Trees for Climate

Greenwood

Nottinghamshire's Community Forest bringing Sherwood Forest to your doorstep

Woodland Creation Fund with England's Community Forests

A five year woodland creation programme across England's Community Forest areas that can provide:

- Grant funding to cover the costs of woodland creation
- Woodland creation, design, planning and planting advice from a professional woodland team
- Support for fences, gates, pathways, benches and more
- A funded ongoing maintenance plan to ensure success

The local authorities covered by Greenwood Community Forest

FAQs

What are England's Community Forests?

England's Community Forests are positioned around England's biggest cities. For almost 30 years, they have been creating green infrastructure projects to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits for millions of people.

What is Trees for Climate?

Trees for Climate is a new five year woodland creation programme focusing on the Community Forest areas. It is part of Defra's Nature for Climate fund which is a national initiative for natural solutions to climate change.

What does Trees for Climate offer?

In the past year we have supplied schools with planting days, helped green up parks and grant aided woodland creation on farms. The grants offered through Trees for Climate are highly bespoke and widely available – whether you are a parish council looking to add some shade to a green space or a farmer looking to diversify income streams, we can help.

How much grant funding is available through Trees for Climate?

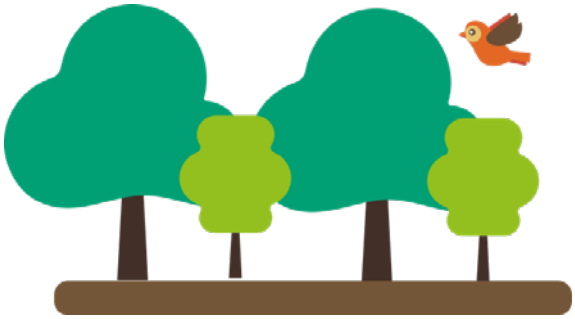
The grant will aim to cover all costs associated with woodland creation, as well as providing ongoing funding to support the maintenance of the trees. In certain situations we can also fund the installation of woodland infrastructure and the creation of associated woodland habitats.

Contact us: To find out how we could help you, please contact us: Tel. 0115 993 2600 or Email greenwood@nottscc.gov.uk

Woodland examples we can support

Multi-use woodland (>5 ha)
Minimum of 1,600 tree per ha
No single species more than 70%
Up to 20% woody shrubs

Low density tree planting
Minimum of 25 trees per ha
Minimum final canopy cover of 20% across area planted
Species appropriate to context



Small scale tree planting (0.5-4.99 ha)
Minimum of 1,100 trees per ha
Up to 20% woody shrubs

Hedgerows with/without trees
5 plants per linear metre
Trees planted every 15 metres as appropriate
70% native or locally characteristic

Very small scale tree planting (0.1-0.49 ha)
Minimum of 1,100 trees per ha
Up to 20% woody shrubs
Fruit trees accepted

Natural colonisation
Must achieve minimum of 60% woody cover and 100 trees per ha within ten years

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Pre-planting

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Approved woodland design
After completing steps to plan, design, budget and get statutory consent, the scheme will be approved by your Local Community Forest.

2

Grant offer
The grant offer will be subject to estimated costs within the project budget. Amendments can still be made at this point.

3

Landowner agreement
After acceptance of the grant offer the applicant will be asked to enter into a landowner agreement. The agreement lasts up to 15 years.

Planting

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Plant to specifications
Plant the trees according to the design and specifications agreed with your Local Community Forest.

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Site inspection
After planting the site will be inspected by a member of your Local Community Forest.

Post-planting

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Submit grant claim form
Following inspection submit a claim form along with evidence.

Evidence can be in the form of photos and invoices.

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Ongoing maintenance
If there is a maintenance plan, carry out as agreed. Record these operations with pictures and invoices too.

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Further grant claims
If the grant has multiple payments then claim forms need submitting at the agreed times, along with evidence.

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Small farm woodland

This new wildlife woodland has a wide shrubby edge with plentiful amounts of berry-producing species. It will also provide autumnal colour when several of the species will turn a vibrant red-orange.

Objectives:
Habitat provision for wildlife; capturing carbon

Species included:
Wild Cherry, Field Maple, Dogwood, Rowan, Oak, Hazel, Bird Cherry

Help from your local Community Forest:
Planning and design; supply of trees; labour

Large farm woodland

Six hectares of new woodland was created that will provide the estate with income through carbon sales and timber production. Funding provided by your Local Community Forest will also cover the installation of deer fencing and ongoing maintenance to ensure the new trees reach maturity.

Objectives:
Capturing carbon; timber production

Species included:
Oak, Hornbeam, Alder, Lime, Norway Spruce, Scots Pine and shrubs.

Help from your local Community Forest:
Planning and design; grant aid

Schools tree planting

A planting scheme was designed across different areas of the school's grounds with the objective of boosting biodiversity and providing habitat and food for birds and pollinators. Fruit trees were also included to promote healthy living, allowing students to experience food from seed to plate. School students and staff learned about the importance of trees and gained hands-on skills planting their new woodland.

Objectives:
Carbon, wildlife, education

Species included:
Common Oak, Downy Birch, Hornbeam, Elder, Common Alder, Small-leaf Lime, Wild Cherry, Hazel, Apple, Pear, Plum, Cherry

Help from your local Community Forest:
Planning and design; contractor

Community woodland

A native woodland was created in an unused part of a popular local park.The plan was to establish a wildlife haven with plenty of fruit trees that could help to reduce waterlogged conditions and provide a buffer to road noise and pollution.
A high level of support was received from local communities and businesses with nearly 100 people attending three community planting days. Almost 800 trees were planted – now the woodland is thriving and already supporting native wildlife.

Objectives:
Wildlife, Water management; noise buffering; carbon capture

Species included:
Oak, Hazel, Hornbeam, Cherry, Crab apple, Hawthorn, Birch, Alder, Dog Rose and Scots Pine.

Help from your local Community Forest:
Woodland design and planning; community planting events.