# Tree planting funding options

Please note this list has been prepared to save potential tree-planters time in searching for funding schemes. Please rely on the websites for specification of the schemes and not this document.

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| **Scheme owner and scheme name** | **Outline of scheme** | **When to apply for funding** | **Webpage** |
| **TCV (The Conservation Volunteers)**  I Dig Trees | Bundles of 50 trees available to be planted on publically accessible land. Limit of 19 bundles per group. 4 different pack options available. | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season | [Scheme details](https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/i-dig-trees/) |
| **Carbon Footprint Ltd**  UK Tree Planting Project | A planting project where commercial partners sponsor trees to be planted in schools around the UK. All trees are 1 year old 'whips' (between 40-80cm high dependent on species).  Schools can apply to receive donated trees for planting either individually or as hedgerows for free. Schools also receive accessories for planting | Year round | [Scheme details](https://www.carbonfootprint.com/plantingtrees.html)  Free trees for schools [application](https://www.carbonfootprint.com/tree_application.html) |
| **Countryside Stewardship**  Woodland Creation Grant (WCG) | The WCG provides payment to supply, plant, weed and protect young trees. Minimum size 3 hectares or 1 hectare if plan is to support leaky wood dams. | Year round - but you should expect it to take at least 5 months for your application to be processed. | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Countryside Stewardship**  Woodland Creation Maintenance Payment (WD1) | This grant is for those who have planted woodland with a WCG (see previous line). It is a separate multi-year grant to maintain the newly created woodland for 10 years. | You will be informed of the deadline in your application pack. | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Countryside Stewardship**  Woodland Tree Health | There are two elements within this grant:  • Restoration provides support for restocking woodland after felling due to a tree health issue.  • Improvement provides support for the removal of diseased trees and infected rhododendron.  Minimum area 0.1 hectare | Year round | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Countryside Stewardship**  Woodland Improvement (WD2 and capital items) | This grant is to improve the biodiversity of woodland and/or make it more resilient to climate change. Applications for Woodland Improvement are made  under the Higher Tier, using the Woodland Improvement option (WD2) and/or capital items, including Woodland Infrastructure (FY2) | Applications are made during the Higher Tier submission window. | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Countryside Stewardship** Woodland Management Planning Grant (WMPG) | The WMPG is a one-off payment to create a 10 year Woodland Management Plan which is UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) compliant. You have 2 years from the agreement start date to write your plan and secure approval from the FC. Once  your plan is approved you can claim the grant payment. Minimum area 3 hectares. | Year round | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **EForests**  Free trees | Free trees offered, funded by individuals and companies who want to have trees planted on their behalf. Open to wildlife trusts, community woodland groups and nature reserves in the UK.  The scheme is open for large projects (200+ trees). Primarily free trees for nature reserves, community woodlands or landowners with rewilding projects. The trees can be supplied with shelters, stakes and weed mats if needed  Requirements:  1. the trees will be planted on publicly accessible land  2. the trees will be looked after so they survive to maturity  3. the land on which the trees are being planted is not going to be developed / built on in the foreseeable future (25+ years)  4. the trees will be available for our clients to visit occasionally  5. No other funding has been given to you for the trees you're requesting from us  6. the trees are not being dedicated / sold to anyone except via the EFORESTS website  7. the trees are not being counted as part of any other tree planting targets / carbon targets (ie: council pledges)  8. you submit photos of the planting area(s) to us before we send you the trees  9. photos of the planting area(s) will be sent to EFORESTS each year to show the progress of the trees | Year round, trees delivered during planting season and early applications preferred to ensure stock availability | [Scheme details](https://eforests.co.uk/) |
