Forests and trees make up an important part of our countryside and heritage. Covering 14% of the land area and with significant areas in national ownership, they have considerable potential to provide public benefits including conserving wildlife, providing recreation and fighting climate change. But what does the UK public want from forest and woodland and how can these benefits be delivered on the ground?

Following POST's January briefing on UK Trees and Forests, this joint POST – British Ecological Society seminar will explore the future challenges facing sustainable forestry in the UK. We will hear from expert speakers with experience in the scientific, policy and practical aspects of forestry and woodland management and there will be opportunity to discuss topics such as:

- How can we ensure the provision of future public benefits from forests?
- Are more forests and trees needed in the UK?
- Can UK forests contribute to fighting climate change?

**Programme**

10.00 am Welcome by Chair

Lord Clark of Windermere, Chairman of the Forestry Commission

10.05 am Presentations

Keith Kirby (Natural England)
Robert Matthews (Forest Research)
Hilary Allison (The Woodland Trust)

10.35 - 11.00 am Questions and discussion

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