

Available Funding

The following table presents available funding opportunities. The information provided is accurate at the time of writing, September 2023.

Category	Funding Name	Funding Provider	Amount available	Key Requirements	Notes
Woodland Creation	Woodland Creation Planning Grant (WCPG)	Forestry Commission	Up to £30,000 per project (Stage 1: £1000 – Woodland creation design Plan Stage 2: £150/ha (minus Stage 1 payment))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum area – 5 hectares total size. Can be either contiguous or separate blocks Minimum block area of 0.5 hectares and a minimum width of 20 metres. 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/woodland-creation-planning-grant</p> <p>Open to: Landowners, Managers and Public Bodies. Do not need to own the land and can span multiple land holdings. Not eligible if already applied for Countryside Stewardship, Woodland Carbon Fund, the HS2 Woodland Fund or submitted an EIA enquiry form to plant a new woodland.</p>
Woodland Creation	England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO)	Forestry Commission	Up to £10,200 per hectare, plus up to a further £8,000 per hectare in Additional Contributions for the value the woodland brings to the environment, nature recovery, and the community. Maintenance payments of £350 per hectare for 10 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum area 1 hectare. This can be made up of smaller plots of minimum 0.1 hectare (10m width). Must be farmer/landowner/ land manager capable of delivering the work agreed in return for funding. 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/england-woodland-creation-offer</p> <p>Open to: Farmers, Landowners, Public Bodies, Local Authorities and Environmental Groups.</p> <p>See also specific support to apply for England Woodland Creation Offer through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Severn Treescapes further info at: https://www.herefordshirewt.org/severn-treescapes

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					<p>Run by The Wildlife Trust in Herefordshire. They provide support for land managers, farmers and communities to access funding to plant, grow and manage woodlands and trees. Advice on managing and improving existing woodlands and hedgerows is also available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The River's Trust and Riverscapes Partnership Further info at: https://theriverstrust.org/our-work/our-projects/woodlands-for-water <p>Open to Farmers, Land Owners Eligible project locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - River Wye catchment – R. Dore, R. Dulas and R. Lugg (Wye and Usk Foundation) - River Severn catchment – R. Teme (Severn Rivers Trust) - National Trust Land

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Woodland Creation	Urban Tree Challenge Fund (UTCf)	Forestry Commission	Covers up to 80% of costs of planting and establishing trees in urban and semi-urban areas. Minimum application value of £10,000	Land included in a UTCf application must fall within an urban area. An urban area, as defined for the purposes of the UTCf, is a built-up area (based on Office of National Statistics data) with a population of at least 2,000 people, and a buffer of 1km to account for peri-urban planting.	Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/urban-tree-challenge-fund Open to: Anyone can apply as long as you have full management control over the land or signed consent. Need to register with Rural payments to obtain a Single Business Identifier and Customer Reference Number. Must be within an urban area i.e. population of at least 2,000 Applications received from 1 July 2023 onward can only schedule tree planting to take place in 2024/25, the last year of the fund. If you want to plant trees in 2024/25 your application needs to be submitted no later than 23:59 on 30 June 2024.
Woodland Creation	The Forestry England Woodland Partnership	Forestry England	Sliding scale based on each site but is benchmarked against existing agricultural support payments	Minimum land parcel 20ha. A leasehold scheme creating new woodlands across England. Landowners lease their land to Forestry England to plant and maintain (60-120 year lease) Public access is compulsory.	Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/forestry-england-woodland-partnership Open to: Single or consortium or land owners/farmers