| **Environment Agency**  Natural Flood Management | Funding is available for tree-planting that helps to reduce flood risk. Trees can be a component of natural flood management. | See link to a variety of funding options. | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Forestry Commission**  Woodland Creation  Planning Grant | Money to help with cost of planning planting a wood.  Minimum area 10 hectares. Wood can be used for timber production. Plan can be used as a basis of application for further funding.  Part of Forestry Innovation Fund. | Year round | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Forestry Commission**  Woodland Carbon Fund | Minimum area 10 hectares. Wood can be used for timber production. | Year round | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Forestry Commission**  Woodland Carbon Code | Not a grant scheme. Instead landowners whose woodland meets the code can sell can sell the carbon sequestered in the woodland in the form of Woodland Carbon Units. A new native woodland can capture 400-500 tonnes of carbon dioxide (tCO2e/ha) over 100 years, buyers have recently paid between £5 and £15/tCO2e for carbon units captured by woodland projects verified under code. No minimum size & streamlined scheme for woods less than five hectares. | Year round | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Forestry Commission**  Urban Tree Challenge | Open to landowners or those who have control over the land. Must be in an urban area and have some public access. 50% of standard tree costs provided. | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Forestry Commission**  Woodland Carbon Guarantee | The WCaG provides you with the option to sell your captured carbon dioxide to the government for a guaranteed price every 5 or 10 years up to 2055/56, which provides an additional long-term income from your woodland. No minimum size. | Deadlines periodically through the year | [See overview web page for all government funded schemes](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table/woodland-grants-and-incentives-overview-table) |
| **Ground Control**  Evergreen Fund | Ground Control has pledged to invest £100,000 a year in tree-planting. The scheme is run as a partnership between Ground Control and applicant where both parties provide some resource  Although the scheme is primarily for larger areas this can include farm land, parks, hedgerows recreational areas  Requirements:  Two hectares (minimum)  Woodland to be legally protected for 100 years +  Project is eligible for Woodland Creation Grants  A management plan is implemented and audited by the Forestry Commission for a minimum of 10 years  Planting is eligible for woodland carbon offsetting incentives  Ground Control would prefer to partner with one organisation – e.g. community groups/schools come through the one central organisation as they have limited resource to manage multiple individual applications | No formal application process, can apply year round | [Scheme details](https://www.evergreen-fund.co.uk/) |
| **International Tree Foundation**  UK Community Tree Planting | A scheme supporting grassroots community engagement in tree planting. Grants of up to £1000 are awarded to local community projects. | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season | [Scheme details](https://internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-community-tree-planting/) |
| **PTES (People’s Trust for Endangered Species)**  Orchard Grants | Aim is to get new trees planted in old orchards or help community orchards be planted with vigorous trees. Funding for rootstock and grafting materials and orchard trees. Open to any owner or manager of an existing traditional orchard, or existing or new community orchard.  Grants are available for   * Existing orchards in unfavourable condition with missing trees (i.e. gappy) and containing only old trees. * Existing *or new* orchards with some sort of community access, such as therapy gardens, allotments, or community orchards. | Applications open all year, but will normally not be reviewed until early autumn in advance of the planting season | [Scheme details](https://ptes.org/campaigns/traditional-orchard-project/orchard-grants/) |
| **Tree Appeal** | Free trees for schools and community groups which are paid for by the charities sponsors. The majority of trees are for schools, however community groups can also apply for trees for hedgerows and nature reserves. Also provide spirals, stakes etc. | Applications open year round, and will close for certain periods when all trees are allocated for certain seasons | [Scheme details for school planting](https://www.treeappeal.com/Schools.html)  [Application forms](https://www.treeappeal.com/contact.html) |
| **Tree Council**  Branching Out | A fund to get communities and young people up to the age of 21 involved in tree and hedge planting and care. Aimed at community groups, small charities, tree wardens, district and parish councils and land trusts, for schemes with public benefit, community engagement or learning. Funding 100% of the cost (excluding VAT) of strong applications from £300 to an upper limit of £1500. Species selection is possible by applicant and can include planting accessories. | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season.  You can register your interest in the scheme all year | [Scheme details](https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/) |
| **Tree Council**  Orchards for Schools | Free packs or orchard trees or fruiting hedgerow available for schools. Aiming to get teachers and pupils to get outdoors, plant and care for trees. Teachers will also resources linked to the national curriculum. | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season  You can register your interest in the scheme all year | [Scheme details](https://treecouncil.org.uk/schools-and-education/orchards-for-schools/#apply) |
