

Project Summary

Hawkshaw: New Native Woodland

Country	Scotland		
Location	Scottish Borders, nr. Biggar		
UK grid reference	NT077226		
Project completion date	May 2021		
Total gross planted area	31.54 hectares		
Anticipated CO₂ capture	11,491 tonnes		
Approximate trees planted	44,550		
Species planted	Alder, Aspen, Bird Cherry, Downy Birch, Holly, Scots Pine, Sessile Oak, Rowan, Willow Species		
Meets UK Forestry Standard	Yes	Woodland Carbon Code status	Registered

Narrative:

The vision at Hawkshaw is to restore rough grazing land into native woodland, with a sensitive design allowing for integration of trees with existing peatlands, including an area of blanket bog.

The resulting suite of habitats will become an important refuge for a range of wildlife, an area of amenity for local people, and help to provide future seed sources for native woodland expansion in a denuded part of southern Scotland.

Wildlife friendly tree species like juniper, hazel and bird cherry will provide food for a wide variety of insects, birds and mammals and careful planting of birch around areas of blanket bog will lead to the formation of bog woodland, which has become a rare habitat in the UK.

