



# Countryside Stewardship

## Funding for woodlands

Countryside Stewardship is a Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) grant scheme. It will contribute around £900 million over six years to help land managers look after the environment.

Countryside Stewardship is open to farmers, foresters and land managers.

It is competitive and applications will be scored against local priority targets to maximise environmental benefit.

Woodland is one of the scheme's priorities and funding is available to:

- create new woodland
- support the preparation of management plans
- address tree health issues
- improve existing woodlands



Further information on Countryside Stewardship and funding for woodlands is available at [www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-woodland-support](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/countryside-stewardship-woodland-support).

Further information about other RDPE funding for the forestry sector is available at [www.forestry.gov.uk/other-rdpe](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/other-rdpe).

To find out more about the benefits of managed woodlands visit [www.forestry.gov.uk/makingwoodlandswork](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/makingwoodlandswork).

Natural England will handle all initial Countryside Stewardship enquiries. You can contact Natural England by telephone (0300 060 3900) or by email ([enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk)).

Once you have your initial information and if you have any queries, contact your local Woodland Officer: [www.forestry.gov.uk/england-areas](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/england-areas).

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A number of funding opportunities are available to help land managers protect, improve and expand their woodlands.

This diagram shows what funding is available and how to search for it online.

Start at the roots:

