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Small Grants – Woodland Creation  
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**Using RPW Online to Apply**

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# Small Grants Woodland Creation – Expression of Interest

## Using RPW Online to Apply

### Important Notice:

These instructions will give you step-by-step guidance on how to complete your Small Grants Woodland Creation Expression of Interest (Eoi).

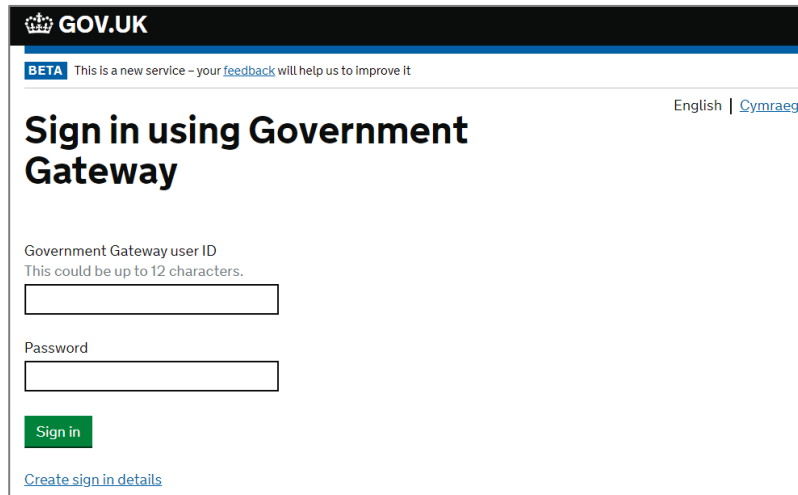
The Welsh Government produces this Guide in Welsh and English as required under the Welsh Government Welsh Language Scheme. Should you require a copy of this guide in the alternative language, you can access it from [gov.wales](http://gov.wales) by selecting the language switcher at the top of the page and re-opening the document.

If you are encountering problems or are unable to access our website, please contact the RPW Online Helpdesk on 0300 062 5004.

## SECTION 1 – GETTING STARTED

### RPW Online

Log into your RPW Online Account - enter your User ID and Password in the boxes and click the **Log In** button.



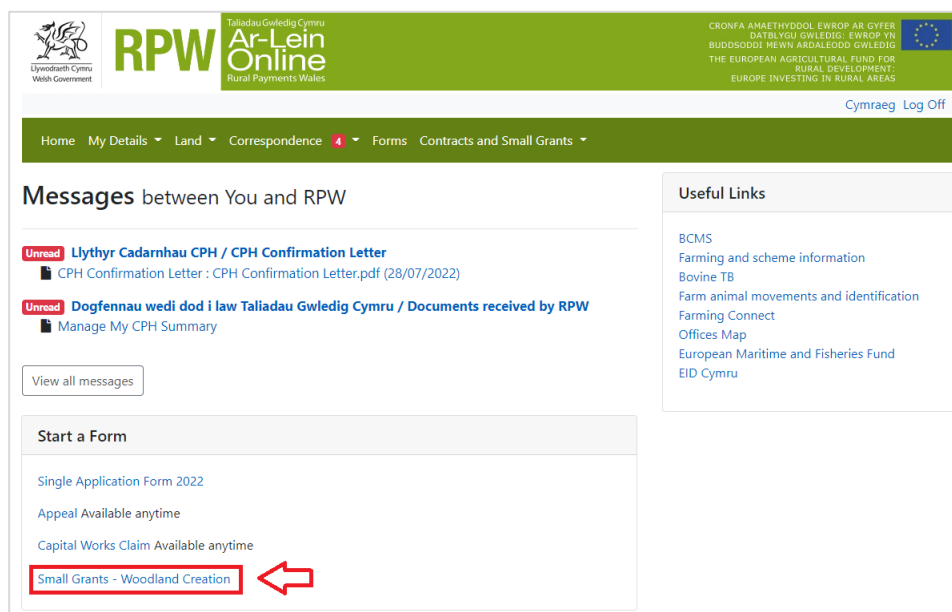
The screenshot shows the Government Gateway sign-in page. At the top left is the GOV.UK logo. Below it, a 'BETA' banner states 'This is a new service – your feedback will help us to improve it'. On the right, there are language options for 'English' and 'Cymraeg'. The main heading is 'Sign in using Government Gateway'. Below this, there are two input fields: 'Government Gateway user ID' (with a note 'This could be up to 12 characters.') and 'Password'. A green 'Sign in' button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom left, there is a link for 'Create sign in details'.

