

WORKING LAND/WORKING TREES CAMPAIGN

Planting options for 2026/27

1. InTREEgration

The offer: Up to 200 trees per holding, from a programme-wide pool of 3,000 trees. These will be available for pick-up only from our Leven distribution site.

Best suited to: Working farms that want to integrate individual trees, replacing storm damaged and/or diseased trees, or small areas of planting in productive land without committing to a conventional woodland.

2. Small Woodland Creation (MOREWoods)

The offer: Native woodland planting of up to 5 hectares. While we encourage applications for all woodland types, we are particularly interested in planting alongside suitable watercourses this year.

Best suited to: Areas where planting could strengthen and improve habitat connectivity, support river and burn corridors, and contribute towards wider catchment resilience.

For larger woodland opportunities above 5 ha, we can support you to explore funding opportunities via the Forestry Grant Scheme.

3. Stepping-stones planting

The offer: Several small clusters of native trees, normally delivered as multiple 5×5 metre patches of around 35 trees each. Priority given to applications in the Regional Park.

Best suited to: Strategic gaps between existing woodland, hedgerows, scrub and other habitats where small, planted clusters can improve ecological connectivity.

Areas of light-to-moderate gorse, broom or other scrub can be converted to stepping stones. Existing scrub should not automatically be cleared: cut material may be used to create split or dead hedges around planting patches, helping to discourage deer access.

This project is made possible with funding from Scottish Government, Scottish Forestry and Woodland Trust Scotland.

4. Climate Forest Agroforestry Grant

The offer: Ten grants of up to £1,000 are available, supporting suitable areas of up to 0.25 hectares.

Best suited to: Land managers interested in combining trees with farming activity and testing small-scale agroforestry approaches including silvo-pasture, silvo-arable, and shelterbelts. A great option for introducing fruit and nut crop, and providing shade, shelter, and fodder for cattle.

Please contact us if you would like to discuss how you can subsidise your income with tree crops, and if you need support with planting designs that compliment your land management objectives.

5.MOREHedges

The offer: New hedges of up to 250 metres per holding, planted to the Woodland Trust two-row specification and supplied with canes and guards.

Best suited to: Farms and holdings where a new hedge can connect, extend or strengthen existing woodland, hedgerows and other habitats.

This offer is intended to complement, rather than duplicate, existing AECS support.

6. Fencing support

The offer: Stock or deer fencing may be considered where it is genuinely required to enable successful establishment.

Best suited to: Priority will be given to holdings taking up more than one planting option (any two of the above) where livestock or deer pressure would otherwise threaten establishment.

Fencing is not available as a standalone offer and will be prioritised according to need and on a first come first served basis.

Next steps

Not sure which option is right for your land? Get in touch. We can talk through the opportunities, consider how different options might work together and arrange an initial site-suitability discussion.
Email: treesonfarms@fifecountryside.co.uk

To apply for this year's planting options, or simply to register your interest and request advice, please fill in our application form, accessible at https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/c4T4apJHXB or scan the QR code.

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