

## SWA National Conference 2004 - Booking Form

Please include details marked \* (name, organisation, interest, issues) for each individual booked.

Name:\* .....  Tick if SWA member

NB: membership is not a requirement to attend

Organisation:\* .....

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Please reserve the following place(s) at the SWA National Conference on Saturday 5th June 2004:

No.	Rate	Cost £
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@ **£25 each** inc. VAT for Individuals, Registered Charities and Small Organisations with no more than 5 full time equivalent staff

@ **£30 each** inc. VAT for organisations with more than 5 full time equivalent staff

**10% reduction** for multiple bookings. (Please phone the SWA Office to confirm the amount)

Prices include lunch, tea/coffee, delegate pack, transport to Coed Tyllwyd & VAT **Total £** .....

I enclose the full Conference fee as shown above (cheques to be payable to 'SWA')

Please invoice my organisation  I require a VAT Receipt  Please send me details about SWA

Please contact me about display and stand space

Signed ..... Date .....

Come along to the beautiful mid Wales coast near the seaside resort of Aberystwyth for an early Summer break (come and camp or stay in a seaside b and b or hotel and make a weekend of it! – accommodation list available).

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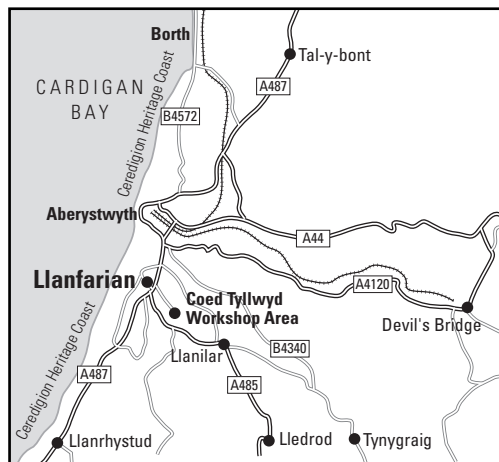
Directions and a map, public transport and accommodation and other details will be sent with confirmation of booking.

Llanfarian is a small village three kilometres on the main road south from Aberystwyth (see map).

Transport can be arranged from Aberystwyth railway station or why not travel the stunning mid Wales rail line and cycle.

Lunch will include a vegetarian option. Please state any other special dietary requirements.

Formal notification and details of the Annual General Meeting of the Small Woods Association will be sent to members in due course.



# National Conference and AGM of the Small Woods Association



## Community Woodland Management Practice and theory in Wales & Scotland

### Saturday, 5th June 2004

### Llanfarian, Aberystwyth, Mid Wales

For woodland owners, Local authorities, countryside projects, community woodlands or those with a general interest.

Hear from leading expert speakers then, see the first example in England and Wales of where the Forestry Commission has leased a 23 hectare woodland to the local community. The community have a vision to manage the woodland for timber, biodiversity, training and education, and the progress to date has been remarkable, with interest from across the UK as well as from Germany and Finland.



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This Conference is also one with a difference in that it is being organised by SWA in conjunction with the Nanteos Woodland Group (NWG), a company established by a group of woodland owners and enthusiasts in the spectacular Ystwyth Valley. NWG have won major support from a £16 million Forestry Commission Wales 'woodland for all' fund called Cyd Coed.

Their approach through Coed Tyllwyd and in the Ystwyth Valley is being seen as one that could be replicated throughout Wales and further afield, and is akin to the 'rural development forestry' flourishing in many parts of Scotland.

Identified as 'uneconomical woodland' the project seeks to transform the woodland from its under-managed state and to maximise its use through education, rehabilitation and experience, as well as finding uses and markets for the low grade timber that is removed. The woodland works, such as thinning, pruning, and path clearance, are

carried out by local volunteers alongside professional forestry contractors and instructors. The timber that is removed is then sold to local sawmills, direct to the general public or is converted into products on site using techniques such as mobile sawmilling, green wood turning, and charcoal production.

The afternoon will give delegates an opportunity to walk around the developing site, including a visit to the new greenwood training building, another Canadian log cabin style 'den' for the community and volunteers by Log Cabin (UK) Ltd, and an FSC certified timber compost toilet! Craft demonstrations, including pole lathe turning, wood carving and other woodland skills will be on display in and around the custom built workshop.

Walks will be led deeper into the woodland to talk about the past, current and future management of the woodland, and the conflicts that can arise from a multi user site.

## Programme Saturday 5th June, 2004

**09.30 – 10.00am:** Doors open Arrival, registration and refreshments.

**10.00am:** Welcome from the Nanteos Woodland Group and JOHN MORRIS, SWA Chairman

### Speakers

**10.20am:** BEN MAXTED – *Director of Tir Coed*

Tir Coed was set up in 1999 by an alliance of countryside organisations to promote the benefits of creating new woodland, and to provide countryside organisations in Wales with a strategic and holistic framework for their treeplanting schemes. Its target for

Wales is 27,000 hectares of new woodland over ten years including at least one large area exceeding 2,000 hectares, perhaps as big as Cardiff.

Tir Coed is seeking the money to enable its partners to meet these targets. To start with Tir Coed is working in pilot areas such as the Ystwyth Valley near Aberystwyth. Here it has worked with local communities to look at the whole valley and how woodlands fit in and can be improved. This 'whole landscape' approach can then be developed throughout Wales.

See [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk) web site Tir Coed

## Programme continued

**10.40am:** Do community woodlands damage wildlife? – RODNEY HELLIWELL is one of the UK's leading experts on ecology, forestry and arboricultural matters who is a consultant and the author of many books and papers on all aspects of forest management. He was also ecological consultant to the Channel Tunnel project, part of which involved moving woodlands. He is a founder of the Continuous Cover Forestry Group.

**11.00am:** Tea/coffee – comfort break

**11.20am:** DR EMMA SMALL – *Coed Lleol Project Officer* – will talk about the first years work of Coed Lleol, an SWA partnership project aimed at 'reconnecting people and woodlands' in Wales which has attracted over 4,000 local people to a host of woodland events. One of these included a 'tree to shelter' event where a local community in Brechfa got involved from the felling to final wooden shelter (*see photo*).

**11.40am:** COMMUNITY WOODLAND ASSOCIATION, *Scotland* – hear about this exciting new initiative launched in June 2003. Its aim is to help Community Woodlands across Scotland achieve their potential, by supporting, representing and promoting community woodlands both in the corridors of power, and on the ground. See [www.community-woods.org.uk](http://www.community-woods.org.uk) Scotland has well over 100 of these flourishing groups, many aimed at rural development forestry, making local products for local markets.



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**12.00am:** SWA AGM (*see separate AGM Notice to be mailed to all SWA members in May*)

**12.40pm:** LUNCH (*earlier for those not attending AGM*)

**13.20pm:** Transport to COED TYLLWYD, only one kilometre away from the village hall

**13.40pm:** Matt, Bob and others from the NANTEOS WOODLAND GROUP will introduce Coed Tyllwyd (*Grey House Wood*)

**14.00pm:** Why the Forestry Commission leased the site – CHRIS EDWARDS, *Forestry Commission Forest District Manager*.

**14.20pm:** Craft demonstrations, tour of the site and buildings with plenty of chance to ask questions.

**16.00pm:** Return to village hall for a cup of tea and biscuits before departing.

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