If you are encountering problems or are unable to access your online account, please contact the RPW Online Helpdesk on 0300 062 5004.

Once logged in to your online account the RPW Online Home page will appear. This page will show information and messages you have received or sent, as well as being able to start and submit any available Applications.

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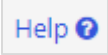

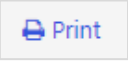

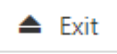

To start your Small Grants Woodland Creation EoI, click the appropriate link under the **Start a Form** area as shown:



The screenshot shows the RPW Online user dashboard. At the top, there is a header with the RPW logo, the text 'Taliadau Gwledig Cymru Ar-Lein Online Rural Payments Wales', and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development logo. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'My Details', 'Land', 'Correspondence' (with a notification icon), 'Forms', and 'Contracts and Small Grants'. The main content area is titled 'Messages between You and RPW' and lists two unread messages: 'Llythyr Cadarnhau CPH / CPH Confirmation Letter' and 'Dogfennau wedi dod i law Taliadau Gwledig Cymru / Documents received by RPW'. Below the messages is a 'View all messages' button. The 'Start a Form' section is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow pointing to the 'Small Grants - Woodland Creation' link. To the right, there is a 'Useful Links' section with links for 'BCMS', 'Farming and scheme information', 'Bovine TB', 'Farm animal movements and identification', 'Farming Connect', 'Offices Map', 'European Maritime and Fisheries Fund', and 'EID Cymru'.

## SECTION 2 – OVERVIEW OF NAVIGATION CONTROLS

This is an overview of the Navigation controls on each page that you will need to use to complete your Application:

	<p>Located on the bottom left side of the page where applicable. This will allow you to choose the language your Application is displayed in.</p>
	<p>Located at the top left of each page where applicable. This button will take you to the <i>Using RPW Online to Apply</i> document for the scheme.</p>
	<p>Located at the top right and bottom right of each page where applicable, these buttons will allow you to move forwards and backwards between pages of your Application.</p>
	<p>Located at the bottom left of each page where applicable, this button will allow you to Print a snapshot of your Application in its current state. <b>Important note:</b> Printed copies of your Application will not be accepted for submission.</p>
	<p>Located at the top right and bottom right of each page where applicable, click this button to save any changes made. Clicking this button will also check to see if changes made to the current page are acceptable.</p>
	<p>Located at the bottom left of each page where applicable, click to exit your Application. Changes are saved automatically.</p>
	<p>These indicators appear next to each section of your Application, on the left side of the page.</p> <p>The green tick appears when entries made in a section are acceptable.</p> <p>The red cross appears where a required section/page hasn't been viewed yet, or if there are errors that need to be corrected.</p> <p>The blue Information icon appears where an Information message has been triggered due to a change made on the form.</p>

## SECTION 3 – THE APPLICATION

### Start Application Page

Once you have selected the appropriate link to start your Expression of Interest, you will see the following page.

**Start Application** start an application or claim

You have asked to complete the following application online: **Small Grants - Woodland Creation**.

RPW Online will prompt you for the information required by the form. By starting this application online you are not committing to submitting it online; you may Exit the process at any time. If you Exit the application, you can come back later to complete the remainder, RPW Online will have saved the information you entered in your previous session.

The application will not be submitted to the Welsh Government until you click the 'Submit' option at the end of the process. Once you have submitted the application you will not be able to make changes to it using RPW Online.

The application must be submitted to Welsh Government by You will not be able to submit the form after this date even if you started filling in the form on or before

If you have any problems completing your **Small Grants - Woodland Creation** then you can also contact '[Customer Contact Centre](#)' for further guidance.

Please check that the Customer Details and Online Preferences shown below are correct before submitting your application. If incorrect, you can change them now by clicking the Customer Details or Online Preferences links below.

