

# our rural businesses



Guests at the AGM

Ross McLeod WES

## New Centre for Rural Development to be created

CEO Douglas McAdam announced the creation of a new Centre for Rural Development at the AGM.

This will be chaired by Bruce Beveridge, Vice President of the Law Society of Scotland and formerly Deputy Keeper at Registers of Scotland and Deputy Director, Rural Affairs, for the Scottish Government.

Douglas said: "The Centre will involve representatives from across the rural sector working together to deliver positive change for everyone. Issues relating to land use, rural businesses and rural communities



will all be covered, among other core issues relating to the rural sector.

"We were very keen to establish a new group that seeks to enhance Scottish rural policymaking and, most crucially, its successful delivery on the ground, by bridging the gap that currently exists.

"We intend to bring together a group consisting of eminent, high-profile figures who have practical knowledge and who are experienced operators in the field with the ability to make things happen in the rural sphere."

The First Minister Alex Salmond welcomed the centre saying: "I warmly welcome this first class initiative."

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Skibo Estate	Highland	Grampian Housing Association	North East
Arise Windpower	Highland	A D Heating Ltd	North East
Biokil Crown Ltd	North East	D J Media	England and Wales
Estate Life	South East	Abercorn Estates	South East
National Trust for Scotland	South East	Sands Estate	Highland
Alliance Planning	South West	Keir & Cawdor Estates Limited	Central
Mark Clough T/A Knowetown Head Farms	South East	Stanhope Estate	South East
Thomas H Loudon	South West	Guy Galbraith	South West
Gearach	Highland	Pitmain Estate	Highland
Philip Kerr	South East	Assynt Foundation	Highland
Atmos Consulting	South East	Transtech Ltd	Highland



## Dates for your diary

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**21-24 June – The Royal Highland Show, Ingliston, Edinburgh,**  
Area Outdoor, Avenue 4th, Stand 524  
**21 June:** Members' Reception sponsored by Gillespie Macandrew LLP, 11.30am to 2pm. Drinks sponsored by Justerini & Brooks.

Join us at any of the following shows:

**29 June-1 July – Scottish Game Fair,**  
Scone Palace, Perth  
**20-22 July – CLA Game Fair**  
**27-28 July – Border Union Show**  
**1 and 2 August – Black Isle Show,**  
Muir of Ord, Ross-shire  
**3 and 4 August – Highland Field Sports Fair,**  
Moy, Inverness-shire  
**5 and 6 August – Turriff Show,**  
Aberdeenshire  
**18 and 19 August – Galloway Country Fair,**  
Drumlanrig Castle, Dumfries & Galloway  
**Rural Enterprise Demonstration Days**  
**26 June – Revenue from Recreation,**  
The Ice Factor, Kinlochleven  
**20 September – Revenue from Recreation,**  
Lochter Activity Centre, Oldmeldrum

  
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