



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. Currently closed for applications but will open applications for autumn 2021 delivery later in the spring.

<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. Please note that responses to applications may take a few weeks due to current high demand. 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 by downloading the application form via <http://www.treeappeal.com/Schools.html> or alternatively

Tree Council is working with a number of organisations developing the details of the Tree Angel fund to plant an orchard with a school. If you're interested, all you need to do now is register your interest. The Tree Council will get in touch when applications are open. Register at: <http://www.bit.ly/1000orchards>

<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. To receive information about 21/22 'Branching Out', grants you can sign up to their e-bulletin - <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/grants-for-trees/>

Partner with Schools and support a local school work towards the Green Tree School Award

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/support-us/act/your-school/green-tree-schools-award/>

WEBSITES TO WATCH for free TREE SCHEMES and local areas where we have found PROJECTS ARE RUNNING TO PLANT TREES or have been run in the past which might give you NAMES of CONTACTS to follow up with.

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 Nov-March 20/21 will be listed together with hopefully useful contacts to find out about future schemes for 2021/22.

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 2021/22 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 2021 – March 2022 watch this space <https://octopus.energy/give-me-my-trees>

LOCAL AREA SCHEMES

Colchester 2020 scheme

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

South Cambridgeshire

<https://www.scamb.gov.uk/planning/natural-historic-and-built-environment/natural-environment/trees-hedgerows/tree-wardens/>

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/planning/treesandnatureconservation/>

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/>

Broxtowe

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

Birmingham

<https://btfl.org.uk>

Plant Trees for a Brilliant Future

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