



## TAKING STOCK - The Scottish Venison Summit

[Birnam Arts and Conference Centre, Birnam, Perthshire](#)

Monday 20 November 2023, 09.30 – 17.00

This event is generously supported by the Association of Deer Management Groups

09.30 – 10.00	Registration and tea/coffee	
	<b>Morning Session</b>	
10.00 – 10.10	Chairman's welcome	<i>Richard Cooke, Chair, SVA</i>
10.15 – 10.35	Scotland's food and drink strategy and latest insight for venison	<i>Carol Saunders, Head of Insight, Scotland Food &amp; Drink</i>
10.40 – 11.00	Keynote address	<i>Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity, The Scottish Government</i>
11.00 – 11.25	Our refreshed venison strategy	<i>Dick Playfair, SVA</i>
11.30 – 11.55	Report on Scotland's venison infrastructure and capacity	<i>John Forteith, JF Consulting; Fergus Younger, SAOS</i>
12.00 – 12.25	The upland perspective	<i>Tom Turnbull, Chair, ADMG</i>
12.30 – 12.50	Morning panel and question time	
12.50 – 13.30	Soup and sandwich lunch	
	<b>Afternoon Session</b>	
13.30 – 14.15	Shifting volume – opportunities for the AGHEs	<i>Christian Nissen and team, Highland Game; Ruaridh Waugh, Ardgay Game</i>
14.20 – 14.35	Field to Foodbank	<i>SJ Hunt, Country Food Trust</i>
14.40 – 15.00	Venison and the Affric Highlands Project	<i>Nicola Williamson, Trees for Life</i>
15.05 – 15.25	How we did it at Perthshire Game	<i>Thomas Rust and Oli Whyte, Perthshire Game</i>
15.30 – 15.55	Spreading the word!	<i>Tim Maddams, chef, venison ambassador and free-range foodie</i>
16.00 – 16.30	Question time and Chairman's closing remarks	<i>Richard Cooke</i>
	<b>Event ends</b>	



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