



‘Life’s Better With Trees’

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Agenda

- Woodland Trust – who we are and what we do
- The benefits of trees and woods
- Delivery of woodland creation
- Community ownership
- Neighbourhood planning





The Woodland Trust

Conservation charity formed 40 years ago in Devon

Now own over 1,000 sites across UK covering 20,000ha

Own four woods in Rutland covering 86 hectares

Approx 400,000 members & active supporters





Our Vision

A UK rich in native trees and woods, for people and wildlife



3 key aims



To enable the creation of more native woods and places rich in trees



To protect native woods, trees and their wildlife for the future



To inspire everyone to enjoy and value woods and trees





The unique range of benefits of trees, woods and forests

- Wildlife
- Health & wellbeing
- Climate change
- Water benefits
- Economy
- Sustainable communities



Health and wellbeing

"Access to green spaces is associated with better mental and physical health across socioeconomic groups."



"Defra will lead a national campaign to increase tree planting throughout England, particularly in areas where tree cover would help to improve residents' quality of life and reduce the negative effects of deprivation, including health inequalities."

White Paper - Healthy Lives, Healthy People; Dept of Health, Nov 2010



Evidence

- In Glasgow, 1,300 extra deaths each year in areas with poor green space provision
- People living far away from green spaces are 27% more likely to be overweight or obese
- Cost to economy of physical inactivity is £8.2 billion a year
- Trees enhance mood, improve self esteem and reduce blood pressure
- Environmental volunteering including tree planting is as effective as aerobics in improving fitness

Water benefits:

Water quality



Flooding





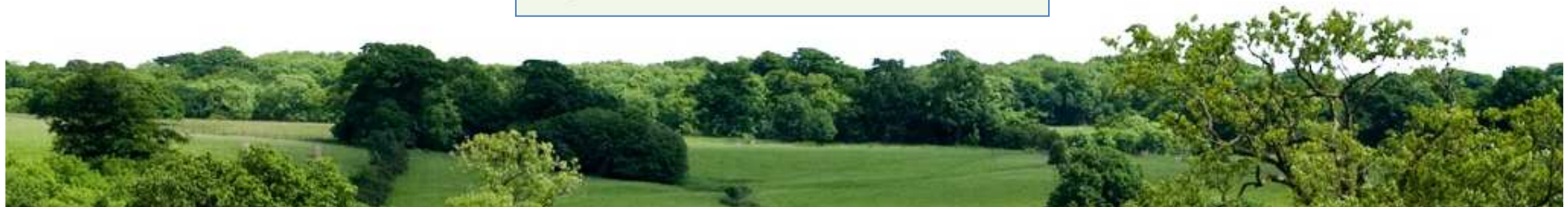
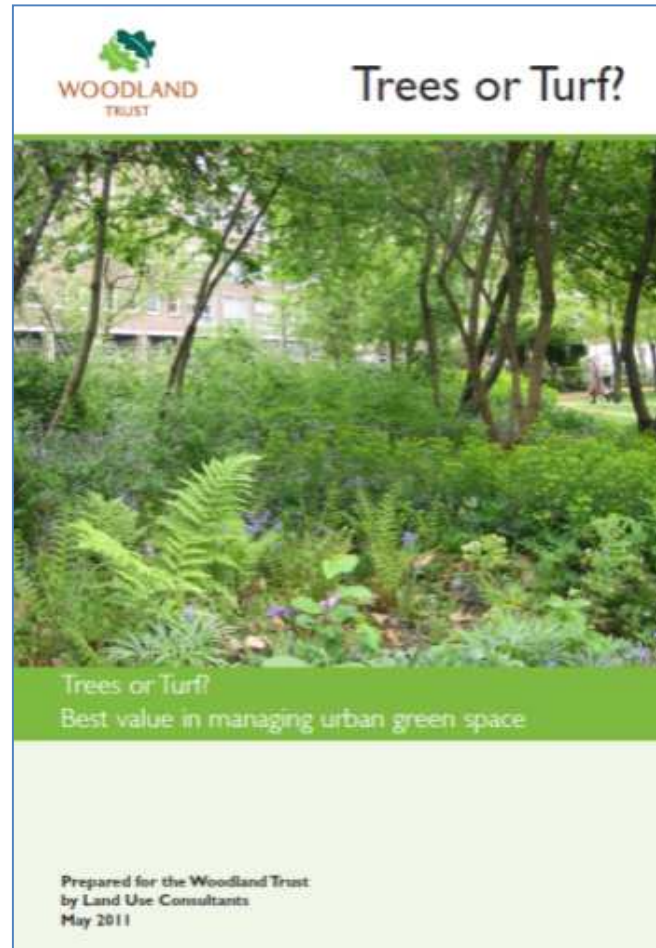
Sustainable communities