<a href="#">Customer Details</a>	<a href="#">Online Preferences</a>
Trading Title	Email or SMS (Text) Preference
Address	Email Address
Postcode	Mobile Number
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Number of Partners	

[Start](#) [Cancel](#)

Before commencing please check that the details shown are correct. If needed, you can make changes by clicking the **Customer Details** link or the **Online Preferences** link.

If the details shown are correct, select the **Start** button. This will take you to the Introduction screen.

Note: If you exit an in progress Application, the changes will be saved to continue later. This page will change to **Continue Application** when revisited. There will be an additional option to restart your Application if necessary – click **Start Again** to delete your current Application. You may then begin the submission process again.

**Continue Application** continue an application or claim

You have asked to complete the following application online: **Small Grants - Woodland Creation**. You already have an application in progress. Please click 'Continue' to continue with your **Small Grants - Woodland Creation**.

You may choose to remove your existing **Small Grants - Woodland Creation** and start again. This will undo all of the changes that you have made since starting your **Small Grants - Woodland Creation** and the new **Small Grants - Woodland Creation** will be populated with the latest available data. If you wish to do so, click [Start Again](#).

RPW Online will prompt you for the information required by the form. By starting this application online you are not committing to submitting it online; you may Exit the process at any time. If you Exit the application, you can come back later to complete the remainder, RPW Online will have saved the information you entered in your previous session.

## Introduction

This page provides key messages about the Application. Please ensure you read them thoroughly before you begin.

It also provides links to the relevant **Rules Booklet** and **How to Complete Guidance** on the Welsh Government website.

The screenshot shows the 'Introduction' page of the 'Small Grants - Woodland Creation' application. The page title is 'Introduction' and the breadcrumb is 'Small Grants - Woodland Creation'. The main content area is titled 'Small Grants - Woodland Creation' and includes a Welsh Government logo. The text reads: 'Please note the following key messages before progressing with your Application. Small Grants - Woodland Creation is a simple scheme aimed at farmers and other land managers to encourage planting of small areas of woodland on land which is agriculturally improved or low environmental value. Funding is available for tree planting and in field corners or small fields for stock shelter, biodiversity planting and fences, 12 years of payments for maintenance. Under this scheme, the application process ensures proper requirements without needing to send a woodland plan 1.99ha. This scheme only covers planting on the low sensitivity area shown on the Woodland Opportunities Map (WOM). This excludes high value habitats as well as land above the upper limit of enclosure and common land due to potential landscape impact and other complexities. If the land you want to plant is not shown on the low sensitivity area, or if you believe any information on the WOM is incorrect, you will need to apply to the Woodland Creation Planning Scheme (WCPS) for support from a Registered Woodland Planner to develop a Woodland Creation Plan. Before completing this application please read the [Small Grants - Woodland Creation Guidance](#). For help in filling in your application please see the [How to Complete instructions](#). If you have any problems completing your application, you should contact the Customer Contact Centre using your RPW Online account or by telephone on 0300 062 5004.

Two callout boxes are present: one pointing to the 'Small Grants - Woodland Creation Guidance' link with the text 'Before completing this Application, please ensure you have read the associated Rules Booklet accessible by clicking this Link.' and another pointing to the 'How to Complete instructions' link with the text 'Link to the How to Complete Instructions (this document)'. The page also features a navigation bar with 'Previous', 'Save', and 'Next' buttons, and a sidebar with a menu including 'Introduction', 'Privacy Notice', 'Eligibility', 'Contract Conditions', 'Woodland Planting', and 'Submission'.

Once you have read and understood the Rules Booklet and Key Messages click **Next** to advance to the next screen of the Application.

# Privacy Notice

This screen details how the Welsh Government will handle information submitted as part of your Expression of Interest.


Please ensure you read and understand how your data will be used.

