

Woodland/Hedgerow Grant Programme

Project Proposal Form

Please read the notes on page 3 before answering the relevant questions.

If you have any questions or need advice, please contact the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) Woodland Officer on 015242 51002 or email chris.lodge@ydmtd.org.

1. Applicant Details

Is this a joint application? If yes, please ensure the details of both applicants are given below (with the primary contact detailed as contact 1).

	Contact 1	Contact 2
Name		
Daytime telephone number		
Email		
Business or organisation name		
Address (including postcode)		

2. Project Details

Please include estimated numbers of trees and length of hedgerow and any fencing required.

What is the name of your project?		
Type of Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Woodland	<input type="checkbox"/> Hedgerow
Please describe what you would like to do and whether the site is free of stock		

3. Site Details

Please attach a map showing the project location.

Grid reference	Location	Size of site (ha)
Please note that if you are a tenant we will ask for written permission from the landowner to carry out this project.		
Have you spoken to the landowner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> I own the land
Is the site stock proof? If not, please detail required work to ensure it is.		
What is the (approximate) number of trees required? *		
What is the (approximate) length of hedge required? (m) **		

* new woodland is usually planted at 1300 trees/ha or 650/acre (includes 20% open space)

** new hedgerow is usually planted at a density of 6/m with one field tree every 6m

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4. Designations and Permissions

Please list any designations or permissions that you think may apply to your project e.g. SSSI, SAM, Countryside Stewardship, felling licence, planning consent etc.

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5. Project Costs and Funding

You will not be tied to these amounts. If you need some assistance with this section, please contact the Woodland Officer.

What is the estimated total project cost?	£
Indicate any possible match funding – this can be cash or in-kind (labour or materials)	£
Have you spoken to any other advisor/organisation/funder about this project? If so please provide their name and organisation.	

6. Declaration

I/we declare to the best of my/our knowledge that the information given in this application form and any supporting material is correct. I/we confirm that are authorised to sign this agreement.

Contact 1

Contact 2

Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please return this completed form (either electronically or by post) with a map showing a plan of the project and any other supporting documents (such as photos)

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The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is a charity working with farmers, landowners and a range of organisations to help care for the natural, built and cultural heritage in the Yorkshire Dales and nearby areas. Since 1996 YDMT has helped to deliver thousands of projects to protect, conserve and enhance the people, landscape and wildlife of the area. Visit www.ydmt.org for more information.

We are currently seeking support to fund woodland and hedgerow creation projects. This project proposal form will help us in our work to source funding by showing that there is a need to help landowners deliver new projects.

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Projects must:

- Be for new planting of native broadleaf woodland, hedgerow or landscape Trees.
- Significantly conserve, enhance or add to the area's natural heritage.
- Be accessible to the general public or be clearly visible from a public right of way.
- Be supported by the local community.
- Unfortunately we cannot fund hedgerow projects that don't link to existing habitats.

You must:

- Be willing to sign a ten year maintenance agreement for your project.
- Be able to get the landowner to give their consent for the project if you do not own the land. You and/or the landowner will also have to allow access to the project site to enable monitoring and maintenance purposes for a minimum of ten years.
- Be able to provide evidence of community support for the project – usually a letter of support from the local parish council.
- Be willing to allow YDMT to use your woodland for fundraising or supporter events by arrangement.

You may be required to make a contribution to the project cost - this can be cash, labour, materials or volunteer time (this will be discussed in more detail with you if you are invited to submit a full application form)

Applicants are advised to seek financial advice to ensure a successful application under this grant programme does not affect eligibility or funding that may be available through any other organisation or funding programme.

What happens next?

This is the first step in applying for assistance from YDMT to provide funds for your project. You are competing for limited funds so it is unlikely we'll be able to support all proposals. All proposals will be assessed against key eligibility criteria and, if successful, you will be asked to submit a full application form.

Full application forms will be assessed against the following 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 the project and any match funding or landowner contribution.
- Long term sustainability – future management.

At full application stage a specification for the work will be required (we can help with this) and 2 quotes for the work must be provided. Once we have confirmed the costs, funding, necessary consents and evidence of community support, successful applicants will be offered a grant based on the lowest quote, providing it is reasonable.

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

Submission deadline: We are currently accepting proposals for planting in 2023-24 or later. If your project is eligible, we will get back to you to arrange a site visit or invite you to make a full application.