Woodland related activities encourage a sense of community and contribute to a sense of well being





Trees can help save money





- People need trees and woods near to their homes
- Woodland Trust “Access to Woodland Standard”
- Only 9% of people in Rutland have a small wood within walking distance of their homes



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Tree Planting Challenge

part of the JUBILEE WOODS project

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Free Tree Packs

Help us plant one million trees in just one month to mark the Queen's accession to the throne, by applying for one of 2,000 FREE tree packs to plant in 2012 - [Apply for yours today...>>](#)

Community Tree packs

Royal Jubilees are always a great excuse for a party. This Jubilee, you can celebrate and have fun with your community in a way that leaves a lasting legacy by planting a free pack of trees from the Woodland Trust.

Tree packs come in three sizes:



Small (60 saplings)

Perfect for creating a

What's in the packs?

Small packs come in a choice of two themes, either to plant as a hedge or copse, while medium and large packs have four themes to choose from: Wildlife, Year-round colour, Wood Fuel and Wild Harvest. Each pack contains a Royal Oak Sapling, grown from seeds gathered from Royal Estates, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Trees supplied are young saplings about 20-40cm high.



Small Copse

20 of each silver birch, rowan, wild cherry plus a royal oak sapling.



MOREwoods

What trees and woods do for you

Wildlife: Woodland is one of our richest habitats. Planting more woods and trees, particularly near to existing woods, woodland will help create more space for wildlife and support their conservation in the current climate.

Wood fuel and energy: Well-managed wood-brookwood crops can produce about 5 tonnes of air-dried wood per hectare per year, while other wood products can reduce heating costs by as much as 40 per cent.

Hard to work areas: Keep quality land in production and integrate trees by planting in field corners, or areas that are difficult to access or grow.

Weatherwise: Woodlands on farms offer protection for crops and help reduce water loss from soils and plants, particularly in dry years. They also help manage populations of pollinating insects, particularly where the woodland is managed into existing hedgerows.

Wetter and cooler: Trees planted for livestock welfare productivity by reducing heat stress in summer and cold factor in winter, helping maintain animal welfare conditions through season and climate change.

River Management and River Healing: Trees can assist in controlling flood peaks, draw silt and silt help to cooling streams and rivers through shade, improving habitats for fish and other wildlife.

Beach: Avoid the practice of growing your own trees from seed.



The Jubilee Woods Project

To celebrate the Queen's 2012 Diamond Jubilee, the Woodland Trust is helping landowners, communities, schools and businesses create together to plant a million trees in a lasting and meaningful way.

You can create a special Diamond Jubilee Wood that can last to give freedom to future generations.



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A simple scheme to help you create your own new woodland

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/MOREwoods

Want to know more?

The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading woodland conservation charity. We care for over 1,000 woods on our own estate and have helped create more than 1,000 new woods for people and wildlife.

We can help support our work by becoming a member. www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/membership

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Is nothing quite like creating new woodland; a growing asset provides habitat for wildlife and sets your land with a valuable source of wood fuel, natural materials and more.



To help people throughout England enjoy the benefits trees and woods bring, we created a simple scheme called MOREwoods.

Our expert team provides specialist, tailored advice, helping you access grant funding and support equipment and on-farm forestry.

Wood Trust has already helped hundreds of landowners in 18 areas over 100 hectares of new woodland schemes. If you are interested in making new wood part of your land contact us on 0800 203 1400.

12 years, from seed to an established woodland, supporting a productive landscape and creating new where you can value and enjoy it.

How does the scheme work?

MOREwoods is available to landowners in England who have a minimum of one hectare (2.5 acres) of land to plant. The scheme includes site visits and can complete a number of smaller sites.

