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Receive more than £10,000/ha
(in some instances)

Woodlands for Water

Woodlands for Water (WfW) aims to create 3,150 hectares of trees in six river catchments across the UK by March 2025 to improve water quality and biodiversity, and increase flood and drought resilience.

To support the creation of these woodlands, funding is available through the 'England Woodland Creation Offer' (EWCO) grant, which provides greater financial incentives for tree planting and management, including along rivers and watercourses.

Norfolk Rivers Trust has a dedicated advisor who is able to provide free site visits, advice and support to landowners applying to the EWCO.

What is the EWCO offer?

- Available to landowners, land managers and public bodies for creating new woodland, including through natural colonisation.
- Areas can be as small as 1ha (with blocks of 0.1ha or more).
- Stackable funding options (such as private finance through carbon and timber).

How does it work?

- £8,500/ha (max.) for capital costs.
- £300/ha in annual maintenance payments for 10 years and support for the costs of installing infrastructure to manage your woodland.
- £8,000/ha (max.) one-off payment for 'Additional Contributions' in recognition of the value you're bringing to the environment and local community.

If your proposal will be 5ha or more, you can also apply for a 'Woodland Creation Planning Grant' prior to EWCO, which will contribute towards the costs of designing your new woodland.

Applications are open all year round.

Contact Cassie, NRT's Trees & Meadows Advisor, for more information or to book a free site visit
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