| **Tree Council**  Close the Gap | Close the Gap will help shape the future of England’s hedgerows in four ways: through hedgerow planting and ‘gapping up’; by gathering and sharing knowledge to improve hedgerow management; by ensuring good local supplies of future hedgerow trees through local seed nurseries; and by engaging the public with England’s important hedgerow heritage.  Apply for funding for hedgerow related projects. | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season  You can register your interest in the scheme all year | [Scheme details](https://treecouncil.org.uk/the-tree-council-partners-receive-grant-of-1834800-from-the-governments-green-recovery-challenge-fund-for-hedgerow-project-close-the-gap/) |
| **Trees for Cities** | Support organisations to plant small to medium size planting schemes. Whip planting schemes of between 0.5ha – 7ha (2000 – 2000 native trees). Also support a limited number of standard tree planting schemes in urban greenspaces.  Particularly looking to support sites outside of London, suffering from multiple deprivation; coastal areas or those that do not benefit from national or regional tree of woodland initiatives and have low tree canopy cover. | Ongoing | [Scheme details](https://www.treesforcities.org/are-you-looking-for-financial-support-for-tree-planting-this-year) |
| **Woodland Trust**  Free trees for schools & community groups | Offer packs of saplings to schools and community groups looking to plant on public/communal land. If the planting is on private land then there is some leeway, but community involvement and ongoing access to the land to care for and enjoy the trees is required  The packs come in four ‘sizes’: urban (15 saplings), small (30 saplings), medium (105 saplings, suitable as hedge or copse) and large (420 saplings, ideal for approximately one acre).  Offer a maximum of four different packs up to a total of 420 trees. But people can reapply in subsequent years if they have the space | Two delivery periods: March & November. Applications will be open in advance of each delivery period | [Scheme details](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/)  [Application form](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/) |
| **Woodland Trust**  Trees for your farm | Plant 500+ trees. Funding of up to 100% of costs is available for agroforestry schemes benefiting the business of productive farms, including a site visit and tree planting assessment. | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season | [Scheme details](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale-planting/) |
| **Woodland Trust**  MOREWoods | The MOREwoods scheme offers advice and support on woodland creation, alongside a small amount of funding.. To apply for MOREwoods funding you will need to plant on at least 0.5 ha (1.25 acres) of non-wooded land and must be willing to plant between 1000 and 1600 trees per hectare. If the application is approved and the applicant can to plant and maintain the trees, the Woodland Trust will contribute 75% towards the cost of the trees and protection. If using a contractor to plant and maintain the woodland The Woodland Trust will contribute 60% of the total cost (planting at least 1 ha). | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season | [Scheme details](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale-planting/morewoods/) |
| **Woodland Trust**  MOREHedges | This scheme offers support for landowners who wish to create ecological links to woodland with the planting of new hedgerows through. Schemes are judged on merit with support directed towards those hedges that link areas of existing or newly planted woodland to the wider landscape. Applicants will need to plant at least 100 metres of new hedgerow and the Woodland Trust can only fund more than 250 metres in conjunction with additional woodland creation through our MOREwoods project.  The scheme uses a standardised hedgerow mix. The standard density and composition is a double row hedge with 5 plants per metre and one tree every 6 metres which will be allowed to grow to full height. Shrubs will be supplied with 75 cm spiral guards with the trees planted in 1.2 metre tree shelters. 75% of the total cost of the plants, guards and support will be covered | Applications normally open in the spring in advance of the winter planting season | [Scheme details](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale-planting/morehedges/) |
| **Woodland Trust**  Subsidised tree packs | If applicants are ineligible for the schemes listed above subsidised packs of hedging and woodland are offered via the subsidised landowner tree packs on the online shop.   The “plant for pollinators” tree pack will provide enough plants and guards for around 50m of double row hedging  Subsidised tree packs or 30 to 420 trees, starting at £41.15. Purchased through the Woodland Trust shop | Ongoing | [Scheme details](https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/tree-mixes-and-packs)  [Additional information](https://shop.woodlandtrust.org.uk/landowner-packs) |
| **Government Stewardship Schemes** | Environmental Stewardship Schemes  Entry Level Stewardship (ELS), Organic ELS, Uplands ELS and Higher Level Stewardship  Countryside Stewardship Scheme  Funding available for creation of woodland and restocking of woodland including Woodland Creation Grant | Ongoing | [Scheme details](https://www.gov.uk/topic/farming-food-grants-payments/rural-grants-payments) |