will be widened to include the forest and woodland sector.

Q6 What role will Forestry Commission Wales have?

FCW is Welsh Assembly Government's forestry department and will retain its regulatory functions such as felling licences and Environmental Impact Assessments. As well as dealing with stand alone applications FCW will still need to carry out these functions in relation to Glastir woodland grants.

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Q7 Will I still be able to contact an FCW office for general forestry related advice?

Yes, the regulatory function will remain and FCW staff will continue to advise on forestry activities in relation to these. FCW will continue to administer legacy grants (WGS, Forest Plans, Dedication, BWW) and provide support to contract holders until these schemes expire.

Q8 Where can I find out more information regarding the progress of the Glastir Woodland Grants?

Information regarding Glastir will be available on the [WAG website](#). FCW will work with Glastir communications staff to ensure that the forest and woodland sector are included as stakeholders for information and training.