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Greenwood Gives Grants to Plant

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Autumn is here and this year's tree planting season is fast approaching. Now is the perfect time to plant trees to make local communities and schools more attractive as well as providing shade and encouraging wildlife.

To help schools, community groups and parish councils to plant trees in school grounds or on community green spaces. The Greenwood Community Forest Team is once again offering free advice and funding for tree planting of up to £500. This year, thanks to Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme, funding is available for planting throughout Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Broxtowe, Gedling, Mansfield, Newark & Sherwood and Rushcliffe districts.

Projects could include planting to provide areas of shade, creating or enhancing a wildlife area, memorial trees, screening unsightly areas or healthy living projects such as planting apple trees.

To be eligible, your scheme must have the permission of the landowner, be located on school grounds or publicly accessible land and involve the school and/or local community.

The deadline for applications is 13th December 2013, but funding is limited so parish councils, groups and schools are encouraged to apply early.

Guidance notes and an application form are available at www.greenwoodforest.org.uk.

For further information or advice on developing your project including the types of trees contact the Greenwood Team on 0115 969 6533 or email <u>greenwood@nottscc.gov.uk</u>.