

Rockingham Forest Landowner Grant Schemes



This document has been produced in partnership with Rockingham Forest Vision, the Nene Rivers Trust, Wildlife Trust BCN, Natural England, the Forestry Commission and the Woodland Trust.

It is designed to give an overview of the various grant schemes available to you. More detail about each of the grant schemes can be found by clicking on the scheme name and link and/or by contacting the relevant organisation's named contact.

GRANT SCHEMES

Scheme Name and Link	Organisation and contact details	Aims	Key information
<u>England Woodland Creation Offer</u>	Forestry Commission Contact - Andrew Down - Woodlands Officer Email - andrew.down@forestry.commission.gov.uk	To create new woodland on an area as small as one hectare in total	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard cost of trees and tree protection • Additional contributions for public benefit possible • Maintenance payments for 15 years • These payments will become part of the Countryside Stewardship under ELMS
<u>Woodland Creation Planning Grant</u>	Forestry Commission Contact - Andrew Down - Woodlands Officer Email - andrew.down@forestry.commission.gov.uk	To create a new woodland in 5 hectares or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be 5 hectares or more in total • Funding available to help with design of a new woodland • Payments for professional surveying - ecological/heritage) • Applicants would move from this grant to England Woodland Creation Offer to access funding for planting
<u>Tree Health Grant</u>	Forestry Commission Contact - Andrew Down - Woodlands Officer Email - andrew.down@forestry.commission.gov.uk	To support land managers to restock woodland following loss due to plant health issues.e.g. Ash dieback	Grant has 2 parts- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration, which provides support for restocking woodland after felling due to tree health issue • Improvement, which provides support for the removal of trees and rhododendron infected with either Phytophthora ramorum, Phytophthora pluvialis or Phytophthora kernoviae
<u>Woodland Management Plan</u>	Forestry Commission Contact - Andrew Down - Woodlands Officer Email - andrew.down@forestry.commission.gov.uk	To create a woodland management plan (WWP) with an associated 10 year felling licence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The grant is a capital grant for a one-off payment • Must have a woodland management plan in place to apply for woodland improvement funding under Countryside Stewardship
<u>Countryside Stewardship Woodland Improvement</u>	Forestry Commission Contact - Andrew Down - Woodlands Officer Email - andrew.down@forestry.commission.gov.uk	Higher Tier agreement for multi-year management options and one-off capital items to protect, restore or enhance the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five year agreement to fund work in woodlands which supports or improves biodiversity • Contingent on a current management plan • Supplements available for a variety of additional actions, such as deer management

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<u>Protection and Infrastructure Grant</u>	<p>Forestry Commission</p> <p>Contact - Andrew Down - Woodlands Officer Email - andrew.down@forestry.commission.gov.uk</p>	<p>For improvements to enable access into and inside a woodland</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A stand alone capital grant available under Countryside Stewardship • Capital items must support improving the management of the woodland through: making woodland accessible by road, allowing timber and other forest products to be moved more easily or to support the establishment of new woodland
<u>Farming for the Future Grant</u>	<p>Wildlife Trust BCN</p> <p>Contact - Bruce Gardiner - Land Advisor Email - bruce.gardiner@wildlifebcn.org</p>	<p>To restore and create meadow and wetland habitats</p> <p>Infrastructure Improvements to tackle diffuse pollution & aid water quality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training courses on environmental farm management offered via Moulton College • Projects considered - arable reversion to meadow, restoration of species poor pasture to meadow, wetland restoration capital projects, infrastructure projects to benefit water quality
<u>MOREWoods</u>	<p>Woodland Trust</p> <p>Contact - Jack Starbuck - Outreach Adviser Email - jackstarbuck@woodlandtrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Tree planting to create new habitats, flood alleviation and potential new income streams</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 500 trees on at least half a hectare to be eligible • Provide site visit, help with woodland design and advice on suitable species mix • Will fund 75% of costs if self plant and 60% of costs if a contractor is used for planting
<u>MOREHedges</u>	<p>Woodland Trust</p> <p>Contact - Jack Starbuck - Outreach Adviser Email - jackstarbuck@woodlandtrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Hedge planting to create new ecological links with woodlands and the surrounding landscape</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant 100m-250m of new hedging per season. Funding only available for more than this if planting a woodland at the same time • 75% of cost of plants, guards and support covered
<u>Agroforestry</u>	<p>Woodland Trust</p> <p>Contact - Jack Starbuck - Outreach Adviser Email - jackstarbuck@woodlandtrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Integration of trees into productive farms to cut costs, raise yields and make environmental improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 500 trees with at least 50% comprised of native trees and shrubs including fruit and nut trees • Commercial farms are eligible but not small holdings • Can include for example schemes for silvopasture, shelter belts, riparian strips, pasture trees, woodfuel coppice etc
<u>Countryside Stewardship Capital Grants</u>	<p>Natural England</p> <p>Contact - David Pritchard - Land Management & Conservation Advisor Email - david.pritchard@naturalengland.org.uk</p>	<p>To protect and enhance the natural environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 year agreement for capital items • To achieve specific environmental benefits • Specific benefits - boundaries, trees and orchards, water quality, air quality and natural flood management • Can apply for a Capital Grant at any time of year

