

Pre-release Access to Official Statistics: Forestry Statistics

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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 Forestry Statistics and Forestry Facts & Figures, 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 the UK, 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:

- The Rt Hon Dame Angela Eagle DBE, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Emma Hardy MP, Minister of State
- Jenny Riddell-Carpenter MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
- Stephen Morgan MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
- Baroness Hyman of Ullock, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
- Tim Bliss, Special Policy Adviser
- Milly Lynch, Special Advisor
- Deborah Hankins, Director Biodiversity, Land Use and Investment
- Richard Chapman, Deputy Director, Trees Woodlands and Forestry
- Daisy Ellis, Head of Strategy, Engagement and Analysis, Trees Woodlands and 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
- Peter Hiscox, Tree programme, Stakeholder Engagement
- Thomas Shaw, Performance and Insight
- Andrew Crawford, ETAP implementation and Spending Review, Defra Trees, Woodlands and Forestry
- Iain Dummett, Evidence and Analysis Team Leader, Defra Trees, Woodlands & Forestry
- Joshua Price, Head of Programme Management Office, Nature for Climate Fund Tree programme

Defra Communications:

- Angus Anderson, Head of Strategic Communications
- James Bertin, Communications
- Zaki Dogliani, Communications Officer
- Lily Spicer, Press Office
- Caroline Brough, Press Office
- 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
- Naomi Mervin, Head of Strategy and Transformation
- Ian Tubby, Head of Policy Advice Team
- Richard Britton, Head of Forest Services Delivery
- Andrea Deol, Head of Plant Health Forestry
- Jane Hull, Head of National Grants and Regulations
- Mark Broadmeadow, Head of Climate Change
- Mark Stevenson, Head of Nature Recovery
- Neil Riddle, Head of Natural Environment
- Rebecca Rhodes, Chief of Staff
- David Bole, Head of Sector Capacity and Green Economy
- Penny Oliver, Head of Incentives
- David Cross, Evidence & Analysis Manager

Forestry England:

- Michael Seddon, Chief Executive
- James Simpson, Director of Operations – Forestry and Land Management
- Tristram Hillborn, Chief Operating Officer

- Derrick Osgood, Chief Finance & Corporate Officer
- Rachel Mackintosh, Head of Corporate Governance & Programmes and CEO Office
- Uzoma Onyema, Senior Performance Analyst
- 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
- Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
- Minister for Agriculture, Marine and the Islands
- Director, Environment and Forestry
- Special Adviser
- Lesley Brown, Scottish Government Communications
- Kerri-Ann Docherty, Scottish Government Communications

Scottish Forestry:

- Paul Lowe, Chief Executive
- Samantha Malpass, Director of Policy and Practice
- Jonathan Taylor, Head of Secretariat
- Brendan Callaghan, Director of Operational Delivery
- Helen Sellars, Head of Sustainable Forest Management
- Pat Snowdon, Head of Economics and Climate Change
- Jason Hubert, Head of Forestry Sector Development
- Bob Frost, Head of Communities and People
- Steve Williams, Press Officer

Forestry and Land Scotland:

- Kevin Quinlan, Chief Executive

- Jo Ellis, Director of Forestry
- Brendan Callaghan, Director of Operations
- Michael Hymers, Head of Corporate Support
- Gwen Hamilton, Head of Communications, Marketing & Media
- Paul Munro, Media officer

Welsh Government:

- Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability
- Special Adviser for the Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability
- Naomi Matthiesen, Deputy Director for Land, Nature and Forestry Division
- Nick Turner, Head of Forestry Reform
- Gareth John, Strategic Communications Officer
- Jamie Robins, Press Officer
- Gail Merriman, Head of Timber Industrial Strategy
- Caryl Williams, Head of Strategy and Research

Natural Resources Wales:

- Paula Harley, Head of Land Stewardship
- Angharad Selway, Senior Communications Officer
- Meinir Wigley, Head of Communications and External Affairs
- Melanie Meaden, Strategic Forestry Adviser

Forest Research:

- James Pendlebury, Chief Executive
- Bianca Ambrose-Oji, Chief Scientist
- Adrian Searle, Head of Communications
- Emily Williams, Senior Communications Officer

Part 2: Pre-release access for quality assurance

Forestry Commission:

- Naomi Mervin, Head of Economics, Evidence and Analysis

Scottish Forestry:

- Chapter 1 – Lindsay Bisset, Ian Cowe, Cameron Maxwell, Helen Sellars and Samantha Malpass
- Chapter 2 – Jason Hubert
- Chapter 3 – Jason Hubert
- Chapter 4 – Pat Snowdon
- Chapter 5 – Helen Sellars
- Chapter 6 – Bob Frost
- Chapter 7 – Jason Hubert
- Chapter 8 – Jason Hubert, Ian Cowe, Lindsay Bisset and Gary Henderson

Forestry and Land Scotland:

- Colin Hossack, Strategic Planning Manager

Natural Resources Wales:

- Caroline Riches, Team Leader Estate Planning

Welsh Government:

- Chapter 1 – Caryl Williams, Fionna McFarlane, Fiona Hay
- Chapter 2 – Gail Merriman
- Chapter 3 – Gail Merriman
- Chapter 4 – Fiona Hay
- Chapter 5 – Caryl Williams
- Chapter 6 – Caryl Williams
- Chapter 7 – Gail Merriman
- Chapter 8 – Gail Merriman, Caryl Williams

Northern Ireland Forest Service:

- Brendan Mulholland, Forest Policy, Regulations, Grants and Health & Safety Function

Forest Research:

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

Expert Group on Timber & Trade Statistics:

- Steve Fowkes, Forestry Commission
- David Bole, Forestry Commission
- Nick Boulton, Timber Trade Federation
- Duncan Mackinnon, DSH Wood
- Neil Cowan, James Jones & Sons Ltd
- Colin Reilly, Northern Ireland Forest Service
- StJohn Ashworth, Natural Resources Wales
- Gail Merriman, Welsh Government
- Jason Hubert, Scottish Forestry
- Andy Leitch, Confederation of Forest Industries (UK)
- David Leslie, James Jones & Sons Ltd
- Nigel Manley, Balcas Timber Ltd
- Max McLaughlan, Egger UK
- Wally North, Forestry England
- Richard Palmer, AW Jenkinson Forest Products
- Ewan Robertson, Tilhill
- Harry Stevens, BSW
- David Symons, Euroforest Ltd
- Andrew Tuft, Scottish Woodlands
- Kevin Thomas, West Fraser