

Can you see the wood **from the trees?**

£6000-£8000 per hectare funding for landowners to create woodland.



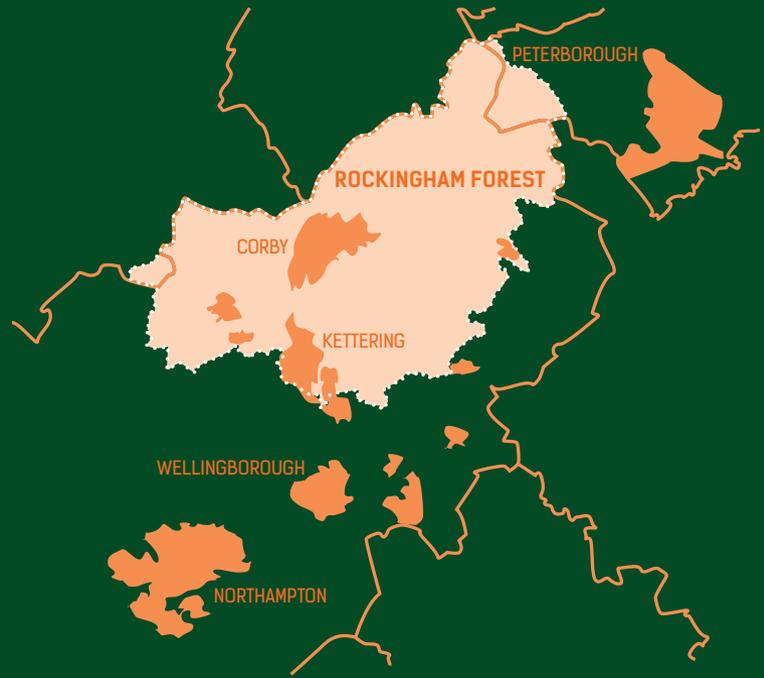
Forests for Life
Rockingham

What is the Forests for Life, Rockingham Forest Area?

The Rockingham Forest was originally established as a Royal hunting forest by William the Conqueror in the 11th century and initially covered much of Northamptonshire. However, pressure from agriculture and development resulted in much of the ancient forest being felled, leading to widespread habitat destruction and fragmentation. This had a disastrous impact upon a variety of species including butterflies, such as the now extinct Chequered Skipper butterfly, as well as birds and mammals.

To address the issue of woodland fragmentation across Northamptonshire, the River Nene Regional Park (RNRP) in partnership with the Woodland Trust and Groundwork Northamptonshire has funding for landowners to create woodland where it meets the following priorities:

- Protects and enhances existing ancient woodland through linkages and buffering.
- Buffers or increases the size of existing ancient woodland.
- Reinstates woodland on previously wooded sites, particularly former ancient woodland sites.
- Addresses fragmentation by creating connections between existing woodland.



Courtesy of Wildlife Trust

How can you get involved?

If you have land in the Forests for Life, Rockingham Forest Area and are interested in planting trees on it then we would like to speak to you!

We can support you from start to finish providing you with:

- Expert advice on planning and designing your woodland delivered onsite.
- Financial support with grants of between **£6000–£8000 per hectare** to help with purchasing, planting and initial maintenance of trees.
[Note: grant amounts will be based on the extent to which a site meets the criteria listed above]
- We can organise and oversee community planting projects for your site.

What criteria do you need to meet?

- Your site must fall within the Forests for Life, Rockingham Forest Area.
- Your site must be suitable for planting trees. You should not plant on wetlands, chalk grassland, grassland that has never been ploughed or heathland. We can help you check this if you're unsure.
- Ideally we want to select sites that either increase the connectivity of the remaining blocks of ancient woodland in the Rockingham Forest, or buffer them from existing agricultural or development activity. As a result sites will be prioritised for planting once applications have been received.
- An intended minimum planting density of 1,200 trees per hectare.
- We can only support the planting of native tree species.

How do you submit an expression of interest?

1. You can submit an expression of interest in this project by email, or simply call one of our expert advisers: it's an informal, no-commitment conversation where we talk about your planting plans. To get in touch please contact either:
Stuart Holm: 0845 2935781 or 07769 956536.
Laura Francis: 01604 367433 or 07545927505.
2. If you want to proceed, we'll need a basic map of the area you're looking to plant so we can check whether it's suitable for tree planting.
3. If everything is fine, we will arrange a site visit with you during which we will discuss your ideas before recommending an appropriate planting design and species mix.
4. If you're happy, we then finalise the details of your project and arrange the delivery of your trees and guards during the planting season (November to March).
5. When the time comes, you can plant your trees with family and friends, or we can arrange a professional contractor to carry out the work. We can also organise planting with community groups.
6. We are here to provide any advice you need on how to care for your new wood.



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