

# Andrew Brown

## PERSONAL DETAILS

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**d.o.b** 30/5/78      **Nationality** Scottish      **Marital Status** Married

*An effective and enthusiastic University graduate Forester with many years of forest management experience working in Estate woodlands and the Forestry Commission.*

## EDUCATION

1996 – **University of Aberdeen – Forest Management 2-1 BSc Honours**  
2001 Achieved upper second class honours in this four year course, having enjoyed an additional gap year work placement with Forest Enterprise in North Wales.  
Class merit certificates include Dendrology, Forest Engineering, Biochemistry, Mensuration and Inventory, Forest Management and Forest Policy.

Have completed a Management Plan for Kirkhill Forest, near Aberdeen. The plan was challenging because Kirkhill is a production forest that also has a high recreation and landscape value.  
Honours project on the effects of thinning regimes on final crop quality, having worked on this subject with Forest Research during my year out.

1990 - **Lockerbie Academy**  
1996 Highers: English A, Biology A, Geography A, Chemistry B  
8 Standard Grades at grade 1 and 2 including Latin, German, Maths and Computing

## OTHER SKILLS

- Confident speaker in presentations. I hosted many tours of the Estate for example with foreign visiting foresters, Rotary etc. and have conducted forest tours on behalf of James Jones and Howies Sawmills.
- Full Clean Driving licence

- Computer Literate – experienced with QGIS, Arcview, Microsoft Excel and Word. Can build and repair PC's. Also some experience with programming in Basic.
- Chainsaw experience – chainsaw tickets for small, medium trees and windblow. Good appreciation of the practicalities. Also Spraying and Chemicals. Have attended various forest management courses over the years.
- Member of the Society of Consultant Foresters of Scotland.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- June 2023 -*    **Area Manager Dumfriesshire, Forestry & Land Scotland**  
*Date*            Based at Ae Forest, I am currently managing a team of foresters, foremen, woodsmen and associated contractors across the national forests in Annandale, Eskdale and Upper Nithsdale. This is the senior FLS role based at Ae and involves leading and inspiring the team. I am enjoying coaching younger foresters and bringing my experience from working on Estates back to FLS, as well as overseeing a large industrial scale felling and restocking programme.
- Jan 2023 -*    **Senior Forestry Manager, Savills, Dumfries**  
*June 2023*    Filled this role for a short time based in Dumfries. This position drew on my experience of working on Estate woodlands, and provided support to the wider Savills team on forestry issues. I covered a large area of South-West Scotland and learning a lot about agent based private forest management and enjoyed working in the friendly Dumfries office.
- Jan 2008 -*    **Woodlands Manager, Castle Milk & Corrie Estates**  
*Dec 2022*    Woodlands Manager (Head Forester) on the Castle Milk Estate, Lockerbie, Scotland. Responsible for all aspects of forestry on the Estate from planning through thinning, felling, timber sales, restocking and FSC Certification. Managed an energetic team of in-house woodsmen who lived and worked on the Estate, as well as local contractors who assisted with clear-fell and ground preparation. This role for fifteen or so years gave me a wide breadth of experience in forestry operations and managing relationships with many stakeholders. Managed and designed a range of species and silviculture experiments, developed young woodsmen and their practical forestry skills, and hosted a forestry degree student placement. As well as the opportunity to design and implement a long term forest plan that embraces productive upland forestry the added Estate elements of diverse conifers, hardwoods, recreation management and small scale sawmilling were particularly enjoyable. I'm really proud of what we achieved on the Estate during this time.

*Sep 2011-  
Present*

**Co-Founder and Director, Scottish Woodlot Association**

A volunteer director and co-founder of this workers forestry co-op. Over the last ten years we've worked collaboratively to bring the Woodlot Licence concept to Scotland from British Columbia, with ten set-up over this time. Proving the concept and getting small woodlands back into management has been really rewarding, as well as empowering local families to manage a forest themselves: unusual in Scotland but common across the rest of the world. Highlights have included liaising with FBCWA, Aileen McLeod's Woodlot Licence members debate in the Scottish Parliament, featuring on BBC Scotland's Landward programme, great support from many landowners, Scottish Land & Estates, meeting many different forestry folk across Scotland, Professor Anna Lawrence's Woodlots in Scotland report, and the ongoing help from Forestry Commission Scotland / Scottish Forestry who have supported the project for many years.

*Feb 2004 –  
Jan 2008*

**Forestry Commission, Ae Forest District**

**Direct Production Harvesting Forester**

I successfully delivered a production programme of 90 000m<sup>3</sup> annually. I have managed all aspects of modern mechanised harvesting and chainsaw work, including site planning, risk assessment, direct staff, dealing with members of the public, powerlines, road closures etc. During this time I have built up contacts in most of the major sawmillers as well as wide contractor base.

*May 2002 –  
Feb 2004*

**Forestry Commission, Ae Forest District**

**Standing Sales Works Supervisor**

I rejoined the Forestry Commission on Standing Sales and learned a lot about harvesting techniques included learning about contract management, harvesting site standards, dealing with merchants, preparation of site plans and had extensive use of GIS computer mapping.

*July 2001 –  
May 2002*

**James Jones & Sons, Lockerbie**

**Trainee Sawmill Manager**

I gained extensive practical experience in the mill, as well as handling sales and transport aspects. Much of my time was spent learning to manage the logyard and supervise log intake and quality.

*2000  
2001 Summer*

**Eskrigg Nature Reserve, Castle Milk Estate, Lockerbie**

**Voluntary worker**

This involved helping to manage a wildfowl pond and surrounding forest as a Red squirrel sanctuary.

*July 1999 –* **Forest Enterprise, North Wales**

*July 2000* **Student Forester**

This was a Gap year work placement. I gained practical experience in a wide range of forest activities including; preparation of felling plans, compass work and forest surveying, mensuration and crop inventory, supervising planting through FMM4 plots, and research with the Forest Research branch. Also assisted as a guide with school parties and did extensive work on recreational facilities.

*Summer* **Hoddum and Kinmount Estate**

*1997* **Labourer**

Various tasks including fencing work and weeding of trees. Also worked in the estate sawmill at Annan where I gained some practical insight into my first year courses.

## **INTERESTS**

- I am a busy Dad with three children. My kids attend school locally at Lochmaben Primary and St. Joseph's College, Dumfries. We enjoy going to support Queen of the South FC.
- Since 1989 I've been a piper with Lockerbie Pipe Band. During this time I have played all over the UK and in USA and Germany. For a time in the mid 90's I was the team piper for the Scottish Rugby League Team. I was Pipe Sergeant in the band for many years and did a lot of tutoring on the chanter. I'm now enjoying teaching my sons.
- I am a Christian and was a member and Elder of Dryfesdale Church, Lockerbie for many years. We attend Dumfries Baptist Church and more recently St. Georges Church of Scotland, Dumfries.
- For many years I was an Army Cadet Instructor until starting a young family. I thoroughly enjoyed going on exercise and training the Cadets, as well as the many courses being trained on instruction by the Army regulars.

## **REFERENCES**

Sir John Buchanan-Jardine, Castle Milk & Corrie Estates,  
written Testimonial available from December 2022.

Mr Mark Fogden, Director, Rural & Projects, Savills, Dumfries.

Mr David Leslie, James Jones & Sons, Larbert.

Mr Bill Meadows, Forestry Commission Scotland,  
written reference available from 2008.