

## 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.

**Forest for Cornwall** at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/countryside/forest-for-cornwall-programme](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/countryside/forest-for-cornwall-programme)

**Great Northumberland Forest** at [www.northumberland.gov.uk/Economy-Regeneration/Programmes/Rural-Growth-and-Innovation/Great-Northumberland-Forest.aspx](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Economy-Regeneration/Programmes/Rural-Growth-and-Innovation/Great-Northumberland-Forest.aspx)

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

	England's Community Forests - Trees for Climate grants	National Forest Company - Changing Landscape Scheme	National Forest Company - Freewoods scheme	National Forest Company - Parkland and Wood Pasture Scheme	National Forest Company - Small Grants Fund	Northern Forest Partnership - Grow Back Greener
Summary	Trees for Climate is a multi-million pound woodland creation programme. Trees for Climate is delivered by the 13 Community Forests across England, who have extensive experience in supporting landowners to establish and manage woodlands. Trees for Climate grant funding can cover the costs of woodland creation, fencing, paths and other infrastructure, and ongoing maintenance for up to 15 years. Design, planning and planting support from professional woodland advisors is also available.	The Changing Landscape Scheme (CLS) offers a generous level of funding to any landowner for the creation of new woodlands and associated habitats within the National Forest. Land entered into the CLS may incorporate other habitats including parkland, meadows, unimproved grassland, orchards, hedgerows and wetlands.	This scheme could help you create your own small woodland, less than one hectare in size. Freewoods offers three woodland themes, each specifically designed to help landowners tackle some of the most pressing economic and environmental concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental/Commercial.</li> <li>• Conservation/Landscape.</li> <li>• Amenity</li> </ul>	This scheme is aimed at the creation of new areas of wood pasture/parkland. Wood pasture and parkland have significant ecological and landscape benefits and contribute strongly to the wooded character and 'sense of place' of a large-scale forest area such as the National Forest.	These grants provide funds to support projects that contribute to the aims and objectives of the National Forest. Those who operate within the Forest area can apply for grants to support a range of projects and activities.	This is a Nature for Climate Fund programme to deliver significant new mainly native woodland creation across the Northern Forest, led by the Woodland Trust and the Community Forests that lie within the Northern Forest - Mersey Forest, Manchester City of Trees, White Rose Forest, and HEYwoods.
Is this available nationwide or area specific?	Grants funding and support is available to landowners in all 13 of the Community Forest areas across England. Details of the locations of the Community Forests can be found at <a href="http://englandscommunityforests.org.uk/where-are-the-forests">englandscommunityforests.org.uk/where-are-the-forests</a>	Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire).	Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire).	Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire).	Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire).	Area specific to the Northern Forest - from Hull to Liverpool including most of Yorkshire, Lancashire and Derbyshire and also North East Lincolnshire and North Nottinghamshire. <a href="http://www.thenorthernforest.org.uk/location">www.thenorthernforest.org.uk/location</a>
Who can apply?	Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups	Landowners	Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations	Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations	Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations	Land owners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations



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<b>Can I apply year round? *</b>	Yes, enquiries can be made all year round, Visit <a href="https://englandscommunityforests.org.uk/landowners">https://englandscommunityforests.org.uk/landowners</a>	There is a single application window. For more information, please visit the website.	Yes you can apply year round.	Yes you can apply year round.	Yes you can apply year round. Funds are allocated at the start of the financial year and may be fully committed by October.	There are application windows throughout the year.
<b>What incentives are available?</b>	There is funding available to cover all costs incurred in the creation of new woodlands, establishment and maintenance up to 15 years	100% of costs for woodland and habitat creation and its management for 10 years.	The NFC will pay all costs for a professional consultant to design, apply, plant and establish the scheme for the first three years. After this, the landowner agrees to the on-going care and management of the woodland.	100% of costs for 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.	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.
<b>Is there an agreement period?</b>	15 years	10 years	No agreement period	No agreement period	This depends on the types of activities funded and will be agreed at the time.	This varies depending on scheme and location.
<b>Can I apply alongside other FC grant and funding schemes?</b>	Not if this results in double funding the same scheme / outputs.	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.	No, not for tree planting. However, proposed projects that are more at least 5 hectares in scale will be encouraged to apply for the Forestry Commission Woodland Creation Planning Grant to help support the more complex feasibility and design work often needed for bigger sites.
<b>Minimum area</b>	There is no minimum scheme size for applications, and hedgerows are also eligible	1 hectare (with no upper limit). All schemes must include at least 50% woodland creation. Schemes can include multiple sites but in total must add up to a minimum of 1 hectare.	0.25 hectare minimum, 1 hectare maximum	0.25 hectare minimum, 5 hectare maximum	None	0.1 hectare
<b>Minimum woodland block size</b>	No	50% of the area must be woodland block with a minimum total area of 1 hectare	N/A	Not applicable - will fund wood pasture planting up to 25 trees a hectare.	None	0.1 hectare
<b>Applicant and Land Registration with the Rural Payments Agency (RPA)?</b>	This service could potentially be provided if required.	Applicants will need to be registered on the Rural Land Register at the RPA.	No	No	No	Land will often be registered with the RPA. However, the application/grant giving process will not involve the RPA directly.
<b>Where can I find out more?</b>	In the first instance, please visit <a href="https://englandscommunityforests.org.uk/landowners">https://englandscommunityforests.org.uk/landowners</a>	<a href="http://www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/changing-landscapes-scheme">www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/changing-landscapes-scheme</a> 01283 551211 <a href="mailto:forestry@nationalforest.org">forestry@nationalforest.org</a>	<a href="http://www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/freewoods">www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/freewoods</a> 01283 551211 <a href="mailto:enquiries@nationalforest.org">enquiries@nationalforest.org</a>	<a href="http://www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/parkland">www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/parkland</a> 01283 551211 <a href="mailto:enquiries@nationalforest.org">enquiries@nationalforest.org</a>	<a href="http://www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/small-grants-fund">www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/small-grants-fund</a> 01283 551211 <a href="mailto:enquiries@nationalforest.org">enquiries@nationalforest.org</a>	Contact your local community forest or visit <a href="http://www.thenorthernforest.org.uk/financial-support">www.thenorthernforest.org.uk/financial-support</a> <a href="mailto:northernforest@woodlandtrust.org.uk">northernforest@woodlandtrust.org.uk</a>

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