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Woodland Creation	MOREwoods	Woodland Trust	There is no maximum size limit, although larger projects may be advised of other grant schemes available.	<p>MOREwoods subsidises up to 75% of the cost of the trees, tree protection, advice and guidance if you choose to plant the trees yourself.</p> <p>Eligible projects must plant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - at least 0.5 hectares of new woodland and - 1000-1600 trees per hectare. 	<p>Further information at: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/trees-for-landowners-and-farmers/</p> <p>Application guidance available at: https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/trees-for-landowners-and-farmers/morewoods-faqs/</p>
Woodland Creation	Severn Woodlands Creation Grant Scheme	Severn Rivers Trust	<p>Total landowner payment of £5,000/ha (pro-rata) split into two payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First payment after completion of capital works of £2,500/ha (pro-rata) - Second payment after a satisfactory 5-year monitoring visit of £2,500/ha (pro-rata) 	<p>Landowners will be responsible for the maintenance of trees during 5-year establishment period.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Vegetation management, either weeding, spot spraying or mulching, to minimise competing vegetation -Beating up, or replacement, of dead trees to ensure a 90% success rate 	<p>No cost to landowner for capital works and planting, this is paid for and organised through the Severn Woodlands scheme.</p> <p>Further information at: https://www.severnriverstrust.com/projects/srts-severn-woodlands-creation-grant-scheme</p>

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Woodland Management	Woodland Management Plan Grant 2023	UK Government Countryside Stewardship Scheme	3 to 50 ha £1,500 51 to 100 ha Flat rate £1,500 for the first 50ha plus £30/ha up to and including 100ha More than 100ha flat rate of £3,000 plus £15/additional ha over 100 ha	Applies to existing woodland that; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be larger than 3ha in total but can be made up of min. woodland block size of 0.5 ha • Average width of at least 20m • Is under groups or lines of trees that are or will be at least 5m height • Has a crown cover of more than 20% of the ground areas 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/woodland-management-plan-grants-2023-countryside-stewardship/applicants-guide-woodland-management-plan-grant-2023</p> <p>Open to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Owner /occupier • Tenant • Landlord • Licensor <p>Apply for a one off payment to create a UK Forestry Standard compliant 10 year WMP.</p> <p>Not eligible if already applied for the HS2 Woodland Fund, Woodland Carbon Fund (WCF) England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) All land and land parcels must be entirely within England</p>

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Woodland Management /Carbon Capture / Carbon Credits	UK Woodland Carbon Code	International Carbon Reduction & Offset Alliance	A new native woodland can capture 400-500 tonnes of CO2 (tCO2e/ha) over 100 years, buyers have recently paid between £5 and £15/tCO2e for carbon units captured by woodland projects verified through the Woodland Carbon Code.	No minimum size, and a streamlined process is established for woods smaller than 5 hectares.	Further info at: https://www.woodlandcarboncode.org.uk/
Wetland Creation	GS9: Management of wet grassland for breeding waders	Natural England	£353 per hectare per year for 5 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land must already support breeding wetland birds/waders, or have high potential for being restored for them. 	Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/management-of-wet-grassland-for-breeding-waders-gs9

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Wetland Creation	GS10: Management of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	Natural England	£217 per hectare per year for 5 years.	<p>The grassland must already support wintering wildfowl and waders or have high potential for being enhanced to support them. You must also meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are currently using a recommended fertiliser management system to plan nutrient inputs across the farm You will adopt a recommended fertiliser management system within 18 months of the start of the agreement You qualify as a low intensity farmer 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/management-of-wet-grassland-for-wintering-waders-and-wildfowl-gs10</p>
Wetland creation	GS11: Creation of wet grassland for breeding waders	Natural England	£547 per hectare per year, for 10 years.	<p>It is available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier on whole or part parcels, only on parcels that have been in arable, fallow or temporary grass in the last 5 years and have high potential for being restored to habitat for breeding waders. You must also meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are following a recommended fertiliser management system to plan nutrient inputs across the farm You will adopt a recommended fertiliser management system within 18 months of the start of the agreement 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/creation-of-wet-grassland-for-breeding-waders-gs11</p>

