



Forest of
Avon Trust

Trees for Climate

A generous new fund to plant trees and woodlands in the West of England.



Trees for Climate (TfC) is a Defra grant and support scheme which is available to landowners within the Forest of Avon as one of England's Community Forests. The Forest of Avon area covers South Gloucestershire, Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset, and North Somerset.

TfC can fund:

- **Woodlands:** No maximum size, min 0.1ha per block of planting
- **Orchards:** 0.1ha or above, around 15 vigorous or 30 semi vigorous fruit trees (non commercial)
- **Wood pasture:** 0.1ha or above, at least 3 trees
- **Hedgerows:** each section must be at least 100m in length
- **Natural regeneration / colonisation:** considered on a case by case basis

TfC can fund up to 100% of costs associated with new tree planting and generous payments to cover up to 15 years of maintenance, depending on the project.

Let's grow the Forest of Avon for people, wildlife & our future.

Eligible costs are:

- Planning and project management
- Exploratory checks, surveys and reports
- Supplies and equipment e.g. trees, tree guards, fencing, mulch mats
- Public access, signage and interpretation
- Site infrastructure: access, egress, seating, structures
- Community engagement activity and communications
- All contractor costs for planting, up to 15 years of maintenance and approved capital works
- Flood management interventions

The grant is flexible to meet the needs of the project (within reason) and costs are approved after a site visit and grant application.

TfC is for new planting and cannot be used to fund replacement planting where the land is already dedicated as woodland; or for gapping up hedgerows. TfC is funded by Defra through England's Community Forests and the Forest of Avon Trust.



Enquiries welcome for planting in 2023.

We encourage applications where sites include or create new public access / are in the West of England Nature Partnership Woodland Recovery Network.

If you think your site is suitable and you're interested in applying for the grant, please get in touch via the contact information below.



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