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This month, keep up-to-date with the opening of Countryside Stewardship Woodland Creation and find out more about Higher Tier.

Woodland Creation via Countryside Stewardship (CS)

The application window is now open

You can now submit an application for CS Woodland Creation Grant. If you are applying you must ensure you have submitted a completed application and supporting documents to Natural England Technical Services by midnight on 16 February 2018, read our [press release on GOV.UK](#).

Recent changes to Technical Services means you should now send your application to Natural England Technical Service's Transactional Hub in Crewe - contact details are below. However, if you send it to another one of Natural England's Transactional Hubs (in line with Annex 4 of the [Woodland Creation Grant Manual 2018](#)) it will be redirected to Crewe.

For more information and to download your application form please see the Woodland Support page on [GOV.UK](#).

Map Requests

There is still time to request a map from Natural England to support your Woodland Creation Grant application. Map requests should be made no later than 31 January to guarantee an application map is provided to you in time for the submission deadline. Contact Natural England's Transactional Hub in Crewe now if you would like to request a map for your application.

Contact details for Natural England's Transactional Hub in Crewe:

Natural England, PO Box 380, Crewe, CW1 6YH

Tel: 0208 026 1805

Email: ts.crewe@naturalengland.org.uk

Useful Hints and Tips for creation 2018

Follow us on Twitter @ForestryComm for useful hints and tips to help you with your Woodland Creation Grant application over the next few weeks.



Countryside Stewardship (CS) Higher Tier

Higher Tier 2018 dates

Following the previous [e-alert in December](#), this is a short reminder of key dates for Higher Tier 2018 applications:

- 15 January 2018 – publication of the manual and opening of the application window
- 9 March 2018 – Deadline to request an application pack
- 13 April 2018 – Deadline to submit initial application

For more information check our Woodland Support pages on [GOV.UK](#).

Higher Tier 2018 webinar

Following the launch of the Higher Tier manual, we will be running a webinar on Friday 19 January 2018 at 1:00pm for applicants wishing to submit an application in 2018. The webinar will focus on specific aspects of the application process, including but not limited to:

- Higher Tier timelines
- Submitting a mixed application
- Calculating the application score.

[Sign up to join the webinar.](#)

Woodland Creation - HS2 Woodland Fund

Join us for a webinar

The HS2 Woodland Fund supports the creation of native broadleaf woodland between 1ha and 25ha (depending on whether it connects existing woodland), as well as the restoration of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS). More information about the fund will be available via a 1 hour customer webinar at 9:00am on 9 January 2018. Please submit questions in advance to hs2woodlandfund@forestry.gsi.gov.uk and [register here](#) to attend the webinar.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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