

Managing your woods and trees

Woodland planting and management offers significant benefits to golf courses while supporting broader environmental goals. Well-planned woodland areas create natural hazards and aesthetic features that enhance the playing experience while delivering substantial ecological benefits that support your wider land management goals.

The Forestry Commission is the government department responsible for protecting, expanding and promoting the sustainable management of woodlands. We have a range of grants and free expert advice available to support landowners in woodland creation and management projects

Managing and maintaining your woodland

There are a number of grants and incentives to support the maintenance of established woodlands. The Woodland Management Plan Grant (Countryside Stewardship) can fund the production of a woodland management plan that meets the UK Forestry Standard. It provides landowners with £1500 to produce a 10 year woodland management plan.

The Woodland Condition Assessment app is a useful resource to get results on the ecological condition of your woodland. It will help you assess your woodland's condition in a standardised way. It also incorporates new rules on Biodiversity Net Gain, and other legislation.

Planning a new woodland

If you're planning to create woodland in England you may be eligible for the Woodland Creation Planning Grant (WCPG). The fund helps you develop documents for planning and designing a UKFS compliant woodland creation project.

You can apply for up to £150 per hectare, plus a 70% contribution to any specialist surveys that are needed, capped at £30,500 per project.

The England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) offers landowners, land managers and public bodies over £10,000 per hectare, to create new woodland on areas as small as one hectare.

Expert support

Here are some useful documents to act as a guide:

[Managing and maintaining your woodland](#)

[Create a woodland management plan](#)

[Woodland Condition Assessment](#)

[Tree planting and woodland creation resources - GOV.UK](#)

[Tree and woodland grants and incentives overview](#)

If you would like to talk about woodland creation or managing your existing trees and woods, please contact Alex Jenks at Alexandra.jenks@forestrycommission.gov.uk