



Information Sheet 3
Where to Get Free Trees
How to apply for free trees and how to find a local
free tree planting scheme

WHERE TO GET TREES - Information on how to apply for free trees and how to find a local free tree planting scheme near you.

THE WOODLAND TRUST is giving away hundreds of thousands of trees to communities, community groups and schools who have access to land and permission to plant.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/>

It has two delivery periods per year, one in March and the other in November. It is currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in NOVEMBER 2020. Please note that responses to applications may take a few weeks due to current high demand. They will be taking orders again in late 2020 for delivery in March 2021. Woodland Trust suggest different planting ideas and have a number of different tree packs depending on where you are planting, and what you are wanting to achieve. They also provide some useful FAQ.

To apply you must know the six-digit grid reference for the land you wish to plant using the grid reference finder provided. You must have permission from the legal landowner.

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO APPLY

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/tree-pack-application/>

If you are **WORKING WITH SCHOOLS** you can apply for free trees via

<http://www.treeappeal.com/Schools.html>

Or alternatively

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/plant-an-orchard-in-your-school-with-the-tree-angel-orchards-fund/>

Funds available to assist schools and community groups proposing to undertake well-planned tree and hedge planting projects this winter (November 2020 – March 2021), preferably during **National Tree Week – 28 November – 6 December 2020**. We are delighted to announce that this year, we will fund 100% of the cost (excluding VAT) of strong applications from £300 to an increased upper limit of £1500. - <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>

WEBSITES TO WATCH for free TREE SCHEMES and local areas where we have found PROJECTS ARE RUNNING TO PLANT TREES

If your local area is not listed below Google search your 'council name and free trees' or 'local area and tree planting' or a combination of the two and the scheme they ran for

2019/2020 will be listed together with hopefully useful contacts to find out about future schemes for 2020/21.

Some **Councils** have launched a Green Canopy initiative as part of their plans to become Carbon Neutral so search for their published plans and this may lead you to the right people.

PARKS DEPARTMENTS may also be leading this or be interested in tree planting in partnership with other organisations such as SI.

If all these approaches turn up blank you may want to try using one of **the schemes below** as an example to engage your local authority.

UK and International City tree planting projects to get involved with

<https://www.treesforcities.org/about-us>

'Take part in tree planting' local projects

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/>

Watch this website for the 2020/21 tree planting programme launches.

OVO Energy and The Conservation Volunteers will be providing trees to community groups as part of their OVO I DIG TREES project <https://www.tcv.org.uk/communities/i-dig-trees#nominate> and I DIG TREES planting days.

OCTOPUS Energy will be offering free trees for Nov 2020 – March 2021 watch this space <https://octopus.energy/give-me-my-trees>

LOCAL AREA SCHEMES

Colchester

<https://www.colchester.gov.uk/info/cbc-article/?catid=trees-in-planning&id=KA-02454>

South Cambridgeshire

<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-change/three-free-trees/>

Charnwood <https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/freetrees>

Surrey <https://www.local.gov.uk/surrey-county-council-facilitating-planting-12-million-new-trees-2030>

Newark and Sherwood

<https://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/greener/freetrees/>

Bristol

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/museums-parks-sports-culture/one-tree-per-child>

Hillingdon

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/2455/Council-offers-free-trees-to-residents>

Isle of Man

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-isle-of-man-50958597>

North Lincs

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/free-trees-residents-urged-to-plant-thousands-of-trees-across-region-through-woodland-trust-partnership/>

Wigan

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/News/Articles/2020/February/Wigan-Council-vows-to-plant-one-million-trees.aspx>

Broxtowe

<https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/freetrees>

Birmingham

<https://btfl.org.uk>

PLANT TREES FOR A BRILLIANT FUTURE

<https://sigbi.org/soroptimistcentenary2021/>