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Wetland creation	GS12: Creation of wet grassland for wintering waders and wildfowl	Natural England	£450 per hectare per year, for 10 years.	<p>It is available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier on whole or part parcels, only on parcels that have been in arable, fallow or temporary grass in the last 5 years. They must also have high potential for being restored to habitat for wintering waders and wildfowl.</p> <p>You must also meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You use a recommended fertiliser management system to plan nutrient inputs across the farm You will adopt a recommended fertiliser management system within 18 months of the start of the agreement You qualify as a low intensity farmer 	<p>Further info at:</p> <p>https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/creation-of-wet-grassland-for-wintering-waders-and-wildfowl-gs12</p>

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Wetland creation	WT7: Creation of Reedbed	Natural England	£328 per hectare per year, for 10 years.	<p>It is available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier only on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> land with a level or very shallow gradient and a reliable, sufficient water supply that will maintain adequate flow and water table elevation during the summer <p>On whole and part-parcels on any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> arable land temporary grassland improved grassland wetland habitat in poor condition if approved by a specialist 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/creation-of-reedbed-wt7</p>
Wetland creation	WT6: Management of reedbed	Natural England	£81 per hectare per year, for 5 years.	<p>Available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier Whole and part-parcel Only on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> priority habitat reedbed in good condition and more than 2ha in area degraded reedbed more than 2ha in area with the potential for restoration 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/management-of-reedbed-wt6</p>

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Wetland creation	WT8: Management of fen	Natural England	£35 per hectare per year, for 5 years.	<p>Available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier Whole or part-parcel Only on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • priority fen habitat in good condition • priority reedbed habitat in good condition and less than 2 ha • a mosaic of priority fen and reedbed habitat in good condition where total reedbed area does not exceed 2ha • fen and reedbed habitat (alone or combined) in poor condition where there is adequate water supply to restore appropriate water levels and the total reedbed area does not exceed 2ha 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/management-of-fen-wt8</p>

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Wetland creation	WT9: Creation of fen	Natural England	£537 per hectare per year, for 10 years.	<p>It is available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier on whole or part-parcels on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arable land, temporary grassland, improved permanent grassland • other wetland habitat that is in poor condition if approved by a specialist • land with an suitable and adequate water supply - suitable sites are usually underlain by peat but can also be on slopes with a groundwater outflow 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/creation-of-fen-wt9</p>
Wetland creation	WT10: Management of lowland raised bog	Natural England	£185 per hectare per year, for 5 years.	<p>Available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier Whole and part-parcel Only on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • priority lowland raised bog habitat which can be kept wet enough for peat to form 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/management-of-lowland-raised-bog-wt10</p>

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Wetland creation	WT11: Wetland cutting supplement	Natural England	£1,089 per hectare per year, for 5 years.	<p>It supports the appropriate cutting management of wetland habitats.</p> <p>Agreement holders are likely to need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cut particular areas by an agreed method • cut at specific times • dispose of cuttings in an agreed way • produce a simple map of the areas cut and the dates of cutting 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/wetland-cutting-supplement-wt11</p>
Wetland creation	SP2: Raised water level supplement	Natural England	£127 per hectare per year, for 5 years.	<p>Agreement holders will need to raise and maintain high water levels using suitable water control structures or maintain existing in-field wetness. Only for use in combination with the following initiatives:</p> <p>GS6 GS7 GS8 GS13 GS14</p>	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/raised-water-level-supplement-sp2</p>

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Wetland creation	RP8: Constructed wetlands for the treatment of pollution	Rural payments Agency (RPA) and Natural England	50% of costs	<p>Available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier and Higher Tier Capital Grants.</p> <p>Only for use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in areas targeted for the reduction of water pollution from agriculture to treat field and farmyard diffuse runoff in conjunction with a Feasibility Study or a Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) commissioned design plan 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/constructed-wetlands-for-the-treatment-of-pollution-rp8</p>
Habitat creation/ management	Countryside Stewardship (CS) Higher Tier Capital Grants 2023	DEFRA	Variable – wide variety of projects available dependent on type and scale. (see section 5 of the website linked for details).	<p>The CS Higher Tier Capital Grants scheme is open to land managers who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an owner occupier a tenant a landlord a licensor, as long as they have control of all the land and all the activities needed to meet the obligations of the grant for the full duration of the agreement 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/higher-tier-capital-grants-2023-countryside-stewardship/applicants-guide-higher-tier-capital-grants-2023</p>

