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# Woodland Creation Grant: SW England Additional Contribution for Ancient Woodland Priority Areas

**Introduction** This leaflet provides guidance on how to apply for this regionally focused additional contribution (AC). It supplements the generic guidance on Woodland Creation Grant, which is available from the [EWGS website](#).

**Background** Following a mapping exercise undertaken to establish the distribution of ancient and native woodland clusters across the region, priority areas were identified around the strongest clusters.

The exercise looked not only at woodland distribution, but also surrounding land use. From this information habitat networks, through which woodland species could link and move, were mapped.

Prioritising work in accordance with priority areas and habitat networks promotes a landscape scale approach to woodland management and encourages the creation of robust, extensive habitat networks.

**Grant rate and funding availability** This AC will be paid at a flat rate of £1,000 per hectare, in addition to woodland creation grant and any other additional contributions should they be appropriate. This includes the priority location and public access ACs provided you meet the necessary criteria but not the South West Forest AC.

A maximum of 10% of the total Woodland Creation Grant fund will be allotted to this AC. Once this limit has been reached no further applications for this AC can be accepted.

If you are proposing to create any individual woodland areas over 10 hectares please discuss your proposals with your Woodland Officer.

**Eligibility** In order to be eligible for this additional contribution applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

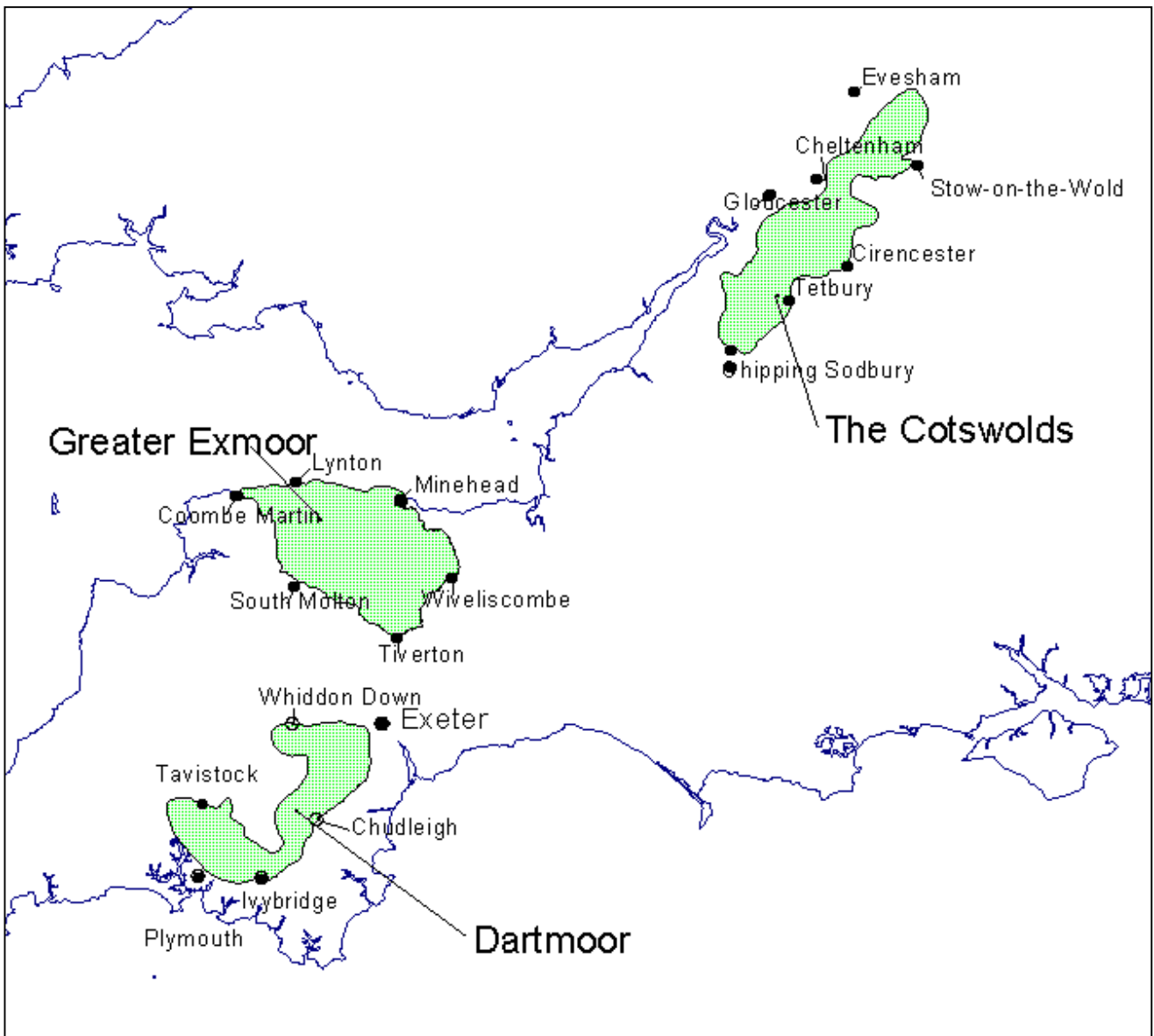
- The general criteria and conditions for Woodland Creation Grant (WCG) apply – refer to the [WCG Guidance](#) for further details
- The proposed woodland must lie within The Cotswolds, Dartmoor or Exmoor ancient woodland priority areas (see page 2 of this leaflet)
- The proposed woodland must be located within or contiguous with a

mapped habitat network (see page 3 of this leaflet)

- The woodland must meet the native woodland category requirements set out in the WCG guidance i.e. consist of native species suited to the site and planted at varied spacing in accordance with Bulletin 112

**Ancient Woodland Priority Areas**

The map below indicates where the ancient woodland priority areas offering this AC are located.

