

Institution of Agricultural Engineers

Group Meritorious Award 2015

Bruce Hamilton

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Bruce is a wonderful Secretary to the Forestry Engineering Group and is invaluable in the setting up of the Autumn Symposium. Bruce works hard to make this an annual success and has a great eye for details, ensuring all is in place, from the travel plans of the Speakers, marketing & advertising, to ensuring that gifts and ties are bought. These sentiments are echoed by past Chairs and all committee members.

Bruce has never said he is too busy and in the run up to the 2014 Symposium he underwent surgery for a double hernia and continued working from his sick bed, certainly above & beyond the call of duty!

Bruce served for 18 years in the Army with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Pipes & Drums and the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards where he was the catalyst for creating a Regimental Pipe Band. This role took him all over the world and he still attends Regimental Reunions. Bruce joined the Forestry Commission 21 years ago holding various posts until he became a Qualified Civil Engineer with great assistance and thanks to David Killer, Iain Hampson & Geoff Freedman. With an interest in Health & Safety, Bruce achieved his SHE NVQ4 and a Diploma in Occupational H&S whilst holding down membership of QNJAC, Fisa Steering Group & other H&S committees.

Bruce and his partner, Linda, have two beautiful daughters aged 14 & 10 and he enjoys the family time spent together. Never far away is the call of the Pipes and he was the Instigator & President of St Ronan's Piping Society who are responsible for the annual Innerleithen Pipe Band Championships (his home town) which have been a runaway success since its inception in 2002.