

Project Summary

Shaw Hill: New Productive Woodland

Country	Scotland		
Location	Scottish Borders, nr. Selkirk		
UK grid reference	NT474232		
Project completion date	May 2021		
Total gross planted area	12.5 hectares		
Anticipated CO₂ capture	1,614 tonnes		
Approximate trees planted	26,946		
Species planted	Alder, Birch, Hawthorn, Norway Spruce, Scots Pine, Sessile Oak, Sitka Spruce, Rowan, Willow		
Meets UK Forestry Standard	Yes	Woodland Carbon Code status	Initiated

Narrative

The aim at Shaw Hill is to diversify the farm's income by planting a productive woodland. Most of the trees will eventually be harvested to provide a sustainable source of timber and, while they are growing, they will provide shelter on the farm.

By using a diverse mix of species, including Scots Pine and several different native broadleaves, the woodland will provide good habitat for local wildlife. Red squirrels in particular, a conservation priority in the south of Scotland, will benefit from its large Norway Spruce component.

The project will also help to increase the connectivity of woodland habitats in a part of Britain that has very low levels of forest cover.

