

Biodiversity and Landscape Grant



Guidance Notes

The Biodiversity and Landscape Grant has two main aims:-

- To conserve and enhance the biodiversity of South Gloucestershire
- To conserve and enhance the landscape character of South Gloucestershire

► Who can apply?

Landowners, farmers and parish councils.

► What grants are available?

Grant aid is available up to 50% of project costs, up to a maximum grant of £500 for the creation, restoration and management of a range of habitats and landscape features. Eligible projects include:

- Pond creation or renovation
- Creation and restoration of ditches and other wetlands
- Native tree and shrub planting
- Creating new native mixed-species hedgerows
- Restoration of dry stone walls within public view
- Hedge laying and hedgerow management
- Pollarding
- Grassland restoration and management
- Management of traditional orchards
- Traditional woodland management including coppicing
- Works that help arrest and reverse the decline of priority habitats and species as set out in the South Gloucestershire Biodiversity Action Plan. (A copy is available on the Council's website at www.southglos.gov.uk/biodiversity)

► Conditions of grant

The proposed work must be within the administrative area of South Gloucestershire Council

Works must enhance the landscape character and/or biodiversity of South Gloucestershire

Works should not result in the loss of existing semi-natural habitats

Where applications involve tree and shrub planting grant aid will only be available for native tree and shrub species included in the list at the end of these guidance notes

Three independent quotations should be submitted with your application. These must be fully itemised – single lump sum figures are not acceptable. Please note that you must ensure this documentation covers all your anticipated costs. Once a grant is offered additional costs cannot be considered.

The grant offer must be accepted in writing by the applicant before works are undertaken. The offer only remains current for three months

Works should be undertaken within one year of the date of the grant offer

Applicant must protect, maintain and replace trees (if necessary) and allow for inspection, for three years after planting

Maximum area of tree planting per site 0.25 hectares (0.6 acres). Applicants should apply to the Forestry Commission for grant support for tree planting areas over this size

Only one successful grant application can be made per financial year

Where more than one grant application is submitted within a period of three financial years, the applicant should submit a habitat management plan or landscape strategy for all land in his/her ownership

Grants cannot be matched with other Government funded grant schemes

Grants are not available for undertaking work for commercial profit or to satisfy a condition of any planning consent. Schemes on land proposed for development in local planning policies or that are subject of a planning application will not be eligible for grant aid

The site must not be located in a private garden

Reasonable access to the site must be permitted to Officers of South Gloucestershire Council for a period of up to three years from the date of the grant being paid for the purpose of monitoring the biodiversity or landscape enhancement

Appropriate projects may be used to publicise the scheme in press releases or exhibitions

Grants will be paid on satisfactory completion of the work and submission of a receipted invoice.

Further information can be found on the Council website www.southglos.gov.uk/environmentalgrants

This information can be made available in other languages, in large print, Braille or on audio tape. Please phone 01454 868004 if you need any of these or any other help to access Council Services.

South Gloucestershire Trees & Shrubs



	Approx final height	Planting guide
Alder (Common)	25m	ABE
Alder Buckthorn	4.5m	ABCE
Almond Willow <i>S. triandra</i>	6m	BE
Ash (Common)	35m	ABEFH
Aspen	18m	ABCEF
Beech (Common)	40m	ACDE
Black Poplar (L)	30m	ABCEH
Blackthorn or Sloe	6m	ACD
Box (L)	10m	AD
Common Osier <i>S. viminalis</i>	9m	BE
Crab Apple	10m	ABD
Crack Willow <i>S. fragilis</i>	27m	BEF
Dogwood	4m	AB
Downey or White Birch	22m	CEF
Eared Willow <i>S. aurita</i>	3m	BCE
Elder	6m	AB
Field Maple	25m	ABG
Goat Willow/Sallow <i>S. Caprea</i>	18m	BE
Grey Poplar	30m	ABF
Grey Willow <i>S. Cinerea</i>	3m	BEF
Guelder Rose	3.5m	BE
Hawthorn Cr. <i>Monogyna</i>	15m	ACDF
Hazel	5m-8m	ABG
Holly	3m-20m	ACDFH
Juniper (L)	5m	ACDFG
Lime, small Leaved (L)	38m	AB
Mountain Ash or Rowan	15m	CF
Oak - pedunculate	36m	BF
Oak - sessile (L)	40m	DF
Purging Buckthorn	3m	AD
Purple Willow <i>S. pururea</i>	3m	BE
Silver Birch	18m-26m	CDF
Spindle	4m-8m	AB
Wayfaring Tree	6m	AB
White Willow <i>S. alba</i>	25m	BE
Whitebeam <i>Sorbus aria</i> (L)	19m	ABDF
Wild Cherry or Gean	25m	ABH
Wild privet	2m-3m	AB
Wild Service Tree (L)	25m	ABG
Wych Elm	24m-37m	ACEF
Yew (L)	28m	ADG