Small Grants - Woodland Creation	Privacy Notice	<a href="#">← Previous</a> <a href="#">Save</a> <a href="#">Next &gt;</a>
<p data-bbox="181 443 379 461"> <a href="#">Help</a></p> <p data-bbox="181 474 379 492"> Introduction</p> <p data-bbox="181 506 379 524"> <b>Privacy Notice</b></p> <p data-bbox="181 537 379 555"> Eligibility <span style="color: red;">✘</span></p> <p data-bbox="181 568 379 586"> Contract Conditions <span style="color: red;">✘</span></p> <p data-bbox="181 600 379 618"> Woodland Planting <span style="color: red;">✘</span></p> <p data-bbox="181 631 379 649"> &gt; Submission</p> <p data-bbox="181 1039 379 1057"> Print <span style="float: right;"><a href="#">Cymraeg</a></span></p>	<h3 data-bbox="475 452 865 470">Privacy notice: Welsh Government grants</h3> <p data-bbox="475 497 1187 515">How we will handle any personal data you provide in relation to your grant application or request for grant funding.</p> <p data-bbox="475 528 1305 546">The Welsh Government provides a wide range of grant schemes to help deliver our policies and create a fairer, more prosperous Wales.</p> <p data-bbox="475 560 1318 622">The Welsh Government will be data controller for any personal data you provide in relation to your grant application or request for grant funding. The information will be processed as part of our public task (i.e. exercising our official authority to undertake the core role and functions of the Welsh Government) and will help us assess your eligibility for funding.</p> <p data-bbox="475 636 1343 676">Before we provide grant funding to you, we undertake checks for the purposes of preventing fraud and money laundering, and to verify your identity. These checks require us to process personal data about you to third party fraud prevention agencies.</p> <p data-bbox="475 689 1356 730">If we, or a fraud prevention agency, determine that you pose a fraud or money laundering risk, we may refuse to provide the grant funding you applied for, or we may stop providing existing grant funding to you.</p> <p data-bbox="475 743 1347 784">A record of any fraud or money laundering risk will be retained by the fraud prevention agencies, and may result in others refusing to provide services, financing or employment to you.</p> <p data-bbox="475 797 1362 837">In order to assess eligibility we may also need to share personal information relating to your application with Regulatory authorities, such as HM Revenue and Customs, Local Authorities, Health and Safety Executive and the Police.</p> <p data-bbox="475 851 1356 936">Your information, including your personal information, may be the subject of a request by another member of the public. When responding to such requests the Welsh Government may be required to release information, including your personal information, to fulfil its obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental information Act 2004, the Data Protection Act 2018 or the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.</p> <p data-bbox="475 949 1362 1034">The Welsh Government will publish details of the amounts paid to Rural Support beneficiaries. Data will be published for all beneficiaries, and will include the name and locality of the farmer/land manager and details of the amounts and schemes for which subsidy has been paid. However, for those receiving less than the equivalent of £1,250 in subsidies the name will be withheld. The data will be published annually on 31 May and remain available for two years from the date it is published.</p>	



## Eligibility

This page establishes your eligibility to enter the scheme. All questions are mandatory. After selecting your response to each question, click **Save** or **Next**. If any questions have been selected with an answer that contravenes scheme rules, an error message will be shown. Note that you cannot progress with your Expression of Interest if any errors are shown here.

Small Grants - Woodland Creation		Eligibility		< Previous Save Next >	
Help		Questions marked with * are mandatory.			
Introduction		Will you have management control of the proposed planting land for the duration of the contract?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Privacy Notice		Are you a tenant of the proposed planting land?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Eligibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Has there been any new tree planting, excluding hedgerows in the past 5 years within 10m of the the proposed woodland creation?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Contract Conditions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Is the area to be planted agriculturally improved by ploughing, re-seeding, applying fertiliser or drainage?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Woodland Planting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Have all neighbours and individuals whose properties adjoin the proposed planting confirmed they are happy with the planting proposals?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Submission		Will the planting be carried out using manual planting, scarification, or inverted & hinge mounding?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
		Has the drawn area of this Small Grant - Woodland Creation application been subject to any previous scheme funding?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		
Print Cymraeg		Exit		< Previous Save Next >	

## Management Control

You must have management control of the land to be planted on submission of your EoI and for the full duration of your contract.

## Tenants

If you are a tenant, you must have agreement from your landlord to enter land into the scheme. You will not be eligible if you do not have agreement from your landlord for your proposed tree planting. Land held under a Grazing Licence is ineligible for this scheme.

## Environmental Impact Assessment

To comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations the environmental impact of adjoining planting needs to be considered together with your new planting proposal. This includes woodland creation on your neighbours land. Adjoining land is defined as within 10m of your proposed tree planting.

