

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.

	National Forest Company - Changing Landscape Scheme/Grant	National Forest Company - Freewoods Scheme/Grant	National Forest Company - Parkland and Wood Pasture Scheme/Grant	Northern Forest Partnership - Grow Back Greener (Woodland Trust and CFT)	Woodland Creation Partnerships - Forest for Cornwall	Woodland Creation Partnerships - Great Northumberland Forest	England’s Community Forests - Trees for Climate grants
Summary	The Changing Landscape Scheme (CLS) offers 100% of the woodland and habitat creation costs and its management for 15 years. The funding is to support any landowners for the creation of new woodlands and associated habitats within the National Forest. For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.	The Freewoods Scheme offers 100% funding for the professional consultant to design, apply, plant and establish the scheme for the first three years. This funding gives land owners the chance to create their own small woodland, less than one hectare in size. The woodland will need to address one of the three themes incorporated into this grant: • Environmental/ Commercial use • Conservation/ Landscape use • Amenity For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.	The Parkland and Wood Pasture Scheme offers 100% funding for the creation of new parkland/wood pasture. The project will be required to include benefits linked to the National Forest Strategy these include: • Visual landscape benefits for the public as well as the site owner • Landscape/ecological connectivity For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.	The Grow Back Greener programme is co-ordinated by the Woodland Trust on behalf of the Northern Forest Partnership between the Woodland Trust, the Community Forest Trust and four of the Community Forests in the north of England – The Mersey Forest, City of Trees (Greater Manchester), the White Rose Forest and Humber Forest – with funding from the Nature for Climate Fund. If you own or manage land in the area, you can apply for up to 100% of the costs of woodland creation and a generous establishment grant thanks to a grant from the Government’s Nature for Climate Fund. For more information, please see webpage at the bottom of this table.	This fund is to support landowners however large or small to plant trees on their land across Cornwall. The Forest for Cornwall provide technical and financial support. Funding can include woodland creation, including all materials, advice and support with administrative process. This includes initial site visits, undertaking surveys and assessments, producing planting plans, identifying potential funding sources and support through the funding applications. For more information, please see webpage and supporting documents at the bottom of this table.	This fund is to support landowners however large or small to plant trees on their land across Northumberland. The Great Northumberland Forest will provide technical and financial support. Funding can include woodland creation, including all materials, advice and support with administrative process. This includes initial site visits, undertaking surveys and assessments, producing planting plans, identifying potential funding sources and support making funding applications. If existing grant funding schemes do not fit your plans, GNF may still provide funding.	Available within all England Community Forest areas of England, Trees for Climate grants cover up to 100% of the costs of woodland creation and provide up to 15 years of maintenance payments. The fund supports a range of woodland creation schemes, whether it be large scale planting, or a low density or mixed habitat scheme, hedgerows, orchards or woodland pasture. Whatever your woodland creation ambition, your local Community Forest team is available to provide free expert advice where you need it, and support you through the full planning, funding and delivery process. For more information, please see webpage at the bottom of this table.
Is this available nationwide or area specific?	Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire). Please see the map here - www.nationalforest.org/sites/default/files/components/downloads/files/National%20Forest%20Boundary%20Map_1.pdf	Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire). Please see the map here - www.nationalforest.org/sites/default/files/components/downloads/files/National%20Forest%20Boundary%20Map_1.pdf	Area specific - within the 200 square miles of the National Forest (spanning parts of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire). Please see the map here - www.nationalforest.org/sites/default/files/components/downloads/files/National%20Forest%20Boundary%20Map_1.pdf	The Northern Forest stretches from Liverpool to Hull; through Manchester, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield and York, covering Cheshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire and parts of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. For more detail on the Northern Forest geography, visit our interactive map here: thenorthernforest.org.uk/location/	Area specific - any land within the county of Cornwall	County wide	These grants and support are available in all of the Community Forest areas. There are currently 15 Community Forests across England, from the North East to Plymouth and Devon. Details of the locations of the Community Forests can be found here: englandscommunityforests.org.uk/where-are-the-forests
Who can apply?	Land owners and tenants 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	Landowners Land managers Farmers Community groups Non-profit organisations Private businesses Schools	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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Can I apply year round?	Yes, you can apply year round. See the website below for more information on how to apply.	Yes, you can apply year round. See the website below for more information on how to apply.	Yes you can apply year round. See the website below for more information on how to apply.	Yes, you can apply all year round.	You can request our support year-round by completing the enquiries form on our website - search 'Forest for Cornwall'.	Yes - enquiries and applications can be made all year round, contact the GNF team to explore the options - enquiries.forest@northumberland.gov.uk	Yes, enquiries can be made all year round, contact your local Community Forest to explore options. www.englishcommunityforests.org.uk/contact-us
What incentives are available?*	The CLS pays 100% of costs for woodland and habitat creation and its management for 10 years.	Freewoods pays 100% of woodland and habitat creation and its establishment for 3 years.	Parkland & Wood Pasture scheme pays 100% of woodland and habitat creation and its establishment for 10 years.	Up to a 100% of woodland creation and establishment costs can be provided in most cases. Match funding from the applicant will be sought where appropriate.	General support from the team to explore opportunities and scope for tree planting schemes. Support available to access national grant incentives and/or direct funding from F4C where schemes do not fit eligibility criteria	General support from the team to explore opportunities and scope for tree planting schemes. Support available to access national grant incentives and/or direct funding from GNF where schemes do not fit eligibility criteria	There is funding available to cover up to 100% costs incurred in the creation of new woodlands, and establishment and maintenance up to 15 years.
Is there an agreement period?	10 years	10 years	5 years	All new landowner agreements have 15 year grant agreements.	Yes - as per national grant requirements of the funding body or directly through F4C funding	Yes - as per national grant requirements or if being funded by GNF directly for planting then 15 years	Yes - 15 years
Can I apply alongside other FC grant and funding schemes? *	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.	Not for tree planting by itself. Proposed projects that are at least 5 hectares in scale will be encouraged to seek the FC Woodland Creation Planning Grant to help support the more complex feasibility and design work often needed for bigger sites.	Yes, as long as this is not for the same scheme /output	Yes	Yes, but not if this results in double funding the same scheme / outputs.
Minimum area	The minimum area of land for a CLS application is 1 hectare. No maximum.	The minimum area of land for Freewoods is 0.25 hectares. 1 hectare maximum	Minimum 0.25 hectare with 3 trees. No maximum.	0.1 ha (0.5 ha for WT)	No	No because we have potential funding options for schemes of all sizes.	No
Minimum woodland block size	50% of the area must be woodland. Minimum woodland block size of 0.1 hectares.	Minimum woodland block size of 0.1 hectares.	Minimum 0.25 hectares with 3 trees.	0.1 ha (0.5 ha for WT)	No	No because we have potential funding options for schemes of all sizes.	No
Applicant and Land Registration with the RPA?	Applicants will need to be registered on the Rural Land Register at the Rural Payments Agency.	No	No	Land will often be registered with the RPA. However, the application / grant giving process will not involve RPA directly.	This service can be provided if required	No	This service could potentially be provided if required.
Where can I find out more?	www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/changing-landscapes-scheme 01283 551211 grants@nationalforest.org	www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/freewoods 01283 551211 grants@nationalforest.org	www.nationalforest.org/about/grant-opportunities/parkland 01283 551211 grants@nationalforest.org	www.thenorthernforest.org.uk/	www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment/countryside/forest-for-cornwall-programme/forest-for-cornwall-and-landowners-farmers-and-businesses/woodland-creation-partnership-funding/	www.nland.uk/GNF	englishcommunityforests.org.uk/landowners

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

