



English Woodland Grant Scheme

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Woodland Creation Grant Round 2008

The latest application round closed at the end of September. In summary we received 379 applications for 2028 Hectares. All but one application has passed the scoring round, totalling 2027 Hectares. A regional breakdown of what we received and accepted is available on the EWGS website (www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs-wcg)

Regional teams are busy processing all of the successful applications and issuing contracts in time for planting this season.

Annual Payments

We have started to make our annual autumn payments for Woodland Management Grant and Farm Woodland grants (FWS, FWPS and FWP). The Rural Payments Agency has informed us that we can start making payments and we have carried out set aside deductions where appropriate. We will endeavour to make as many payments as possible in the coming weeks. Further details regarding annual payments, including reasons why there may be delays on individual claims and Farm Woodland Payment capping for non-farmers, is available via <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-713fxn>

Farm Woodland and Premium Scheme management

The management of Farm Woodland legacy schemes (Farm Woodland Scheme and Farm Woodland Premium Scheme) have been transferred to some regional offices. In summary, the following offices now handle agreements:

Mamhead office in South West - agreements in South West, North West and Yorkshire & Humber regions
Alice Holt office in South East - agreements in South East, London, East Midlands and North East
Worcester office in West Midlands - agreements in West Midlands and East England

More detailed contact information is available on the Farm Woodland webpage <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-6wfjsl> - see the link on the right hand side of the page. EWGS applications and contracts (including EWGS Farm Woodland Payments) continue to be handled by local offices and remain unchanged

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