



New Woodland Creation Funding

There are currently 2 funding streams available for new woodland creation (note this is new woodland and not restocking in established woodland, or planting on areas of recently felled woodland):

- **Countryside Stewardship Woodland Creation Grant**
- **Woodland Trust MOREwoods Grant**

Countryside Stewardship Woodland Creation Grant

What are the eligibility criteria?

- Minimum application area is 3ha, with any separate blocks being a minimum of 0.5ha (and minimum width of 20 metres). In some circumstances you may be able to apply for planting as part of 'measures for water quality or flood prevention', in which case the minimum application area is reduced to 1ha, with any separate blocks being a minimum of 0.1ha (and minimum width of 10 metres).
- Open space within the woodland must be minimum of 10% and maximum of 20% by area.
- No more than 0.5ha of continuous open space or wider than 20 metres.
- No gorse, rhododendron, buckthorn or laurel.
- The woodland must be contributing to water or biodiversity objectives.
- No more than 20% non-native species.
- No more than 20% honorary natives.

How much is the grant / will it cost me?

You can apply for up to £6,800 per hectare to help plant trees, including the capital items associated with this. As well as payments of £1.28 per tree, you can also apply for various fencing and gate options, as well as individual tree shelters (£1.60 each). In our experience, this grant aid usually covers c.75% of overall costs.

When can I apply?

Applications are all year round and you should allow 5 months for the application process.



Is ongoing grant support available to maintain the new woodland?

Yes, a woodland creation maintenance grant (WD1) of £200 per hectare for 10 years is available. This is for the ongoing maintenance of the trees after they've been planted. Before you can be invited to apply for this grant (through Higher Tier) you must have met the objectives of the woodland creation grant capital works agreement and have had your final claim for that agreement approved.

Will I still receive BPS?

Provided all eligibility requirements are met, land managers can continue to claim Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) on land in the Woodland Creation Grant agreement and until the end of any subsequent 10-year Woodland Creation Maintenance agreement or until BPS ends, whichever is sooner.

Woodland Trust MOREwoods Woodland Creation Grant

What are the eligibility criteria?

MOREwoods funding is designed to create new woodland habitat for wildlife across the UK. Eligible projects must plant:

- at least 1.25 acres (0.5 hectares) of new woodland and
- 1000-1600 trees per hectare.

The area can be made up of multiple smaller blocks of at least 0.1ha each. There is no maximum size limit.

How much is the grant / will it cost me?

The Woodland Trust will supply the agreed trees and tree protection and cover up to 75% of the costs associated with these items. If you live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland and would like a contractor to plant the trees for you, this can be arranged and the grant will cover up to 60% of all costs for woodland creation of over 1ha.

MOREwoods costs vary as each quote is calculated to meet the specific requirements of each project. This takes into account elements such as planting density and suitable tree protection.

Will I still receive BPS?

No.



When can I apply?

Applications are all year round. Depending on when you apply, it may take up to 2 months for you to hear if your project has been approved.

Is ongoing grant support available to maintain the new woodland?

No.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you require assistance with new woodland design and grant applications or if you have any questions on woodland creation or any other woodland or tree related matters.

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