

# Pre-release Access to Official Statistics: Provisional Woodland Statistics 2026

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To be confirmed

## Introduction

Our arrangements for pre-release access to Official Statistics are described in a [Pre-Release Access Statement](#).

This document supplements the statement by giving the names and/or job titles of all those persons to whom pre-release access has been granted to Provisional Woodland Statistics, as follows:

- Part 1 provides a list of those receiving pre-release access to the Official Statistics in their final form for briefing purposes. As this is a release covering Great Britain, the pre-release access period is limited to 24 hours.
- Part 2 provides a list of those receiving pre-release access for quality assurance purposes.

The justification for giving advance access to each listed recipient will be available on request.

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## Part 1: Pre-release access to final form (24 hours)

### Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs:

- Emma Reynolds MP, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Stephan Morgan MP, Minister of State
- Emma Hardy MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Water and Flooding)
- Mary Creagh CBE MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Nature)
- Baroness Hayman of Ullock, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Biosecurity, Borders and Animals)
- Eleanor Salter, Special Policy Adviser
- Deborah Hankins, Director Biodiversity, Land Use and Investment
- Richard Chapman, Deputy Director, Defra Trees, Woodland and Forestry
- Daisy Ellis, Head of Strategy, Analysis and Engagement, Defra Trees, Woodland and Forestry
- Emma El-Deen, Head of Project Delivery, Defra Forestry
- Lisa Symes, Head of Tree Programme Management Office
- Elle Hart-Robinson, Performance and Insight Analyst, Nature for Climate Fund Tree programme Management Office
- Chris Hodnett, Economist, Defra Trees, Woodlands and Forestry
- Joshua Price, Head of Programme Management Office, Nature for Climate Fund Tree Programme
- Peter Hiscox, Tree programme, Stakeholder Engagement
- Thomas Shaw, Performance and Insight

### Defra Communications:

- James Bertin, Communications

- Zaki Dogliani, Communications Officer
- Jess Sharp, Senior Strategic Communications Officer
- Lily Spicer, Senior Communications Officer
- DL-DEFRA-NewsSmt

### Forestry Commission:

- Baroness Barbara Young of Old Scone, Forestry Commission Chair
- Richard Stanford, Chief Executive Officer
- Anna Brown, Director of Forest Services
- Lisa Brooks, Chief Operating Officer, Forest Services
- Jane Coles, Head of Strategy and Transformation
- Ian Tubby, Head of Policy and Advice team
- Jane Hull, Head of Sustainable Forest Management
- Richard Britton, Head of Forest Services Delivery
- Andrea Deol, Head of Plant Health Forestry
- Mark Broadmeadow, Head of Climate Change
- Mark Stevenson, Head of Nature Recovery
- Neil Riddle, Head of Natural Environment
- Rebecca Naylor, Head of Marketing Communications and Engagement
- Andrew Stirling, Chief of Staff
- Rosie Cafferkey, PA to Forestry Commission Chair and CEO
- Wendy Donaldson, PA to Forest Services Director

### Forestry England:

- Michael Seddon, Chief Executive Officer
- Tristram Hilborn, Chief Operating Officer
- Rachel Macintosh, Head of Corporate Governance & Programmes and CEO Office
- Uzoma Onyema, Performance Analyst, Corporate Affairs
- Stuart Burgess, Media Relations Manager

- Rebecca Ulewicz, Media Relations Officer
- Naomi Fuller, Media and Reputation Officer

### Scottish Government:

- Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Rural Affairs
- Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands
- Andy Kerr, PS/DG Net Zero
- Kersti Berge, Director, Environment and Forestry
- Phil Raines, Deputy Director for Domestic Climate Change
- David Mallon, Head of Unit, Climate Change Division
- Leanne Dobson, Special Adviser
- Lesley Brown, SG Comms
- Kerri-Ann Docherty, SG Comms

### Scottish Forestry:

- Jonathan Taylor, Head of Scottish Forestry Executive Office
- Brendan Callaghan, Director of Operational Delivery
- Samantha Malpass, Director of Policy and Practice
- Pat Snowdon, Head of Economics and Woodland Carbon Code
- Vicky West, UK Woodland Carbon Code Manager
- Steve Williams, Senior Media Manager
- Rachel Martin, Head of Corporate Communications
- Katherine MacMillan, Senior Media Manager
- Susan Szymborski Welsh, External Communication Manager

### Forestry and Land Scotland:

- Kevin Quinlan, Chief Executive
- Graeme Prest, Director Land Management & Regions
- Michael Hymers, Head of Corporate Support
- Paul Munro, Media officer

### Welsh Government:

- Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability
- Special Adviser, Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability
- Naomi Matthiessen, Deputy Director for Land, Nature and Forestry Division
- Nicolas Turner, Head of Forestry
- Caryl Williams, Head of Strategy and Research
- Fiona Hay, Strategy and Research
- Tim Croucher, Team Leader
- Gareth John, Strategic Communications Officer
- Jamie Robins, Chief Press Officer

### Natural Resources Wales:

- Paula Harley, Acting Head of Land Stewardship
- Yvonne Burson, Integrated Communication Team leader

### Forest Research:

- James Pendlebury, Chief Executive
- Adrian Searle, Head of Communications

## Part 2: Pre-release access for quality assurance

### Forestry Commission:

- Mark Broadmeadow, Head of Climate Change, Forest Services
- Mark Stevenson, Head of Nature Recovery, Forest Services
- David Cross, Evidence and Analysis Manager, Forest Services
- Ian Tubby, Head of Policy and Advice, Forest Services

### Scottish Forestry:

- Paul Lowe, Chief Executive
- Brendan Callaghan, Director of Operational Delivery

- Samantha Malpass, Director of Policy and Practice
- Pat Snowdon, Head of Economics and Climate Change
- Phoebe Golden, Woodland Carbon Code Co-ordinator
- Ian Cowe, Operational Delivery Business Manager
- Lindsay Bissett, Grant Schemes Manager

### Forestry and Land Scotland:

- Jo Ellis, Head of Planning and Environment
- Graeme Prest, Director Land Management & Regions
- Michael Hymers, Head of Corporate Support

### Forest Research:

- James Pendlebury, Chief Executive
- Bianca Ambrose-Oji, Chief Scientist
- Nicol Sinclair, Head of Inventory, Forecasting & Operational Support (IFOS)

### Welsh Government:

- Nick Turner, Head of Forestry Reform
- Caryl Williams, Head of Research and Strategy
- Fiona Hay, Strategy and Research

### Natural Resources Wales:

- Matthew Park, Estate Planning Team Leader