

TREES FOR YOUR FARM

Help available to support sustainable food production through thoughtful farm tree planting.

The Woodland Trust is offering free expert support to farmers interested in increasing tree cover on their farms.

This includes help to plant shelter belts, riparian strips, pasture trees, woodland or to develop agroforestry schemes.

Complementing your existing farming system

By joining forces with the PUR project, and supported by the Soil Association and the Organic Research Centre, we are offering farmers:

- a free whole farm tree planting assessment
- design of planting scheme(s)
- advice on tree planting and maintenance
- supply of trees and guards (farmer contributions will be decided on an individual basis)

In return, we ask that you plant and maintain the trees and allow us to monitor the effects on your farm for an agreed period of time. The results will help us develop more UK-based evidence.

Don't miss out – get in touch

This is a partnership project so we're looking for farmers willing to plant in autumn 2013/spring 2014.



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Silvopastoral system © Paul Burgess



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How trees can benefit your business

2012 was a difficult year, with farmers facing both droughts and floods. Climate change models predict that extreme weather events are likely to become more frequent so finding ways to mitigate the effects is increasingly urgent.

Research shows that planting trees in the right places can help farms become more resilient. From simple hedgerow plantings to fully integrated agroforestry systems, planting trees can lead to higher productivity and/or savings compared to conventional systems. Benefits include:

- **agroforestry** – interaction between trees and crops/pasture can boost productivity.
- **soil management** – protecting soils from wind and water erosion.
- **microclimate modification** – helping improve crop water efficiency.
- **natural fencing** – supporting stock management.
- **carbon sequestration** – plus a sustainable source of firewood.
- **water management** – helping reduce flood risk and trapping pollutants.
- **natural shelter** – protecting livestock in both summer and winter.
- **pollination** – trees attract wildlife and vital pollinators.



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