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About the:

RFS Excellence in Forestry Awards 2010 judges

Forestry Judges

Roderick Leslie

Roderick, a Chartered Forester, graduated with an MA in Agricultural and Forest Sciences from Oxford University. He worked for the Forestry Commission (FC) from Edinburgh to East Anglia before settling in the West Country in 1988, where he held several posts including Chief Executive of Forest Enterprise (England) and Head of Policy for Forestry Commission England. He led the development of the Government's Strategy for Woodfuel.

He co-authored *Birds and Forestry* with Dr Mark Avery of the RSPB, and is currently working on a book on the countryside in 2050 and a 20 years update of *Birds and Forestry*.

Simon Hewitt

Simon graduated from London University with a BSc in Estate Management and has been a Rural Chartered Surveyor throughout his career. He was a Land Agent before joining the Forestry Commission where he worked for some 30 years in a number of roles in England, Scotland and Wales, latterly as Chief Conservator for Wales. His final post before retiring in 2005 was as Director and Executive Forestry Commissioner for Wales.

Simon continues to live in West Wales and is Chair of a woodland charity, *Tir Coed*, which provides opportunities for disadvantaged young people to learn woodland skills, helping them into volunteering or work placements.

Schools judges

Susannah Podmore has been the Forest Education Initiative Co-ordinator for England since 2002, initially with the Woodland Trust and now with the Forestry Commission. She previously worked in environmental education with the London Borough of Ealing, and Groundwork UK.

Mike Flinn was formerly FEI Co-ordinator for Scotland.