



## FOREST OF AVON TRUST FREE TREES SCHEME APPLICATION FORM

The Forest of Avon Trust Free Tree Scheme provides free trees (which includes shrubs), for appropriate projects, to be planted as individual trees, hedges and copses.

### Who can apply?

The Scheme is open to community groups and schools within the Bristol & West (Avon) area.

### Which trees/ shrubs are available?

The Free Tree Scheme covers only young trees called 'transplants' or 'whips' that are between 40 and 90 cm in size. The scheme does not fund larger trees. All trees are supplied by the Forest of Avon Tree Life Centre: a local community tree nursery run by BTCV who specialise in growing native tree species from locally collected seed.

All trees are bare rooted. The species available are native British and include:

Alder, Ash, Beech, Birch, Blackthorn, Cherry (Wild & Bird), Crab Apple, Dog-rose, Dogwood, Field Maple, Goat Willow, Guelder Rose, Hawthorn, Hazel, Hornbeam, Lime, Oak, Privet, Rowan, Scots Pine, Spindle, Wayfaring Tree, Whitebeam and Willow.

Where spiral guards and canes are necessary to protect trees from damage by rabbits, the Forest of Avon Trust can fund small numbers of these. Larger quantities will require additional funding.

### Scheme conditions & eligible projects

- Planting projects must be within the Bristol & West (Avon) area;
- Funding should not be used in addition to any other grant for the same work and the work must be of benefit to the local community;
- Funding is not available for planting in private gardens or for work required as part of a planning condition;
- The Forest of Avon Trust must be credited in any publicity (the text for media/ press releases must be agreed with the Forest of Avon Trust in advance);
- You will need to confirm the location of services and reflect the requirements of service providers in your proposal;
- The written permission of the landowner is required prior to any offer of free trees; and
- Work must be completed and paid for by the end of the financial year - 31st March.

### How it works

- Check that you are eligible for the Free Trees scheme;
- Thoroughly consider and plan your project, including reflecting the location of services. You are very welcome to contact us to discuss outline ideas;
- Return the completed application form and a clear site plan to us;
- If you are successful and Free Trees are available, we'll issue you with a Credit Note for the Forest of Avon Tree Life Centre who will supply your trees; and
- Contact the Forest of Avon Tree Life Centre, let them know you have a Free Trees scheme Credit Note and arrange delivery or collect your free trees!

# Forest of Avon Trust Free Trees Scheme Application Form

## A. YOUR DETAILS

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

## B. YOUR PROJECT

Location of planting site:

Do you own the site? YES / NO

If 'NO', has the owner given permission? YES / NO

Proposed planting date:

(can be, E.g. 'early January' if the exact planting date has not yet been set)

**Describe your project in the box below. Please include:**

- How many trees you would like (or length of hedge) and of which species?
- Who will do the planting? (E.g. volunteers, pupils, contractors etc.)
- How will the trees be managed? (E.g. protection, weeding, maintenance and aftercare etc.)
- Why the project is needed, what it will achieve and how will it benefit the community?

*....continue on a separate sheet if necessary*

#### **D. STATUTORY SERVICES & OBLIGATIONS**

Will the work be close to, alongside or on any of the following?

Gas/ oil pipes            YES / NO

Electricity cables (above/ below ground)            YES / NO

Water pipes            YES / NO

Sewage pipes            YES / NO

Telecom cables (above/ below ground)            YES / NO

Ancient Monument            YES / NO

Archaeological site            YES / NO

Site of Special Scientific Interest            YES / NO

County Wildlife Site            YES / NO

Public Right of Way            YES / NO

Highway/ roadside edge            YES / NO

If any are present, please show these clearly on your plan and confirm below that you have the necessary permission(s) to undertake your tree planting.

#### **E. PUBLICITY**

- The Forest of Avon Trust needs to publicise all planting projects which it (and donors) support. Please provide one or more good- quality jpeg image of the planting (with permission from individuals on this for its reproduction), on completion of the work.
- Please ensure that the project is publicised, the Forest of Avon Trust is appropriately credited as part of this and that e- copies of articles are forwarded to the Trust when printed.

#### **F. FRIENDS OF THE FOREST OF AVON TRUST**

- Please confirm below that you/ your group will join the Forest of Avon Trust as a Friend. This is available at the reduced Family rate of £36, whatever the size of the group. The Friends scheme not only provides some great benefits but also helps to ensure the continuation of the Forest of Avon Trust and the Free Trees Scheme.

### **A few final things to remember.....**

- The Free Trees Scheme is supported entirely by donations. Funds are limited and grants are offered entirely at the discretion of the Forest of Avon Trust.
- You may apply at any time throughout the year. Please note, however, that all applications for this season's planting must be received by 1<sup>st</sup> March. Applications received after this date will be considered for next year's planting season. (The tree planting season is generally from mid- November until mid- March).
- The tree species you specify may not always be available. We will endeavour to supply what you want, but choice may be limited towards the end of the planting season.
- The Free Trees Scheme may fund spiral tree guards and canes, supplied by the Forest of Avon Tree Life Centre. Where large numbers of guards are required, the applicant will be expected to contribute to these.

### **ADVICE**

If you need help and advice with your project and/ or application, please call us. We are happy to advise on which trees to plant, planning your project, tree aftercare and maintenance and making your application.

The Forest of Avon Tree *Life* Centre can give species choice and planting/ aftercare advice as well. They can also help with practical project support such as training and help with planting, tool loans, supply of tree guards and stakes and can take on the planting work for you if you wish. Contact the Tree *Life* Centre on 0117 960 5447.

Email application forms and attachments to: [info@forestofavontrust.org](mailto:info@forestofavontrust.org)

Or post them to:

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The Estate Office  
Ashton Court Estate  
BRISTOL  
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