



## Planting Application Form (non-farming)

A description of our usual process can be found overleaf.

**Applicant name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** – please describe area to be planted and, if possible, provide a map

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**Please indicate with an 'x':**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> stock proof area             | <input type="checkbox"/> windbreak        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cleared ground of vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> hedgerow         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> woodland                     | <input type="checkbox"/> other – describe |

We prioritise projects by woodland type, size and other factors such as accessibility.

**Would you be willing to donate towards the costs of this project?** Sapling with spiral and bamboo cane: £3/tree, sapling with tube and stake: £5/tree

yes       no

**Have you applied for a grant from DEFA towards this planting project?**

yes       no

**Would you consent to a company/schoolchildren planting the trees under our supervision?** Survival & growth rates might be lower but a funding contribution might be provided.

yes       no

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

The Isle of Man Woodland Trust (IOMWT) is a small local charity. We specialise in facilitating the planting of trees on the island by providing information, volunteers and organising logistics such as provision of tools, saplings and tree shelters.

**Number & size of trees:** Our preference is to plant woodlands but we occasionally plant shelter belts or hedges. We usually plant 250+ saplings (minimum 150) which are 40-60cm tall. Saplings are usually planted about 2.5 metres apart as they support each other through root systems, habitat transformation and diminishing wind impacts.

**Tree species & wildlife:** We plant a mix of predominantly native species and try to avoid areas that are already full of wildlife, i.e. wetlands and diversity-rich grasslands

**Site surveys** are usually undertaken from September until March. Suitability of tree species, the number of each species and the layout of the planting are assessed. Our site surveyor Steve Prescott, drawing on many years of experience, will be able to discuss possible tree layouts with the landowner to maximise benefits.

**Plantings days** take place from the start of October until the end of March. An indicative date is going to be given to you and we try to confirm a definite date a couple of weeks in advance. Planting days are usually on Sunday mornings between 10.30am and 1pm. Plantings with a company or school children are usually during the week. You would be very welcome to take part in the planting but there is no expectation of your participation.

**Costs:** If you are not a farmer, you could compensate us for the costs of the saplings including shelters and we plant them with volunteers, many whom are experienced regulars. The cost per sapling is £5 with a plastic tube and stake or £3 with a spiral and bamboo cane. The tube and stake version is our recommended option as it offers more support for the sapling, requires less maintenance and the tube can be re-used.

The Isle of Man Government's tree grant scheme for non-farming landowners can be accessed by contacting [forestry@gov.im](mailto:forestry@gov.im)

Alternatively, the IOMWT can provide the funding from the monies donated by companies if you allow the planting of saplings with inexperienced corporate volunteers or schoolchildren under oversight of two of our experienced planters. The trees would likely be planted to a slightly lower standard but the survival rate would still be high. Relatively flat sites for an easy planting experience or sites close to Douglas are welcomed for this option.

**Underground utility check:** Before contacting our site surveyor, please ascertain that the prospective planting area has no utilities underground. These might include water pipes, gas pipes and electricity cables. You can contact all utilities at once by emailing [dig@manx.net](mailto:dig@manx.net) with name, address, phone number and location of work including a map if possible.

**Planning** applications are required for projects over 0.5 hectares (5,000sqm) if they are afforested 'at or about the same time'. It is up to the landowner to make the application.

**Aftercare:** All sites that we planted on can apply for a free 'shelter removal session'. Tubes are usually taken off after about six years, spirals after four years. Depending on conditions, saplings may need other care in the first years. The IOMWT can provide you with some verbal guidance and you can find information on our website. The charity does not have the resources to look after every site it has ever planted but large planting sites (>1000 saplings) may get temporary assistance.