

Woodland Creation Partnerships

This table provides an overview of the grants available for woodland creation as part of a Woodland Creation Partnership (WCP). The WCP's are where Defra has joined forces with forests and other organisations around the country to target specific areas of local tree planting through the Nature for Climate Fund.

Grant information, advice and guidance

Some of our partners do not offer standalone grants in their area as they use grants provided elsewhere. However, they can provide free advice and guidance to help enable tree planting and woodland creation. Further information can be found at the links below or contact your local WCP.

Riverscapes Partnership - Woodlands for Water - Get advice about creating woodlands along rivers and watercourses, email riverscapes@theriverstrust.org or visit <https://www.theriverstrust.org/our-work/our-projects/woodlands-for-water>

| | National Forest Company - Changing Landscape Scheme/ Grant | National Forest Company - Freewoods Scheme/ Grant | National Forest Company - Parkland and Wood Pasture Scheme/Grant | National Forest Company - Small Grants Fund | Northern Forest Partnership Grow Back Greener (Woodland Trust and CFT) | Woodland Creation Partnerships Forest for Cornwall | Woodland Creation Partnerships Great Northumberland Forest | England's Community Forests - Trees for Climate grants |
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| Summary | <p>The Changing Landscape Scheme (CLS) offers 100% of the woodland and habitat creation costs and its management for 10 years.</p> <p>The funding is to support any landowners for the creation of new woodlands and associated habitats within the National Forest.</p> <p>For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.</p> | <p>The Freewoods Scheme offers 100% funding for the professional consultant to design, apply, plant and establish the scheme for the first three years.</p> <p>This funding gives land owners the chance to create their own small woodland, less than one hectare in size.</p> <p>The woodland will need to address one of the three themes incorporated into this grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental/ Commercial use • Conservation/ Landscape use • Amenity <p>For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.</p> | <p>The Parkland and Wood Pasture Scheme offers 100% funding for the creation of new parkland/wood pasture.</p> <p>The project will be required to include benefits linked to the National Forest Strategy these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual landscape benefits for the public as well as the site owner • Landscape/ecological connectivity <p>For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.</p> | <p>The Small Grants Fund offers small grants to a range of landowners, community groups and other organisations.</p> <p>The grants will provide funds to support projects that contribute to the aims and objectives of the National Forest.</p> <p>These include works relating (but not limited) to: access and recreation; biodiversity; communities and education; heritage; tourism and awareness raising; urban tree planting; improvements to green spaces.</p> <p>For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.</p> | <p>The Grow Back Greener programme is co-ordinated by the Woodland Trust on behalf of the Northern Forest Partnership between the Woodland Trust, Mersey Forest, Manchester City of Trees, White Rose Forest, Humber Forest, and the community Forest Trust, with funding from the Nature for Climate Fund.</p> <p>If you own or manage land in the area, you can apply for up to 100% of the costs of woodland creation thanks to a grant from the Government's Nature for Climate Fund.</p> <p>For more information, please see webpage at the bottom of this table.</p> | <p>This fund is to support landowners however large or small to plant trees on their land across Cornwall.</p> <p>The Forest for Cornwall provide technical and financial support. Funding can include woodland creation, advice and support with administrative process. This includes initial site visits, undertaking surveys and assessments, producing planting plans, identifying potential funding sources and support through the funding applications.</p> <p>For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.</p> | <p>This fund is to support landowners however large or small to plant trees on their land across Northumberland.</p> <p>The Great Northumberland Forest will provide technical and financial support. Funding can include woodland creation, including all materials, advice and support with administrative process. This includes initial site visits, undertaking surveys and assessments, producing planting plans, identifying potential funding sources and support making funding applications. If existing grant funding schemes do not fit your plans, GNF may still provide funding.</p> | <p>Available within all England Community Forest areas of England, Trees for Climate grants cover up to 100% of the costs of woodland creation and provide up to 15 years of maintenance payments.</p> <p>The fund supports a range of woodland creation schemes, whether it be large scale planting, or a low density or mixed habitat scheme, hedgerows, orchards or woodland pasture.</p> <p>Whatever your woodland creation ambition, your local Community Forest team is available to provide free expert advice where you need it, and support you through the full planning, funding and delivery process.</p> <p>For more information, please see webpage at the bottom of this table.</p> |
| Is this available nationwide or area specific? | <p>Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire).</p> <p>Please see the map here - www.nationalforest.org/sites/default/files/components/downloads/files/National%20Forest%20Boundary%20Map_1.pdf</p> | <p>Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire).</p> <p>Please see the map here - www.nationalforest.org/sites/default/files/components/downloads/files/National%20Forest%20Boundary%20Map_1.pdf</p> | <p>Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire).</p> <p>Please see the map here - www.nationalforest.org/sites/default/files/components/downloads/files/National%20Forest%20Boundary%20Map_1.pdf</p> | <p>Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire).</p> | <p>Area specific to the Northern Forest covering a stretch of England from Hull to Liverpool including most of North Yorkshire, Lancashire and Derbyshire and also NE Lincolnshire and North Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>Please see the map here: thenorthernforest.org.uk/location/</p> | <p>Area specific - any land within the county of Cornwall</p> | <p>County wide</p> | <p>These grants and support are available in all of the Community Forest areas. There are currently 13 Community Forests across England, from the North East to Plymouth and Devon. Details of the locations of the Community Forests can be found here: englandscommunityforests.org.uk/where-are-the-forests</p> |
| Who can apply? | <p>Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non profit organisations</p> | <p>Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non profit organisations</p> | <p>Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non profit organisations</p> | <p>Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations</p> | <p>Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations</p> | <p>Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations</p> | <p>Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations</p> | <p>Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations</p> |



