

# Trees for Climate: Landowners are asked to urgently come forward with possible projects

As part of a new programme - '*Trees for Climate*' - landowners across England are asked to urgently come forward with possible areas for planting trees.

The United Kingdom has a clear target to reach net zero carbon emissions before the year 2050 and alongside a rapid increase in renewables and energy efficiency, nature-based solutions that store carbon and increase our resilience to the impacts of the climate emergency will also have a critical role to play.

## **Capturing carbon with community forestry**

Community Forest Trust and England's Community Forests are putting together a 6,000+ hectare programme of new woodland creation schemes that could be delivered by 2025.

This is an amazing opportunity to not only help address the climate emergency in local areas but also to reap the multiple benefits of trees as early as 2021.

This programme is being led by the Community Forest Trust on behalf of England's Community Forests, the network of locally-based organisations that have been working in partnership with local authorities, business and the third sector, delivering woodland creation, community involvement and environmental regeneration since 1990.

## **Trees for Climate**

The '*Trees for climate*' programme of woodland creation will result in significant investment in planting across the whole of England, including in

those areas where community forest programmes are no longer in operation but could be re-established.

The programme will lead in the immediate future to hundreds of thousands – if not millions – of new trees being planted in areas where they can contribute the greatest benefits and where our network can ensure the long-term management of those new woodlands.

These multiple benefits are a key feature of our programme. Not only do trees help us to absorb carbon and help us reach net zero emissions, they also create healthier, happier places for people to live, work and play.

Trees and woodlands make our urban areas more resilient to climate change, addressing environmental challenges such as poor air quality, flood risk and extreme heat.

### **Making it happen**

Across England the network of Community Forests will work with local partners and landowners to drive this programme forward, beginning in the 2020/21 planting season.

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