

Grant Application and Planting Support (GAPS) Team



UKs Climate Targets

- July 2019: UK Committee on Climate Change stated UK needs 30,000 hectares of trees/yr over the next 30 years



Wiltshire's Woodland Cover

- For Wiltshire, this target = 435 ha of woodland/yr for the next 30 years
- 40% of Wiltshire's landscape = AONB, national park or historic sites



Why plant trees and woodlands

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:

- increase biodiversity by creating new habitat
- reduce flood risk by slowing the flow of rainwater
- store carbon to combat climate change
- prevent soil erosion



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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

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



Tree Warden Scheme



We are recruiting Tree Wardens across the county to:

- survey existing trees in their area
- identify new places to plant trees
- apply for funding for tree, hedgerow and woodland planting in their community.



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.



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