Codes for Planting Guide

A Limestone (alkaline) soils
 B Heavy clay soils
 C Acidic soils
 D Freely draining soils
 E Reliable water supply
 F Exposed sites
 G Withstands shade
 H Suitable for urban location

S Salix
 Cr Crataegus
 (L) Stock derived from local sources (10 miles)

Note: Other species may be suitable for some sites.

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Application Form

Annual awards of up to £500 for landowners, farmers and parish councils working to improve the local environment

► Completing the application form

Please ensure you have read the guidance notes before completing the form. Please submit the completed form and supporting information to: -

Sustainability, Heritage and Environmental Projects Team
South Gloucestershire Council
PO Box 2081
South Gloucestershire
BS35 9BP

Tel 01454 863725/863581
Fax 01454 864473

If you prefer you can request an electronic copy of this application form in Word format. This can be emailed with scanned copies of supporting information to naturalenvironment@southglos.gov.uk

If you would like assistance in completing the application form please contact our grants officer on 01454 863725 or 01454 863581.

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1. APPLICANTS DETAILS

Applicants Name:.....

Address:.....

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Daytime telephone number:.....

Mobile:.....

Email:.....

2. ADDRESS/LOCATION OF SITE

Address:.....

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Postcode:

Grid reference:.....

The application should be accompanied by a plan showing the location of the site.

3. DESCRIPTION OF WORKS/PROJECT

The application should be accompanied by a plan of the site showing details of the works to be carried out including the position, species, number and size of trees to be planted, length of hedgerow to be laid, length of dry stone wall to be restored etc. (Please contact us if you would like a plan supplied).

Please describe the works that you are proposing:

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Please describe how your project will conserve or enhance biodiversity and/or landscape character:

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4 SITE OWNERSHIP

(i) Do you own the site? YES / NO

If no please give name and address of the owner:

Name:

Address:

Daytime telephone Number:

Email:

(ii) If you do not own the site has the permission of the owner been obtained for the proposed works? YES / NO

5. STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS' SERVICES AND STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

(i) Will the planting and/or other works be close to any of the following? If so, please show locations on plan. (You may need to contact the relevant organisation directly)

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| Gas Pipelines | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Underground & Overhead Electricity Cables | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Water Supply Pipelines | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sewage Disposal Pipes | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Underground and Overhead Communication Cables | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tree Preservation Orders | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ancient Monument | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Site of Special Scientific Interest | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Public Right of Way | YES <input type="checkbox"/> / NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

6. SITE ON OR ADJACENT TO A HIGHWAY

If the site is on a Highway and/or immediately adjacent to a Highway it is necessary for you to ensure that the South Gloucestershire Streetcare Department has no objection to the Proposal.

Tel for inquiries 01454 868000

If affected, Highways Department's Permission Obtained YES / NO

7. ARE YOU V.A.T. REGISTERED? YES / NO

8. CHECK LIST

I enclose at three independent written itemised quotes / estimates or tenders for the work proposed YES / NO

Location plan YES / NO

Site plan indicating the layout and details of proposed works YES / NO

Have you applied for grant aid for these works from other sources? YES / NO

9. APPLICATION CONFIRMATION

I/We confirm that I/we have read and agree to abide by the conditions attached to an offer of grant aid. I also declare that to the best of my knowledge all statements I have made on this application form are correct.

Signed:.....

Date:.....

This authority is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

Personal data supplied will be held in confidence under the terms of the Data Protection Act.

Disclaimer

South Gloucestershire Council reserves the right to vary the terms of its grants.

OFFICE USE

Date received:.....