

A scenic view of a mountain valley. The foreground and middle ground are dominated by dense, lush green forests covering the slopes of the mountains. In the lower center, there is a small, clear green meadow with a small, simple house or cabin situated on its edge. The background shows more mountain ranges, some appearing hazy due to atmospheric perspective. The overall atmosphere is bright and natural.

# Support & Guidance

An aerial photograph of a vast, lush green forest covering a mountain range. The trees are dense and vibrant green, with some lighter green areas suggesting different tree species or perhaps a clearing. The mountains are layered, with some in the foreground and others receding into the distance under a clear sky.

Community Woodlands Association  
[www.communitywoods.org](http://www.communitywoods.org)

Scottish Crofting Federation  
[www.crofting.org](http://www.crofting.org)

Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust  
[www.hscht.co.uk](http://www.hscht.co.uk)

also:

Forestry Commission Scotland  
[www.forestry.gov.uk/woodlandcrofts](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/woodlandcrofts)

Highlands & Islands Enterprise  
[www.hie.co.uk](http://www.hie.co.uk)

# Woodland Crofts



A site for all things related to woodland crofts - coming soon.....

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# Managing Small Woodlands in the Highlands and Islands

A guide for crofters, communities  
and small woodland owners



[www.managehighlandwoods.org.uk](http://www.managehighlandwoods.org.uk)

## Woodland Crofts Registration Form

Please complete this form if you wish to be included in the register of people seeking a woodland croft. As woodland crofts are only available in the Highlands & Islands it is aimed primarily at residents of this area & those wishing to move here. However there is space within the form to indicate your interest in similar models of woodland tenure outwith the Highlands and Islands.

### What are woodland crofts?

Woodland crofts are registered crofts with sufficient tree cover to be considered woodland. As such they are covered by both crofting and forestry regulations. For more information on woodland crofts see [www.forestry.gov.uk/woodlandcrofts](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/woodlandcrofts).

We recommend you read this or similar background information before completing the form.

### 1. Name & contact details

Name			
Address			
Telephone		e-mail address	

### 2. Where would you like a woodland croft? please tick all that apply

Outer Hebrides	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caithness	<input type="checkbox"/>	or	Interested in similar models of woodland tenure elsewhere	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inner Hebrides	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sutherland	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>
Skye	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ross-shire	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Arran/Bute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lochalsh	<input type="checkbox"/>		Please give preferred location	
Argyll	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inverness-shire	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Moray/Nairn	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lochaber	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Orkney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shetland	<input type="checkbox"/>			

### 3. About you please tick

Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Age	Under 21	<input type="checkbox"/>
Female	<input type="checkbox"/>		22-40	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current occupation			41-60	<input type="checkbox"/>
			Over 60	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 4. How many are in your household?

Please give number

Adults include yourself	
Children please give ages	

### 5. Which of the following best describes why you want a woodland croft: tick one only

To make my main living from a woodland-based business activity on the croft	<input type="checkbox"/>
To contribute to my household needs (fuel, food etc) whilst earning my main living by other means	<input type="checkbox"/>
To manage a woodland for amenity or conservation only	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 6. What kind of woodland are you looking for? tick one only

Coniferous woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadleaf woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed woodland	<input type="checkbox"/>
No preference	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 7. How much woodland are you looking for?

Up to 2ha	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-5 ha	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-10 ha	<input type="checkbox"/>
10-20 ha	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 20ha	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 8. Would you be interested in bare land on the condition that you established woodland on it? please tick

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 9. Which of the following best describes your preference regarding housing on the croft: tick one only

I am only interested in a croft if it has an existing house attached to it	<input type="checkbox"/>
I would consider a croft without an existing house as long it would be possible to build a croft house on it in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't need a croft house, I am happy to live nearby in my existing accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 10. What other activities do you hope to integrate with managing croft woodland: tick all that apply

Horticulture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other land-based management (please give details)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vegetable growing	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Tree nursery	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Livestock production	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other croft-based business (please give details)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poultry production	<input type="checkbox"/>		

### 11. Are you in a position to contribute financially to obtaining a croft?

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### 12. What tenure arrangement would you prefer:

tick all that apply

I wish to purchase a woodland croft	<input type="checkbox"/>
I wish to be a tenant of a woodland croft	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 13. What skills, experience and equipment can you bring to a woodland croft? please state below

The Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust (HSCHT) will keep the above details on file for the purpose of the Woodland Crofts Register of Interest and general promotion of woodland crofts only. Details will not be disclosed in a personally identifiable way to anyone else. Should an opportunity arise which matches the above details, registrants will be contacted by HSCHT and provided with more information on that opportunity.  
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