# Summary

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<td>HS2 Woodland Fund (HS2WF)</td>
<td>£5,000</td>
<td>Yes – open year round.</td>
<td>10 hectares</td>
<td>At least one contiguous block of woodland of at least 10 hectares, with any additional blocks being at least five hectares.</td>
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1. Please note you cannot switch from one grant that pays for woodland establishment to another. E.g. you can’t withdraw from a CS agreement to apply for the HS2WF or vice versa.
2. Minimum value subject to change.
## Woodland Management Planning Grant (WMPG)

### Part of Countryside Stewardship

**Summary**

The WMPG is a one-off payment to create a 10 year Woodland Management Plan which is UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) compliant.

You must have two years from the agreement start date to write your plan and secure approval from the FC. Once your plan is approved you can claim the grant payment.

You must make your claim within two years and three months of the agreement start date.

**Can I apply year round?**

Yes – open year round.

**Are there financial incentives available?**

- **Capital only**
- **Higher Tier**

**Minimum area**

3 hectares (1 hectare if planting for water objectives)

**Applicant and Land Registration with the RPA**

Yes

**Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) eligibility (land manager and land must be registered with RPA)**

Yes

**Does it include support for tree health (WD1)?**

No

**Does it include support for woodland infrastructure (FY2)?**

Yes

**Where can I find out more?**


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## Woodland Creation Grant (WCG)

### Part of Countryside Stewardship

**Summary**

The WCG provides payment to supply, plant, weed, and protect young trees.

You have two years from the agreement start date to complete the work.

You must make your claim within two years and three months of the agreement start date.

**Can I apply year round?**

Yes – you can apply at any time but you should expect it to take at least five months for your application to be processed.

**Are there financial incentives available?**

- **Capital only**
- **Higher Tier**

**Minimum area**

3 hectares (1 hectare if planting for water objectives)

**Applicant and Land Registration with the RPA**

Yes

**Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) eligibility (land manager and land must be registered with RPA)**

Yes

**Does it include support for tree health (WD1)?**

No

**Does it include support for woodland infrastructure (FY2)?**

Yes

**Where can I find out more?**


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## Woodland Creation Maintenance Payment (WD1)

### Part of Countryside Stewardship

**Summary**

This grant is for those who have planted a woodland with a WCG. It is a separate multi-year grant to maintain the newly created woodland for 10 years.

You will be invited to apply in the late spring if you have made your final claim under your WCG agreement before the end of March.

**Can I apply year round?**

Yes – open year round.

**Are there financial incentives available?**

- **Capital only**
- **Higher Tier**

**Minimum area**

3 hectares (1 hectare if planting for water objectives)

**Applicant and Land Registration with the RPA**

Yes

**Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) eligibility (land manager and land must be registered with RPA)**

Yes

**Does it include support for tree health (WD1)?**

Yes

**Does it include support for woodland infrastructure (FY2)?**

No

**Where can I find out more?**


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## Woodland Tree Health (WD1)

### Part of Countryside Stewardship

**Summary**

To restock native tree species on an ancient woodland site the payment is capped at an average of £3,500 per hectare (€1,750 per hectare for non-native species), whilst on other sites it's £2,750 per hectare for native species (€2,250 per hectare for non-native species).

To fell diseased trees you can receive between £260 and £1,680 per hectare, and between £2,800 and £4,400 per hectare for rhododendron control.

**Can I apply year round?**

Yes – open year round.

**Are there financial incentives available?**

- **Capital only**
- **Higher Tier**

**Minimum area**

0.25 hectares

**Applicant and Land Registration with the RPA**

Yes

**Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) eligibility (land manager and land must be registered with RPA)**

Yes

**Does it include support for tree health (WD1)?**

Yes

**Does it include support for woodland infrastructure (FY2)?**

No

**Where can I find out more?**


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## Woodland Improvement (WD2 and capital items)

### Part of Countryside Stewardship

**Summary**

This grant is to improve the biodiversity of woodland and/or make it more resilient to climate change.

Applications for Woodland Improvement are made under the Higher Tier, using the Woodland Improvement option (WD2) and/or capital items, including Woodland Infrastructure (FY2).

**Can I apply year round?**

No – applications are made during the Higher Tier submission window. Check the link below for opening dates which are announced each year.

**Are there financial incentives available?**

- **Capital only**
- **Higher Tier**

**Minimum area**

3 hectares

**Applicant and Land Registration with the RPA**

Yes

**Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) eligibility (land manager and land must be registered with RPA)**

No

**Does it include support for tree health (WD1)?**

Yes

**Does it include support for woodland infrastructure (FY2)?**

Yes

**Where can I find out more?**

[www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/woodland-improvement-wd2](http://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/woodland-improvement-wd2)

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* There are three main elements within Countryside Stewardship:
  - **Mid Tier**: multi-year agreements for environmental improvements in the wider countryside, that include multi-year options and capital items;
  - **Higher Tier**: multi-year agreements for environmentally significant sites, commons and woodlands where more complex management requires support from Natural England or the Forestry Commission, that include multi-year options and capital items; and
  - **Capital-only grants**: a range of grants specific to outcomes for hedgerows and boundaries, developing implementation plans, feasibility studies, woodland management plans, woodland creation (establishment), and tree health – namely two year agreements.