



Planting Our Future

Free Trees for Landowners

Solihull MBC have committed to planting 250,000 trees by 2030 through local engagement with schools, residents, businesses, and community groups, to help combat the impacts of climate change.

Trees can bring huge benefits, helping to capture carbon, increase biodiversity, provide shelter, prevent soil erosion, reduce flooding and much more.

If you have a corner of a field to spare or an area where you would like to establish a small copse, or extend an existing woodland or hedgerow you can apply for free trees.

If you are interested in tree planting for the 2024/25 planting season, then we would love to hear from you, just fill out the expression of interest form via the QR code below, or on the [Planting our Future](#) webpage.

Applications close 30th June 2024.



Who can apply?

All landowners, farmers, and smallholders, including sports clubs and golf clubs in Solihull wishing to create hedgerows or small woodlands on their own land.

We will require assurances that the trees provided will be planted on land with the owner's permission, and that you will be willing to sign an agreement for the care of the trees until they are fully established.



Your planting site

It's important to think about the final size and spread of the trees and how you will use your site as the trees grow. Avoid planting under existing trees, as shade and lack of water will seriously restrict growth. Allow plenty of distance from existing hedges as they could swamp the growth of new trees, and you'll need access to the hedge for future maintenance. You should also ensure the trees will not interfere with underground or above ground services.

We recommend planting about 2 metres apart for woodland creation. If you're planting a single hedge, place trees 30cm apart, for a thick hedge, plant a double row of trees in a zig zag pattern and space your rows 50cm apart, with 40-45cm between each tree.

How to apply

Applications are welcome from anyone wishing to create hedgerows or small woodlands on their own land, within Solihull.

We review applications as they come in and aim to inform you if you have been successful within 4 weeks of submission, however this may be longer around the final deadline period. If you are successful, we will inform you by email.

Terms and conditions

- The trees should be planted on the applicant's own land.
- The scheme does not apply to private gardens or public land.
- Trees will not be supplied to meet the requirements of a planning condition of any kind.
- The trees must not form any part of another grant.
- We cannot support areas of planting within existing woodland.
- The trees must be planted and appropriately maintained by the applicant until they are fully established and subsequently allowed to grow on to maturity.

