

# Woodland Grant Programme

## Application Guidance



Please read the following notes before completing an application and contact Carol Douglas, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) Woodland Officer for an initial chat about your proposals on 015242 51002 or email [carol.douglas@ydmtd.org](mailto:carol.douglas@ydmtd.org)

### Project Applications

You are competing for limited funds so it is unlikely we'll be able to support all proposals. You will be informed of the outcome of your application at the end of September.

All proposals will be assessed against the following key eligibility criteria:

- Location – YDNP, Nidderdale AONB and other designated landscapes have priority
- Conservation, landscape and environment benefits
- Social benefits – e.g. access and community involvement
- Value for money – total cost of scheme and any match funding or landowner contribution
- Long term sustainability – future management.

✓ Projects/activities we can fund	✗ Projects/activities we can't fund
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creation of new native broadleaf woodland of any size - including wood pasture and scrub</li><li>• Other elements, such as planting non-native species or hedgerows, may be considered providing they meet the fund criteria and bring additional benefits to a project</li><li>• Stock fencing or other appropriate boundary work to protect the site and gates to allow woodland access</li><li>• Stiles if a public right of way runs through the site</li><li>• First year weeding costs (applicant will be required to pay for any weeding or other maintenance costs thereafter).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Felling costs</li><li>• Nurse crops</li><li>• Retrospective project costs (i.e. prior to project approval)</li><li>• Planting non-native trees or conifer species (although up to 20% may be acceptable depending on the scheme objectives)</li><li>• Repair or creation of access tracks, footpaths or other rights of way</li><li>• Tree health issues.</li></ul>

### Applicants must provide the following information to support a full application

- A specification for the work (including photos and site plan)
- A minimum of two quotes for all work
- The landowners consent if you do not own the land
- Any necessary consents or amendments e.g. agri-environment agreement, site designations approval e.g. SSSI.

### What else will you need to do if your application is successful?

- Provide evidence of community support for your project– e.g. a letter of support from your local Parish Council

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- Maintain and manage your woodland in the future. Guidance will be given on what is required during the initial 10 year establishment phase.
- Allow YDMT and/or contributing partners to use the woodland for fundraising and publicity purposes e.g. open days, press releases, photo opportunities, brochures, leaflets and other media (by prior arrangement)
- Allow appropriate signage or plaques to be displayed that recognise the contribution made to the project by supporters and partner organisations. YDMT will be responsible for the costs of manufacture and erection of these.
- You should also seek financial advice to ensure a grant award under this programme does not affect eligibility or compromise any potential funding offered by another organisation or funding programme e.g. Countryside Stewardship, HLS or other agri-environment agreement.

Grants are paid on successful completion of the work though it may be possible to make interim claims to help with cash flow.

**PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM (EITHER ELECTRONICALLY OR BY POST) ENSURING YOU INCLUDE A MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION, PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PROJECT SITE AND ANY OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS.**

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