

FOREST AND WOODLAND CERTIFICATION



Why certify?

Certification provides woodland owners with improved access to timber markets and often a favourable price premium for certified timber.

Certification also provides land owners with an internationally and independently verified standard that demonstrates sustainable forest management which many of our clients see as a key part of their corporate social responsibility.

The UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) has enabled 1.4 million hectares of woodland in the UK to gain certification under two internationally recognised schemes. The FSC® (Forest Stewardship Council®) and PEFC™ (Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification) both recognise UKWAS as the standard for forest certification in the UK. More information on UKWAS can be found on www.ukwas.org.uk.

Since 1999, Tilhill Forestry has been providing a service to woodland owners allowing them to be certified within our Group scheme whether their forests are managed by Tilhill Forestry or others.

Certification with Tilhill Forestry – more than just a certificate

Tilhill Forestry controls the largest FSC® and PEFC™ Certification Scheme in the UK, with **over 50% of the privately owned certified woodland** within our scheme.

Lead by a dedicated Certification Manager we have a team of experienced forest managers across the country who help woodland owners maintain compliance to the UKWAS and so ensure **access to timber markets** and the **price premium** often paid for certified timber.

Our audit team also **adds value to the woodlands** within our scheme by advising owners on how to continually improve the management of their forests by providing advice on changes to legislation, funding streams and best practice.

FSC Certification Code: SA-FM/COC-004552
FSC Licence Code: FSC-C018469

Next Steps

- Get in touch with our Certification Manager to discuss the specific benefits Certification will bring to your forest.
- Details on the process and costs associated with joining our schemes are available from the Certification Manager.

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