

Newton Nursery Land Management Plan Summary

Newton nursery is situated 3km west of Elgin and is just north of the A96.

It is one of three FC nurseries in the UK, the other two being Delamere and Wykeham. Currently Newton produces 7 million of the 20 million trees required by FES each year.

The FC owned nursery extends to 40ha of which 33ha are currently used for production purposes, with the remaining 7ha being infrastructure or ground not suited to nursery production. A further 23ha of ground is currently leased in two separate areas; 3ha at Wester Oldtown Farm in Roseisle and 20ha adjacent to the existing FC owned nursery from Moray estates. Consideration is also currently being given to extending the area currently being leased from Moray Estates by a further 20ha to meet future increased production demands.

Traditionally the mix of trees produced was:

Sitka spruce - 3 million
Lodgepole pine – 2 million
Scots pine – 1.5 million
Norway spruce – 0.5 million

There are several small areas of existing trees. These include seed orchards, experimental blocks and shelterbelts.

The seed orchards and experimental blocks will continue to be used and managed during the period of this plan. The shelterbelts, which are predominantly broadleaf trees, will be designated as long term retentions with the objective of maintaining them for as long as feasible.

The areas of the elements of the nursery are shown in the table below.

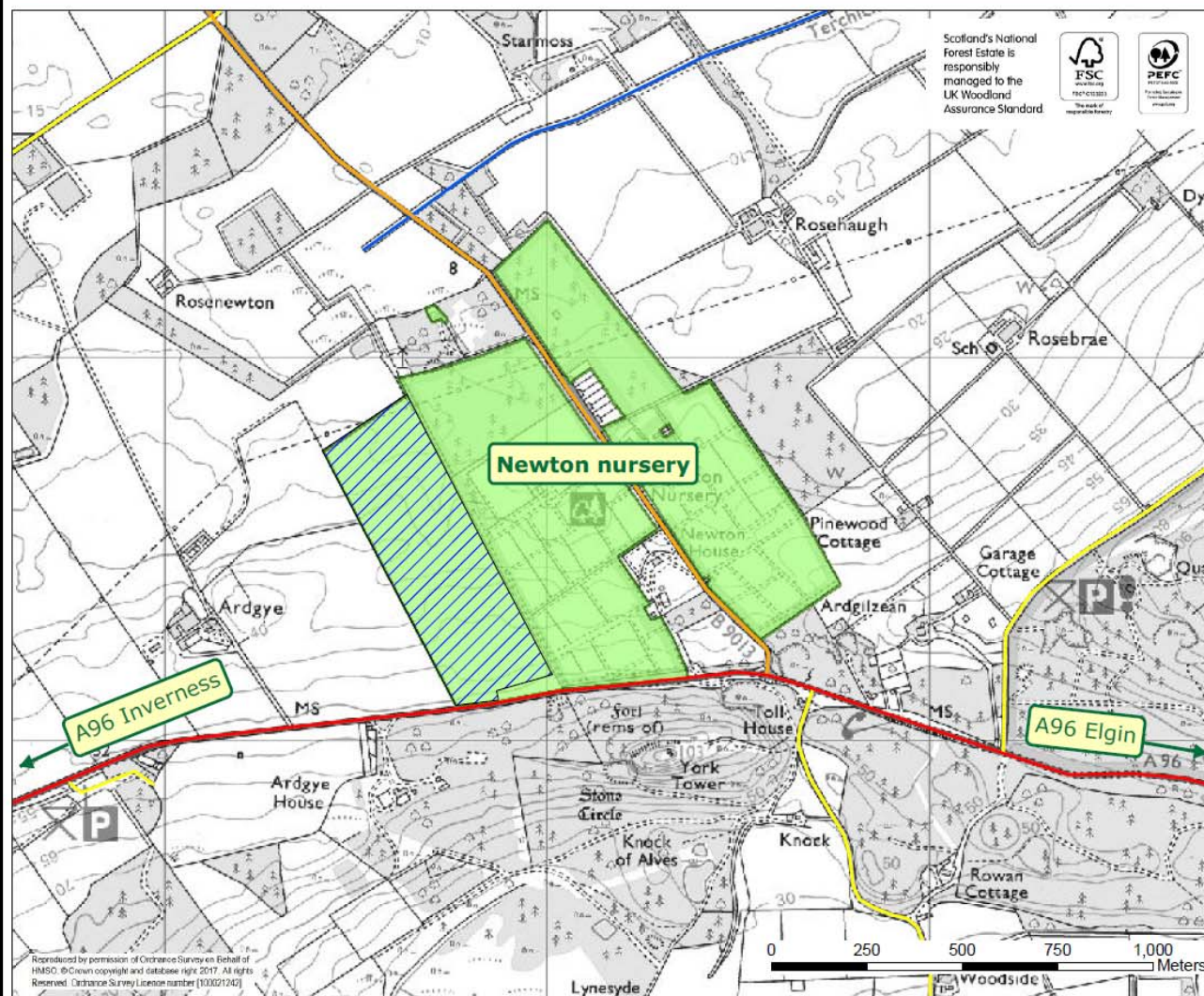
Description	Area (ha)	Percentage (%)
Nursery beds	52.0	62
Seed orchards	11.5	14
Felled *	10.2	12
Shelter belts*	5.9	7
Open ground*	3.4	4
Office & yard	1.2	1

* Areas covered by the LMP.

Consultation and Further Information

During the development of this plan we have consulted publically including local community representatives and stakeholders known to have an interest in this plan area.

For further information on the plan please contact Mark Reeve, Planning Forester, Forestry Commission Scotland on 07990802079 or mark.reeve@forestry.gsi.gov.uk



**Moray & Aberdeenshire
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Newton nursery**

Map 1 Location

O.S. Grid Ref NJ 162 637
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Scale: 1:10,000 @ A4

- Newton nursery
- Leased ground
- A road
- B road
- Minor road
- Watercourse