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<u>Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier</u>	<p>Natural England</p> <p>Contact - David Pritchard - Land Management & Conservation Manager</p> <p>Email - david.pritchard@naturalengland.org.uk</p>	<p>To protect and enhance the most important environmental sites</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land must be an agricultural area, protected site and/or woodland • Multi year management options available- most options last for 5 years • Access to a wide range of CS grants including capital items • Grants available to support habitat creation, restoration and ongoing management of grasslands, ponds, ditches, wood pastures, parklands, orchards, hedges, scrub and woodland • Rolling application window
<u>Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier</u>	<p>Natural England</p> <p>Contact - David Pritchard - Land Management & Conservation Manager</p> <p>Email - david.pritchard@naturalengland.org.uk</p>	<p>To look after and improve the environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land must be arable land, permanent grassland or permanent crops, land that supports a priority species etc • Fully on line application process with rolling application window • Multi - year grants with payments made every 5 years
<u>Sustainable Farming Incentive</u>	<p>Natural England</p> <p>Contact - David Pritchard - Land Management & Conservation Manager</p> <p>Email - david.pritchard@naturalengland.org.uk</p>	<p>Farming practices to produce food sustainably and protect the environment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single application process and a rolling application window. • 3 year agreement • Currently does not include payments for capital items • Includes actions for soils, hedgerows, pest management, nutrient management, farmland wildlife, buffer zones, low input grassland
<u>Implementation Plan and Feasibility Study Grants</u>	<p>Natural England</p> <p>Contact - David Pritchard - Land Management & Conservation Manager</p> <p>Email - david.pritchard@naturalengland.org.uk</p>	<p>Funding to help develop a more complex agreement or project to protect or manage habitats, features or species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To aid a Higher Tier application - need written permission from Natural England before applying • Or to aid a Mid Tier application for flood mitigation with written permission from Catchment Sensitive Farming
<u>Woodland Carbon Code</u>	<p>Woodland Carbon Code</p> <p>Contact - woodlandcarboncode.org.uk/contacts</p>	<p>Woodland creation for carbon sequestration. A nature based solution to achieving Net Zero by 2050</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential income stream from selling carbon units. These units can be sold through government backed Woodland Carbon Guarantee or privately • Land must not of been wooded in last 25 years • Permanent land change to woodland • Need to register with the Code to be eligible • Can still also apply for England Woodland Creation offer
<u>RAIN (Resilience and Innovation Northants)</u>	<p>Nene Rivers Trust</p> <p>Contact - Tristan Baxter-Smith Land Advisor</p> <p>Email - tristan@neneriverstrust.org</p>	<p>To fund natural flood prevention measures (NFM) and property flood resilience (PFR) to the Harpers Brook Catchment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land must be in the Harpers Brook Catchment • Holistic approach to flood management