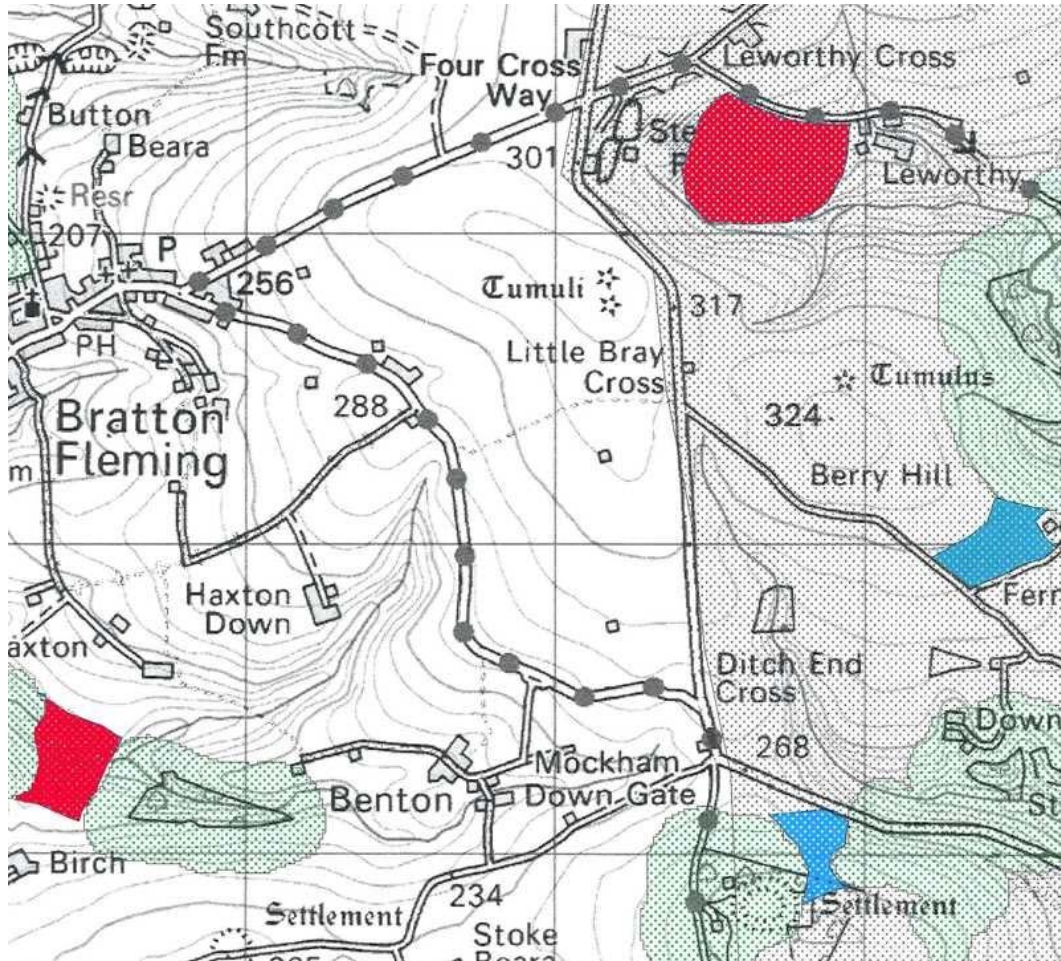


**Mapped Habitat Networks**

The map below indicates how habitat networks are mapped. For full details of the location of habitat networks within ancient woodland priority areas, please refer to our regional webpage, contact your local FC office or your local Woodland Officer.

The map below provides guidance on whether a proposed new woodland is eligible of the additional contribution or not:

- The two blue areas are eligible for the supplement – they are within the darker hatched Priority Area and contiguous with the green hatched habitat networks
- The red area at top right is not eligible – though it is in the Priority Area it is not within or contiguous with a habitat network. The red area bottom left is also ineligible as it is outside the Priority Area



**Further information** This guidance is supported by Forestry Commission South West England Region (01626 890666; [southwest.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:southwest.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk))

General details on the English Woodland Grant Scheme are available in a pack that can be obtained from your local FC office, or downloadable from the FC website [www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs).

Supplementary information on EWGS is also available in the EWGS document library on the FC website [www.forestry.gov.uk/england-documents](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/england-documents).

For general advice on EWGS you can contact either your local FC office or the EWGS helpline (01223 346004)

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