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Habitat creation/ management	GS6: Management of species-rich grassland	Natural England	£182 per hectare per year for 5 years.	<p>It's available for Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier and Higher Tier on whole and part parcels on grassland priority habitat.</p> <p>In Mid Tier you can only use this option if it meets the relevant criteria and you have written approval from the Rural Payments Agency (RPA).</p>	Further info: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/management-of-species-rich-grassland-gs6
Habitat creation/ management	GS7: Restoration towards species-rich grassland	Natural England	£235 per hectare per year, for 10 years.	List of commitments included on the info page.	Further info: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/restoration-towards-species-rich-grassland-gs7

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Habitat creation/management And/or Biodiversity net gain	GS8: creation of species rich grassland	Natural England	£428 per hectare per year, for 10 years.	It is available for Countryside Stewardship Higher Tier on whole or part parcels, only on arable, set-aside or temporary grassland that has high or medium potential for the creation of priority habitat (if it has medium potential, you will need written support from Natural England).	Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/creation-of-species-rich-grassland-gs8
Habitat creation/management	BN5: Hedgerow Laying	Natural England	£13.52 per metre of hedgerow laid.	Available for Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier, Higher Tier and Capital Grants on planted boundary lines of shrubs that are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • over 20m long • less than 5m wide between major woody stems at the base • formed of at least 80% native shrubs • can only be used when the applicant has "management control" of both sides of the boundary. 	Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/hedgerow-laying-bn5

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Habitat creation/ management	BE3: Management of hedgerows	Natural England	£10 per 100m of 1 side of a hedgerow.	<p>Available for Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier and Higher Tier.</p> <p>On boundary lines of shrubs, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • composed of woody plants with less than 2 metres (m) between the ground and the base of the leafy layer • over 20m long • less than 5m wide between major woody stems at the base 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/management-of-hedgerows-be3</p>
Biodiversity net gain	SP9: Threatened species supplement	Natural England	£171 per hectare per year.	<p>It is available for Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier and Higher Tier in combination with a land management option where either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least one threatened species is present on the site • you can manage the site to create the right conditions to allow the reintroduction, re-colonisation or range extension of a named priority species 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/countryside-stewardship-grants/threatened-species-supplement-sp9</p> <p>Available in Herefordshire.</p>

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Biodiversity net gain	Sell biodiversity units as a land manager	DEFRA	Variable – dependant on land type and usage.	<p>You cannot sell biodiversity units when you're already required to create or enhance habitat for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • restocking trees • marine licensing • remediation under the environmental damage regulations 	<p>Further info at: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sell-biodiversity-units-as-a-land-manager</p>
Rewilding	Rewilding Innovation Fund	Rewilding Britain	Up to £15,000 (Majority of applicants expected to receive <£10,000)	<p>To apply for funding – of up to £15,000 – projects had to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • based in Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) • part of the Rewilding Network • rewilding (or about to) at scale – potentially as a group of landowners – and to our rewilding principles 	<p>Further info at: https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/the-rewilding-network/rewilding-innovation-fund</p>

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Rewilding	Rewilding Challenge Fund	Rewilding Britain	Up to £100,000 awarded to a single large scale project.	To apply, your project must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • based in Britain (England, Wales or Scotland) • part of/eligible to join our Rewilding Network • at least 1,000ha/10 km² in size (the majority of which is contiguous and proposed for rewilding) 	Further info at: https://www.rewildingbritain.org.uk/the-rewilding-network/rewilding-challenge-fund
Renewable Energy	Marches Energy Grant (MEG)	The Marches Local Enterprise Partnership	Up to £20,000 per project/small business	Small business operating in the Herefordshire, Shropshire or Telford & Wrekin area.	Further info at: https://www.marcheslep.org.uk/projects/marches-energy-grant-meg/