



Grants & Regulations news

Protecting, expanding and improving England's woodlands

This month, find out how to access our new Felling Licence Online service. Also read about new 'Forgotten Lands' in Cumbria to receive a forestry boost. The Urban Tree Manual – The Right Tree in the Right Place for a Resilient Future has been published. We also have a reminder of the EU technical notices that may be of interest to Forestry Commission customers.

Felling Licence Online service is now available

Use our [new online service](#) to apply for, track, manage and print your approved felling licences online.

Apply online today for a felling licence using our new digital service.



[Felling Licence Online – access the service here](#)

If you have made a felling licence application since January 2018 please contact us before you apply for a new licence using Felling Licence Online. We may be able to save you time by transferring your land profile (mapping and property profile data) to your user account. Email us at: fellinglicenceonline@forestrycommission.gov.uk so we can arrange this for you.

You can access the service and guidance via [GOV.UK](#) or searching 'apply online for a felling licence'.

Support is available from fellinglicenceonline@forestrycommission.gov.uk.

How will this help me?

You will only have to map your land once as your land profile will be linked to your Felling Licence Online account and can be reused for future applications.

When you apply online you will be able to track, manage and print your approved application online wherever you are.

If you're using an agent (or are an agent applying on behalf of your client), you can still use Felling Licence Online as long as you have completed an [Agent Authority Form](#) to submit with the application. This will give your agent permission to submit your felling licence application and agree any restocking conditions (where they apply). This only needs to be done once for each land owner.



Register to start using [Felling Licence Online](#) today

'Forgotten Lands' to receive forestry boost

A new project to help landowners create vital new woodland and unlock the economic benefits of forestry has been launched in Cumbria's 'forgotten lands'

Last week, the government's Tree Champion Sir William Worsley visited forestry project Snowdon Close in the area to launch the pilot 'Forestry Investment Zone'. With Cumbria's 'forgotten lands' not traditionally seen as ripe for tree planting, the government will trial a new approach and work to encourage investment in the zone through measures such as the existing Countryside Stewardship and Woodland Carbon Fund grant schemes. A Forestry Investment Zone officer will also offer tailored support to businesses.

Government will also work with the forestry and timber processing industry to accelerate planting as new approaches to rural funding and payment for public goods are developed.

More information is available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

Advice on preserving urban trees launched

[Urban Tree Manual](#) – The Right Tree in the Right Place for a Resilient Future

New advice for local authorities, charities and community groups on selecting the right tree for the right place in towns and cities is now available in the new 'Urban Tree Manual – The Right Tree in the Right Place for a Resilient Future'.

Bringing together knowledge and expertise from the Forestry Commission, Forest Research, Animal and Plant Health Agency, the University of Birmingham, and the Royal Horticultural Society, the manual provides tips on choosing planting location, tree type and soil to maximise the environmental benefits, as well as highlighting the long term threats to trees from pests, disease and climate change.

Publication of EU exit technical notices

Keep up-to-date on information regarding EU exit

The government has published a series of technical notices on how to prepare for the unlikely event of a no deal EU exit, these are available on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk). Technical notices that may be of interest to Forestry Commission customers are:

- Importing and exporting plants and plant products
 - Buying and selling timber
 - Upholding environmental standards
 - Farm payments
 - Rural Development Programme Funding
 - Plant variety right and marketing of seed and propagating material
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