

Children help plant next generation of trees at Glenlivet

Pupils at local schools across Moray celebrated National Tree Week by planting trees at Glenlivet Estate. The Week, which in 2008 ran from November 26 to December 7, is the UK's largest celebration of tree planting, launching the start of the winter tree planting season.

Staff at Glenlivet, which is owned by The Crown Estate, have various year-round initiatives to encourage children to visit the forests, and were pleased that local children turned out in force for National Tree Week and helped them plant a selection of native broadleaf trees.

Vicky Hilton, Countryside Ranger at the Glenlivet Estate, said: "An activity such as this is a great way to get children really involved in the outdoors in a hands-on way, while also educating them about the woodlands and the life-cycle of a tree.

"The Crown Estate were delighted to the many schoolchildren that turned out over the course of National Tree Week. When they arrived at Glenlivet, they were taken out with a member of Estate staff and shown how to plant a tree and how to protect it with a tree stake and tree tube.

The Crown Estate has estates throughout Britain which produce softwood and hardwood timber for commercial purposes, including Glenlivet, Windsor, Applegirth and Dunster. All are approved by the Forest Stewardship Council which means they meet internationally-recognised environmental and social standards, and can carry the coveted FSC trademark.

Teachers should book a time to visit in advance by calling the Glenlivet Estate office on 01479 870070.

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For further information please call Esther Black, Pagoda PR, on 0131 556 0770.

Notes to Editors

Glenlivet

- The Crown Estate's Glenlivet estate covers 23,000 hectares (90 square miles) between 'The Ladder' and the Cromdale Hills in the Cairngorms National Park. The estate holds some of the finest scenery and landscapes of the Grampian Highlands and its rolling hills, forests, farms, rivers and moorlands provide excellent opportunities for outdoor pursuits and rest and relaxation.
- The Glenlivet Estate recently had its gold award under the Green Tourism and Business Award Scheme reconfirmed for continuing to demonstrate excellence in environmental practice and promoting sustainable tourism.
- For more information see <http://www.glenlivetestate.co.uk/>

The Crown Estate

- The Crown Estate is valued at over £7 billion, including substantial blocks of urban property, over 120,000 hectares of agricultural land, and around half the foreshore, together with the seabed out to the 12 mile territorial limit.
- The Crown Estate has two main objectives: to benefit the taxpayer by paying the revenue surplus earned from assets directly to the Treasury (in 2007/08 this amounted to £211.4 million); and to enhance the value of the estate and the income it generates.
- As owners, managers and guardians of one of the world's most important and diverse urban, rural and marine property portfolios, our work is underpinned by the three core values of commercialism, integrity and stewardship.

The Crown Estate in Scotland:

- Reported a turnover of around £13.9m in 2007/8
- Generated a revenue surplus of £10.3m in 2007/8, paid directly to the Treasury for the benefit of all UK taxpayers.
- Reported a capital value of £237m in 2007/8
- Direct and indirect investment in Scotland totalled £216.4m in 2007/8