

Dumfries & Galloway

TREE PLANTING GRANT

This project is supported by Scottish Forestry, Woodland Trust Scotland, Dumfries & Galloway Council, National Lottery Heritage Fund and private donations and is administered by D&G Woodlands.

Its purpose is to encourage the planting of individual or small clumps of trees which add landscape and biodiversity value to the Dumfries & Galloway countryside for the benefit of people, communities and wildlife. We are losing trees to disease and old age, and we wish to encourage people to plant more trees.

Applications are invited from residents in Dumfries & Galloway only.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The Project is open to any organisations or individuals that can suggest a planting project less than 0.25ha in size, that will enhance the landscape and biodiversity of Dumfries and Galloway and make a contribution to improved public amenity. It is designed to be complementary to other natural heritage projects that may have conservation or amenity aims. Please note that hedges are not eligible.

WHAT ABOUT FUNDING?

We can give assistance in two different ways to suit the specific project:

Up to 100% of material costs (i.e. for trees and appropriate shelters, guards, stakes, fencing, mulch mats, etc.) for private applications from: farmers, landowners and individuals (excluding labour and VAT, if reclaimable).

Up to 100% of materials and labour costs for non-profit making organisations such as schools and community groups (including VAT, if not reclaimable).

The maximum grant available is £1000 per applicant per year.

WHERE CAN I APPLY?

The application process is on-line, and forms can be downloaded from the following websites:

D & G Woodlands - www.dgwoodlands.org.uk

D & G Woodlands can give guidance and advice with the planting designs. Before submitting your application, you should:

- Obtain the landowners consent, if you do not own the land that you wish to plant.
- Check for presence of services such as; gas, water pipes or telephone and electricity cables (tree planting should not be located within 10m of a powerline.)
- Obtain the approval of Dumfries & Galloway Council, if planting is proposed within 5m of the edge of a public road or highway or might impair road safety.
- Check for any existing planning restrictions or site designations such as those relating to archaeology.

CONTACT



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WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE?

The site should normally be less than 0.25ha in size.

Examples of tree planting schemes include: small copses, field boundary trees, tree lines, parkland trees and orchards.

The planting will normally be of native species and be appropriate to the locality (see eligible tree species list).

Where appropriate, non-native species may be accepted and planting to maintain a Tree Preservation Order will also be considered.

WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS ARE INELIGIBLE?

- Planting on deep peat or wildflower rich grasslands
- Within private gardens
- Hedge planting
- Over archaeological sites
- On sites that are designated for existing conservation or historic interest (unless planting complements the designated features)
- Schemes where drainage is proposed
- Planting required as a condition of Planning Consent or other development related planting
- Planting required as a condition of a Felling Permission or Licence

WHAT ITEMS ARE ELIGIBLE?

- Purchase of plants, tree shelters, stakes and ties
- Protective fencing materials
- Labour costs (for community groups only) including contract labour or applicants own labour
- Site preparation (for community groups only)
- Professional fees (no more than 10% of total cost)

WHAT ARE MY OBLIGATIONS?

It is part of the conditions of the project that you will maintain and replace trees and shrubs as necessary for a period of 5 years after planting, at your own expense. You will need to consider aftercare and maintenance such as weed control. Methods of weed control include: Mulching, Hand weeding & Mechanical cutting. You may need

to consider using appropriate herbicides also. Please seek professional advice prior to use. The Steering Group reserves the right to visit the site for inspection purposes. If the planting fails due to neglect, the Steering Group will take steps to recover any monies paid. You will need to supply a photograph of the planting site pre- commencement and post completion of works.

WHEN SHALL I HEAR IF I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

Applications will be registered on receipt and shall be assessed on a first come basis. You should hear within 4 weeks whether your application has been successful and when you can start planting. You must not commence any works until you receive an offer of grant. We strongly suggest you speak to an advisor before you submit an application.

HOW WILL I CLAIM THE GRANT?

Applicants must pay for the works upfront and claim the grant back from the scheme administrators. A claim form will be included with the grant offer letter. Payment of grant is usually within 4 weeks of the completed claim form and accompanying paperwork (such as copy invoices and photographs) being received. Please return the claim form to your initial contact/Advisor. Completed claim forms should be sent to D & G Woodlands for checking.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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SCOTTISH BORDERS

A similar scheme also operates in Scottish Borders and is administered by Tweed Forum.

Please email info@tweedforum.org for more information.

