

Funding for trees

Woodland Trust

Free trees for schools and communities

“We want to make sure everybody in the UK has the chance to plant a tree.

So we’re giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to schools and communities. Together, we’ll get millions more trees in the ground.”

Currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in March 2021.

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities





Protect Earth CIO is a registered charity, no. 1192453 in England and Wales.

Our mission is to help land-owners improve the efficiency of their land, whilst increasing biodiversity and carbon storage potential. We plant native trees with an appropriate mixture of species, some wild fruit to help wildlife, some pollinators to help bees, some broadleaf to take on a bunch of carbon and help protect the area from wind and flooding.

We supply reforestation project management, including conservation experts to figure out what to plant where, volunteers to do the planting, and glue together various organizations and initiatives to make it be cheap, easy, and done at no cost to the land owners.

Process

First we'd like to have a chat with you, understand the land, your interests, and your motivations.

Generally we recommend planting 450-550 trees per acre (1200-1600 per hectare). We will take on a project anywhere from 100 trees, to 25,000 trees, but we're always happy to come back and plant more next year.

Planting occurs between November and early March, but depends on the temperature.

We'll come and visit the site, take some photos of the proposed planting areas, and our conservation expert - previously with the Wildlife Trust and The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds - will whip up a site report and make a plan tailored to you. We'll recommend a mixture of tree species, taking your suggestions on board. If you don't like a certain species, or prefer another, we'll take that into consideration, because it's your land.



Income

Depending on the time of year, size of project, and classification of the land, there might be some grants we can apply for on your behalf, or if you have a chartered surveyor already we can work with them. Our main goal is for the tree planting to be **free for land owners**, and to be something they enjoy and value. It's possible for land owners to receive an income from the woodland, but that depends on many variables.

If the Countryside Stewardship: Woodland Creation Grant is available, or if the Woodland Trust would be interested through their MOREwoods scheme, we can use these to reduce the costs of the project, and get you an annual income from those trees simply existing and not being cut down. Combined with funding from our partners Ecologi, some land-owners can receive £40-90 an acre (£100-225 a hectare) each year, with payments lasting for 10 years.

For projects over 17 acres (7 hectares), the Woodland Carbon Credit scheme can be used to provide supplemental income from carbon credit auctions every 5-10 years, which are reported to be between £5 and £15 for every tonne of CO₂ stored by the woodland. An acre of mature woodland can store ~2.6 tonnes of CO₂, so payments of £13-40 an acre (£32-96 a hectare) could be made every 5-10 years, assuming the price per tonne doesn't go up (it probably will).

Download brochure:

<https://climateactionstokesleyandvillages.files.wordpress.com/2020/12/protect-earth-brochure-tree-planting.pdf>

Interested in exploring further to see if we can get a group of landowners to make a larger project?

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