



Department of Environment Food & Agriculture

Woodland Grant Scheme

The newly created Woodland Grant Scheme is to provide financial assistance towards the cost of planting and maintaining trees for the purpose of woodland creation, carbon sequestration, biodiversity and the improvement of ecosystems.

Type of Woodland Creation Under the Scheme

There are three grant support options under the scheme

Broadleaved Native Woodland

This option is to create a diverse species and structure broadleaved woodland. **No more than 75%** is permitted for a single species and **up to 20%** can be native woody shrubs. Where site exposure indicates that it would deliver benefits to aid broadleaf establishment **up to 10%** conifer is permitted.

Native Woodland

Trees native to the Isle of Man. (Can include 25% near native species.)

Native Low Density Woodland

Aim is to create native woodland pasture or scrub habitats utilising wide space planting with up to 20% native woody shrubs.

Grant Support

Support will include an initial payment and an annual maintenance payment for 5 years.

An applicant could be eligible for up to £4,880/ hectare of support

Eligible area between 0.2Ha (0.49 acre) and 10Ha (24.7 acres)



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Woodland type	Initial planting rate (£ / hectare)	Annual maintenance rate (£ / hectare) for 5 years	Total payment rate (£ / hectare)
Broadleaves	£2,400	£400	£4,400
Native Woodland	£2,880	£400	£4,880
Native Low Density Woodland	£560	£96	£1,040

Additional funding is available for operations and goods which may be required to ensure successful woodland establishment.

Eligibility

The Woodland Grant is available to:

- (a) An individual resident in the Island for tax purposes, a company registered and with a place of business on the Island, or a charity registered in the Island.
- (b) The owner of the land or have the owners written permission to plant and maintain trees.

The Woodland Grant will not be considered if:

- (a) The application is made within the same financial year that a grant under the Agricultural Development Scheme (ADS) for the woodlands is awarded for a woodlands project situated on land that is the subject of that application.
- (b) The application is for a woodlands project already carried out with the benefit of a woodlands grant or grant under any other previous scheme having the same purpose.
- (c) Any application that concerns the planting of trees as part of a planning condition Under section 10; an agreement under section 13; or an enforcement notice under section 26 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999.

Conditions of Woodlands Grant Scheme:

1. Any approval of a grant may be subject to such conditions that the Department deems appropriate.
2. The Department may specify:
 - (a) The date on which the woodlands project is to commence.
 - (b) The date or circumstances on which a payment is to commence of a woodlands grant, either in whole or part is to be paid.
 - (c) That the beneficiary has obtained all the necessary statutory consents for the woodland project (including but not limited to planning permission).
 - (d) A charge registered against the land that is subject of the woodlands grant.
 - (e) In the event of a charge being registered on the land a requirement for the novation of grant obligation to any successor in title.



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