



## ASHS WORKING WOODS SCOTLAND COURSE

What insight and inspiration from attending the ASHS Working Woods Scotland course hosted at the Scottish Wood sawmill and adjacent Inzievar Woods near Dunfermline.

This three-day programme is value packed with superb teaching and practical experience lead by Jim Birley, founder of Scottish Wood, alongside the superb silvicultural and technical knowledge imparted from renowned professional foresters, Kate Tuer and Andrew Macqueen - with the course supported by funding from The Scottish Forest Trust and Scottish Forestry.

Amongst the course highlights were Seeing the Wood for the Trees – understanding the factors for growing quality timber; assessing logs through timber measuring and valuation; understanding optimising rotation growth; and timber end use and value.

In addition, the woodland management and silviculture of broadleaves elements of the course focuses on the establishment of broadleaves, as well as formulative pruning and high pruning for profit.

A series of hands-on practical team tasks bring the topics to life along with the creation of discussion space and affording the freedom to ask questions and to share individual experiences, which was especially valuable.

However, that truly sets the Working Woods Scotland course apart is the ASHS ethos for a collaborative learning experience combined with signature catering and family hospitality. Jo Birley oversees the programme delivery throughout including the unique provision of delicious end of day 'home-made' evening meals giving the delegates opportunity to socialise and mull over the day together,

building connections and professional relationships in a relaxed setting... no one rushed away to get home or catch up on missed office work – which must be a course first!

*The next course is planned for 27th – 29th August – highly recommended whether you are learning anew or are like me a life-long learning career veteran, this course provides for all.*



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