

### **Woods and trees are quite simply essential to life.**

They stabilise the soil, generate oxygen, counter pollution, store carbon and provide us with raw materials and shelter. They fire our imaginations and creativity, inspire volunteering and are a great place for relaxation, recreation and outdoor play.

The UK is one of the least wooded places in Europe with only 12 per cent woodland cover, of which less than half is native. With our natural world under threat the Trust wants to see a doubling of native woodland cover.

With over 30 years experience of creating woodland we can work with partners at every stage. We have a successful record with private landowners, local authorities and other organisations, creating new woodland to benefit generation after generation.

In 2008 we launched **MOREwoods**. Working with individuals, businesses and organisations to create woods on their land we provided free advice, as well as trees. This pilot scheme saw 86 hectares of new woodland planted across 56 sites. It's a fantastic start but we have the opportunity, with your help, to achieve even more.

### **New woods and trees offer increasingly critical benefits for:**

- Community involvement
- Education
- Flood prevention
- Health and exercise
- Stress and anxiety reduction
- Urban cooling
- Volunteering
- Water quality and countering pollution
- Wildlife and nature



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### **Want to know more?**

The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading woodland conservation charity. If you would like to know more about us please phone us on **01476 581111**, email us at **morewoods@woodlandtrust.org.uk** or visit our website at **woodlandtrust.org.uk**

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# **MOREwoods**



**Are you committed to improving  
the quality of life in your area?**

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Bare land

Four years after planting

Beautiful in just 12 years

## Woodland plays a key role in green infrastructure – good for people and nature, in both urban and rural areas.

Woods and trees benefit health and wellbeing, combat obesity through exercise, encourage volunteering, contribute to community pride and provide a haven for wildlife.

The Woodland Trust has ambitious targets on tree planting across the UK, but to make those aims a reality, we are seeking a range of partners to work with us – creating new woods and a greener future.

### Interested in the transformation woodland offers?

Why not follow the example of **Essex County Council**, whose Essex Works programme, prompted by a vote from residents, pledged to plant 250,000 trees to enhance ecology and improve quality of life.

Working with the Woodland Trust and a range of partners including district and parish councils, 421,000 trees were planted in 2008/09 – far exceeding the original target and helping attract additional funding. It led to a renaissance in community volunteering with 50,000 people helping plant trees whilst contributing to the county Biodiversity Action Plan.

As part of Essex Works, the Trust created 13 hectares of woodland with private landowners and continues to work with the authority on its 'Living Landscapes Scheme' to plant more trees and increase biodiversity.

We can promote, advise, manage and deliver a similar scheme for you, creating vital areas of new woodland for your community.



### Make your pledge for more trees

If, like Essex County Council, you are committed to improving the quality of life for local people, enhancing green space and providing habitat for wildlife or have some land which would benefit from being transformed into new woodland (with the added benefits of community involvement) then we would be delighted to hear from you.

Costs vary depending on location and requirements but are in the region of **£2 to £5 per tree**. All we need is your commitment.

With your support we can work with landowners in your area to plant trees, create new woodland and enhance your areas ecology.

**Interested?** Contact our **MOREwoods** team on 08452 935 689 or email: [morewoods@woodlandtrust.org.uk](mailto:morewoods@woodlandtrust.org.uk)

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