

Sustainable forestry cycle stages

Planting a diverse mix of climate-proof species creates and restocks woodland.

Managing a woodland throughout its lifetime supports its future health and resilience to climate change, pests and diseases. Responsible tree felling is needed to manage and maintain healthy woods.

Timber harvesting is carried out in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard guidelines and UK legislation – ensuring it is sustainable.

New open spaces created by felling trees in a woodland, let in light for new trees to grow and regenerate – benefitting biodiversity and wildlife.

The wider benefits of sustainable forestry

Trees are integral to tackling climate change as they capture carbon as they grow.

Well managed woodlands deliver benefits to nature and people's wellbeing. They provide opportunities for recreation, exercise and connection to nature.

Timber production supports jobs, sawmills, manufacturers and rural economies – strengthening the UK timber industry.

Wood is a renewable resource, and products made from wood continue to store carbon throughout their lifetime.

Timber is a renewable resource for a sustainable future.

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