

Woodland funding in England

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	AIM OF THE SCHEME	SCHEME NAME	WHAT THE FUNDING IS FOR	PAYMENTS	WHEN CAN I APPLY?	MINIMUM AREAS
Woodland management	Prepare a woodland management plan	Woodland Management Planning Grant (Part of the Countryside Stewardship scheme)	One-off payment to <u>prepare</u> a 10-year Woodland Management Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1,000 - for 3 - 50 ha of woodland. £20/ha - for 51 - 100 ha. £2,000 + £10/ha over 100 ha. 	Open year round	3 ha, with minimum block size of 0.5ha.
	Restore / restock a woodland due to tree health	Woodland Tree Health (Part of the Countryside Stewardship scheme)	Funding to <u>restore / restock</u> a woodland after felling due to a tree health issue. Grant to remove diseased trees and infected rhododendron.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to £2,750/ha to restock native trees (with more on ancient woodland sites). Up to £1,680/ha to fell diseased trees. Up to £4,400/ha for rhododendron control. 	Open year round	0.25 ha, with minimum block size of 0.1 ha.
	Improve woodland resilience and biodiversity	Woodland Improvement (Part of the Countryside Stewardship scheme, Higher Tier)	Funding to <u>improve</u> woodland biodiversity and resilience to climate change.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £100/ha to improve woodland biodiversity and resilience to climate change (for 5 years). 40% of actual costs for capital works. Capital grants for leaky dams. 	Open during the CS Higher Tier submission window (so @ March - August)	3 ha if woodland only. 1 ha if a SSSI site. 0.5 ha if part of an agri-environment application. Minimum block size of 0.5 ha.
Woodland planting	Design a new woodland	Woodland Creation Planning Grant	Funding to <u>design</u> a new woodland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> £1,000 to complete a stage one checklist. £150/ha to produce a woodland creation design plan. 70% towards required specialist surveys. £30,000 funding cap. 	Open year round	5 ha or more, with minimum block size of 0.5 ha.
	New tree planting & maintenance payments	England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO)	Funding to <u>plant</u> a new woodland.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to £10,200/ha for capital costs of tree planting. £350/ha annual maintenance payments (for up to 10 years). Additional payments for wildlife, water and public access. 	Open year round	1 ha, with minimum block size of 0.1 ha.
	New tree planting and restoration - along HS2 route	HS2 Woodland Fund	Funding to plant a new woodland or restore plantations on ancient woodland sites (PAWS) within 25 miles of the HS2 route.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to £8,500/ha for native woodland creation. Up to £4,000/ha for PAWS restoration. £1,000/ha maintenance payments - in years 5 and 10. Additional capital grants available. 	Open year round	5 ha minimum, 25 ha maximum, 1 ha minimum if connecting ancient or semi-ancient woodland. Minimum block size of 0.5 ha (or 0.1ha for connecting woodlands).
	New tree planting - in urban areas	Urban Tree Challenge Fund	Funding to <u>plant</u> large trees in urban and peri-urban areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80% of standard costs to plant large trees in urban and peri-urban areas. Maintenance costs for three years post planting. 	Open year round	Minimum <u>value</u> threshold of £250,000 for block bids and £10,000 for individual applications.
Woodland carbon	Sell woodland carbon credits	Woodland Carbon Guarantee	Option to <u>guarantee the price</u> of woodland carbon credits.	Gives carbon credit owner the option to sell credits to the government at a guaranteed price, up to 2055. <u>Owners do not have to sell to the government.</u> Guaranteed price set by regular auctions and is index-linked to inflation.	Open year round Auctions are held periodically	None but woodland has to be registered under the Woodland Carbon Code before planting.

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