

Sustainable Forestry SCIO Trustee Biographies

Dave Beaumont

David Beaumont is the Regional Director for South and West Scotland and is part of the Senior Leadership Team for RSPB Scotland. After completing a PhD at the University of Paisley, looking at assemblages of spiders in ancient woodlands on the west coast of Scotland, David became Reserves Ecologist for RSPB in 1993. After building a team of Regional Ecologists that provided scientific support to the expanding portfolio of RSPB nature reserves David became Regional Reserves Manager for South and West Scotland in 2008. As an Honorary Research Fellow at the University of Stirling, David keeps up his interest in ecology, contributing to applied research and identifying spider collections. David is a Trustee of the Loch Lomond Countryside Trust and Board member of Garnock Valley, Inner Forth Landscape Partnerships and the East Ayrshire Coalfields Environment Initiative. When not involved in environmental work, David is also president of his local rugby club, Strathendrick RFC.

Tim Hall

Tim is a Chartered Forester with 25 years experience of working in forestry for predominantly environmental and social benefits. He has a particularly strong interest in urban forestry. As Head of Operations for The Woodland Trust Scotland he has an overview of all their properties in Scotland and a strong involvement in aspects of forestry policy work. He lives near Edinburgh with his wife and three children.

Richard Thompson

Richard Thompson works for Forest Enterprise Scotland (FES) as their Native Woodland Ecologist. He has held this post since 2008. Richard advises FES on Planted Ancient Woodland Site restoration, Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland condition improvement, herbivore impact assessment, montane scrub restoration and silvicultural management of native woods. He worked for Forest Research prior to this appointment and developed an interest in Atlantic woodlands – particularly in relation to management impacts on bryophytes and lichens. Richard has recently taken over as secretary to the Native Pinewood Managers Group.

Lynne Staples-Scott

Lynne graduated with a politics degree from Teesside Polytechnic in 1985 and has over 30 years' experience in a variety of external affairs roles in both the public and private sector in Scotland. Lynne moved to Scotland in 1992 when she joined Moray District Council, she then moved to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority in 1997 and BP in 2000. She was closely involved with the Scottish Forest Alliance for many years and continued as the BP representative on the Sustainable Forestry SCIO until she left the company in 2016. Lynne is now an independent member of the SCIO and runs a small stained glass business in Aberdeenshire.

Tim Stileman

Tim is Environment Lead for BP Exploration Operating Company within the North Sea Region. He holds a BSc (hons) in Zoology from the University of Edinburgh and an MSc in Environmental Strategy from the University of Surrey and is a Practitioner member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA). Tim has worked for BP within the Environmental discipline since 2005. Since moving to Aberdeen in 2012 Tim has become a keen hillwalker and enjoys exploring the Scottish countryside. Tim lives in Aberdeen with his wife Hilary and their young daughter Eleanor.

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