



# Grant Application and Planting Support

Supporting tree and woodland planting  
projects across Wiltshire

**Wiltshire Council**

# UK's Climate Targets

- July 2019: UK Committee on Climate Change stated UK needs 30,000 hectares of trees/yr over the next 30 years (2,25 billion trees assuming 1 tree sapling/4m<sup>2</sup>)
- October 2019: Glover Report highlighted that National Parks and AONBs must play in meeting this target whilst appreciating the need for sensitive planning



# Wiltshire's Woodland Cover

- For Wiltshire, this target = 435 ha of woodland/yr for the next 30 years (>1 million trees / an area of woodland the size of Devizes each year)
- 40% of Wiltshire's landscape = AONB, national park or historic sites
- Large-scale tree planting needs to be carefully considered and sensitively introduced
- Woodland planting 2ha> requires planning permission



# Why plant trees and woodland?

## For communities:

- to engage in biodiversity & climate solutions
- for health, wellbeing, recreation & exercise
- for tree and woodland produce (nuts, fruit...)
- for clean air



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## For the environment:

- increasing biodiversity by creating new habitat
- reducing flood risk by slowing the flow of rainwater
- storing carbon to combat climate change



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## For farmers and landowners:

- provide shelter and shade for livestock
- improve soil quality
- reduce nitrate and phosphate runoff
- diversify income generation, through timber, coppice, Christmas trees etc.
- generate carbon credits

# GAPs team

Providing support to **Schools, Community Groups, Parish Councils, Farmers and Landowners** in planting woodland, trees and hedgerows across Wiltshire and Swindon.

We:

- help you choose the right trees for your site
- identify funding options and complete surveys and application forms
- give advice on planting, woodland design and aftercare.
- link people and groups together to get your project off the ground.

# Tree Warden Scheme



We are recruiting tree wardens across the county to:

- survey existing trees in their area
  - identify new places to plant trees and local landowners who are keen to plant
  - apply for funding for tree, hedgerow and woodland planting in their community.
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- Approved by the **Tree Council**
  - All training provided





# Funding options

- Great Western Community Forest (Trees for Climate)
- Forestry England (EWCO)
- Woodland Trust
- Tree Council
- Urban Tree Challenge Fund
- Trees for Streets
- UK Community Tree planting
- Wessex Water
- National Highways...



## Get in touch if you...

- want to plant trees on parish or community land and don't know where to start
- work at a school, business or other site where there is potential for trees, hedges or an orchard
- are a farmer or landowner and want more advice about tree, hedge or woodland planting
- want more information about becoming a tree warden.



# Meeting Targets

To ensure Wiltshire is meeting its tree planting targets, we need to log(!) all tree planting within the county.

To make sure your tree is counted, please let us know of any tree/woodland planting you are carrying out, with or without our help!



# Contact

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