We offer expert advice and guidance on creating new woodland on all aspects. We can only continue funding when applicants are willing to make a contribution to the costs. This can be through planting the trees yourself, making a financial contribution or by working with an arboriculture contractor.

All approved applicants will be visited by one of our expert advisers, who will check your land is suitable for planting and advise on species selection, protection and design. We take great care to select planting sites which have suitable characteristics such as open sites, drainage support will help where your new trees flourish and remain healthy.

To find out how we can help you plant trees, contact the team on 0800 203 1400 or morewoods@woodlandtrust.org.uk

How do we help landowners get planting to achieve the best results? Call 0800 203 1400 or email morewoods@woodlandtrust.org.uk



Lyn Fisk has planted 1,000 trees on her 100-acre woodland in Dorset. She has planted 1,000 trees and plants to create a new woodland in memory of her husband.

"The important thing is to get the trees in the ground and to have a plan to care for them. It is a beautiful place where all the trees are planted and they can see them as they grow." Lyn Fisk



Barry Clewley planted 1,000 young broadleaf trees as part of a grant plan to care for the site at his 100-acre farm near to Dorset.

"The idea is to manage our new wood sustainably to replace some of the trees in traditional sites to create a new woodland and produce our own supplies of biomass. Our land already supports a lot of wildlife and the new woodland will provide more for birds." Barry Clewley



Mike Maghull's farm in the North York Moors is engaged in the creation of new woodland. He planted trees to create shelterbelts and improve the productivity of his land.

"The plan is to create a new woodland to improve the productivity of my land and generate biomass to look up trees. The trees are planted under the Care (Conservation) grants, and we have had a small environmental impact." Mike Maghull



The First World War Centenary Woods project

All those who made sacrifices in the First World War did so in the hope of securing a brighter future for future generations.

In this 4-year centenary period, we can't think of a better way to give thanks for this than by doing the same - we're creating thousands of acres of life-giving native woodland, as a permanent legacy for the whole country.



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No-one else can give thanks quite like this. Our Centenary Wood project is a fitting national commemoration of the First World War, with HRH the Princess Royal as our Patron.

Above and beyond this, it's an important conservation project that will ensure the future of millions of trees and the flora and fauna they support.

By 2018, we will have:

- Created **four life-giving national woods** in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland & Wales
- Enabled people to **dedicate trees** in each wood, to everyone they wish to give thanks to
- Given thousands of **tree planting packs** to schools and local communities
- Enabled the **planting of 3 million trees**
- **Involved 1 million children**

It's the biggest, most ambitious planting project in our entire history - and we really need your help.





Community Woodlands Pilot

November 2015 – October 2017

Our ambition is to deliver support direct to communities, primarily but not exclusively in the north of England

We will:

- Provide start up grants of £500 for at least 40 communities
- Provide project support grants of £10,000 for at least 10 communities
- Employ a Community Woodland Officer to deliver direct support
- Run community training workshops as part of a knowledge share partnership
- Create an online map of grant funded projects





Common Wood, Buckinghamshire 13 Years Community Ownership



Neighbourhood Planning

- Forms part of the development plan
- Over 1000 in progress so far
- Approx 100 plans finalised

EN5: Trees

Development that damages or results in the loss of ancient trees or trees of good arboricultural and amenity value will not normally be permitted.

Proposals should be designed to retain ancient trees or trees of arboricultural and amenity value.

Proposals should be accompanied by a tree survey that establishes the health and longevity of any affected trees.





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Neighbourhood planning hub



Get the most out of your neighbourhood plan – put trees in it!

Imagine your world without trees. Imagine there were no trees in your neighbourhood. Imagine you can't protect your local wood.

Neighbourhood plans are one way to look after your woods and trees. The Localism Act introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape their community by coming together to prepare neighbourhood plans.

Neighbourhood plans have real status; they will carry the same legal weight as local plans prepared by Local Planning Authorities.

Your plan is your opportunity to shape your communities future; From the location of new homes and businesses to the protection and creation of new woodland and green spaces. Your neighbourhood plan will focus on the issues that are important to your local area. Each plan will be unique some will only consist of one or two policies focusing on a specific issue of local concern whilst others will be much larger, more like mini local plans with policies tackling a broad range of concerns.

 [Read more about our latest case study](#)



“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago

The second best time is now!”

Chinese proverb





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Thank you for listening