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| Can I apply year round? | Yes, you can apply year round. See the website below for more information on how to apply. | Yes, you can apply year round. See the website below for more information on how to apply. | Yes you can apply year round. See the website below for more information on how to apply. | Yes, you can apply year round but funds are allocated at the start of the financial year and may be fully committed by October. So it is recommended to contact the NFC regarding possible projects early in the financial year. See the website below for more information on when to apply. | Yes you can apply year round. There are application windows throughout the year. See the website below for more information on when to apply. | You can request our support year-round by completing the enquiries form on our website - search 'Forest for Cornwall'. | Yes - enquiries and applications can be made all year round, contact the GNF team to explore the options - enquiries.forest@northumberland.gov.uk | Yes, enquiries can be made all year round, contact your local Community Forest to explore options. www.englishcommunityforests.org.uk/contact-us |
| What incentives are available?* | The CLS pays 100% of costs for woodland and habitat creation and its management for 10 years. | Freewoods pays 100% of woodland and habitat creation and its establishment for 3 years. | Parkland & Wood Pasture scheme pays 100% of woodland and habitat creation and its establishment for 10 years. | Ordinarily, Small Grants cover 50% of the total project costs. But volunteer time can be counted towards the 50% match-funding requirement. | Yes. Up to a 100% of woodland creation and establishment costs can be provided in most cases, with up to 50% for Standard Trees. Match funding from the applicant will be sought where appropriate. | General support from the team to explore opportunities and scope for tree planting schemes. Support available to access national grant incentives and/or direct funding from F4C where schemes do not fit eligibility criteria | General support from the team to explore opportunities and scope for tree planting schemes. Support available to access national grant incentives and/or direct funding from GNF where schemes do not fit eligibility criteria | There is funding available to cover up to 100% costs incurred in the creation of new woodlands, and establishment and maintenance up to 15 years. |
| Is there an agreement period? | 10 years | 10 years | 5 years | This depends on the types of activities funded and will be agreed at the time. | | Yes - as per national grant requirements of the funding body or directly through F4C funding | Yes - as per national grant requirements or if being funded by GNF directly for planting then 15 years | |
| Can I apply alongside other FC grant and funding schemes? ¹ | Restrictions on eligibility include: land which has previously been funded by the former National Forest Tender Scheme and the Woodland Grant Scheme; land which is under an existing Environmental or Countryside Stewardship Scheme; land which is required to be planted to satisfy a planning condition or to fulfil a Section 106 obligation. | Restrictions on eligibility include: land which has previously been funded by the former National Forest Tender Scheme and the Woodland Grant Scheme; land which is under an existing Environmental or Countryside Stewardship Scheme; land which is required to be planted to satisfy a planning condition or to fulfil a Section 106 obligation. | Restrictions on eligibility include: land which has previously been funded by the former National Forest Tender Scheme and the Woodland Grant Scheme; land which is under an existing Environmental or Countryside Stewardship Scheme; land which is required to be planted to satisfy a planning condition or to fulfil a Section 106 obligation. | This depends on the types and locations of activities to be funded. NFC officers will be happy to advise on a case-by-case basis. | Not for tree planting per se. However, proposed projects that are more at least 5 hectares in scale will be encouraged to seek FC Woodland Creation Planning Grant to help support the more complex feasibility and design work often needed for bigger sites. | Yes, as long as this is not for the same scheme /output | Yes | Yes, but not if this results in double funding the same scheme / outputs. |
| Minimum area | The minimum area of land for a CLS application is 1 hectare. No maximum. | The minimum area of land for Freewoods is 0.25 hectares. 1 hectare maximum | Minimum 0.25 hectare with 3 trees. No maximum. | None | 0.1 ha | No | No because we have potential funding options for schemes of all sizes. | Trees for Climate will support schemes of 0.1ha upwards. Hedgerows are eligible. |
| Minimum woodland block size | 50% of the area must be woodland. Minimum woodland block size of 0.1 hectares. | Minimum woodland block size of 0.1 hectares. | Minimum 0.25 hectares with 3 trees. | None | 0.1 ha | No | No because we have potential funding options for schemes of all sizes. | No |
| Applicant and Land Registration with the RPA? | Applicants will need to be registered on the Rural Land Register at the Rural Payments Agency. | No | No | No | Land will often be registered with the RPA. However, the application / grant giving process will not involve RPA directly. | This service can be provided if required | No | This service could potentially be provided if required. |
| Where can I find out more? | www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/changing-landscapes-scheme 01283 551211 grants@nationalforest.org | www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/freewoods 01283 551211 grants@nationalforest.org | www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/parkland 01283 551211 grants@nationalforest.org | www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/small-grants-fund 01283 551211 grants@nationalforest.org | www.thenorthernforest.org.uk/ | www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/countryside/forest-for-cornwall-programme/forest-for-cornwall-and-landowners-farmers-and-businesses/woodland-creation-partnership-funding/ | www.nland.uk/GNF | englishcommunityforests.org.uk/landowners |

* Financial incentives may change annually, please check the website for more details.

