



TICKET SALES for one of Perthshire's premier visitor attractions are defying the impact of the global credit crunch, says the organiser.

Briefs for the Enchanted Forest, the spectacular sound and light show at Faskally Wood near Pitlochry, are selling at a rate four times faster than in 2007.

Although they have only been on sale a month, the tickets are close to selling out already, according to Big Tree Country.

Hamish Murray, chairman of the steering group for the Enchanted Forest 2008, said, "With all this talk of a global recession, we had our reservations, but have been very pleasantly surprised to see tickets selling four times faster than ever.

Treemendous interest in forest event

"It is clear that consumers are more confident about the economy than we have been led to believe.

"This is also good news for the tourism economy in highland Perthshire.

"The Enchanted Forest event is expected to attract 20,000 visitors this year, many of whom will also

stay in the local area."

The show, between October 17 and November 2, has the theme A Journey Through Space.

During the event, Faskally Wood, which is managed by Forestry Commission Scotland, will be transformed into an astronomical playground.

Enchanted Forest is also

supported by community-led Pitlochry Autumn Festival, which will open with a night street festival.

Other major events will take place on October 25, Hallowe'en and a fireworks display on November 1.

Each night of the festival, in Pitlochry, there will be a Hallowe'en tent with children's games, a storytelling yurt, a prize treasure hunt and ghost tours.

Musicians will be playing along Atholl Road.

Pitlochry will be the departure point for the Enchanted Forest shuttle bus, which will leave from a location close to the railway station, with participants urged to use public transport where possible.

For more details, and to buy tickets, visit www.enchantedforest.org.uk