The Threshold for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is 2ha where any part of the land is within a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and 5ha for other non-sensitive areas. Any tree planting in the last 5 years adjoining the proposed woodland creation including neighbouring land will count towards this threshold.

If your proposed planting does not meet the EIA scheme eligibility you should consider applying to the Woodland Creation Planning Scheme.

Further information is available at [Natural Resources Wales / Planning my forestry project](#)

### Is the area to be planted agriculturally improved?

Please see **Protection of Potentially Sensitive Habitats** at Section A - Site Assessment, of the Small Grants – Woodland Creation guidance for help in determining whether your land is agriculturally improved.

You will need to establish if there are any Priority Habitats or Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation on the area you wish to plant trees. If these are present on the areas you propose to plant then your proposed planting does not meet scheme eligibility requirements and your EoI will be rejected. You may still be able to apply to the Woodland Creation Planning Scheme instead so that a woodland creation plan can be developed with support from a registered Woodland Planner.

### Consulting neighbours and individuals whose properties adjoin the proposed planting

You must have consulted with any individuals whose properties adjoin the new planting. Where neighbours have concerns that cannot be addressed, you will either need to alter the design to reach agreement before submitting your application, or alternatively, if there are no grounds for the objection, you can apply to the Woodland Creation Planning Scheme.

### Methods of Planting

Please see **Methods of Planting** at Section A - Site Assessment, of the Small Grants – Woodland Creation guidance for help in determining whether your proposed method of planting will be eligible.

Planting must be carried out using manual planting, scarification, or inverted & hinge mounding. If you intend to carry out your proposed planting using an alternative method, your expression of interest will be ineligible.

## Contract Conditions

Please see **Section A - Site Assessment, of the Small Grants – Woodland Creation Guidance** for help in assessing your proposed planting area in order to accurately answer the Contract Condition questions. Completion of these questions is mandatory.

Small Grants - Woodland Creation	Contract Conditions	< Previous	Save	Next >
<p>Introduction</p> <p>Privacy Notice</p> <p>Eligibility <span>✓</span></p> <p><b>Contract Conditions</b> <span>✓</span></p> <p>Woodland Planting <span>✗</span></p> <p>Submission</p>	<p>Questions marked with * are mandatory.</p> <p>Are there any public rights of way through or adjacent to your proposed planting area?*</p> <p>Are you proposing to fence across a public right of way?*</p> <p>Are there there any overhead or underground utilities within the proposal area?*</p> <p>Is the proposed planting within 20m of a river, stream or pond?*</p> <p>Is there evidence of badgers using the proposed planting site?*</p> <p>Are any hedgerows / stonewalls / earth banks included or adjacent to the proposed planting area?*</p> <p>Is the proposed planting area within a red squirrel guidance area?*</p> <p>Will the trees need protection from deer?*</p> <p>Are there standing trees present?*</p> <p>Is the site of the planting proposal adjacent to a non-agricultural building?*</p> <p>Do you intend to claim for 'advice' payment which can be claimed upon completion of your grant works?*</p>			




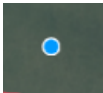

The **Small Grants – Woodland Creation Guidance** provides information in assessing the following:

- Protection of potentially sensitive habitats
- Areas of Priority Habitat or Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation
- Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)
- Public rights of way
- Overhead or Underground utilities
- Planting near main rivers, streams and ponds
- Evidence of Badgers
- Hedgerows, stonewalls and earth banks included or adjacent to the proposed planting
- Red Squirrel Guidance Area
- Methods of Planting
- Protection from deer
- Existing Trees
- Planting adjacent to a non-agricultural building


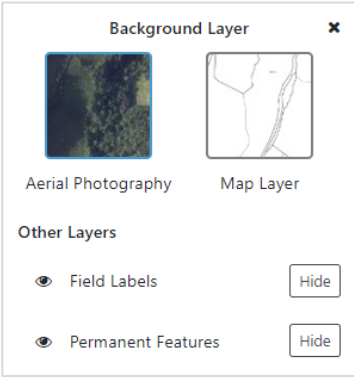


## Woodland Planting

The Woodland Planting page allows you to specify eligible areas of your land for planting under the scheme. Each individual planting area you create has its own linked fencing and gate creation options, applicable to just that planting area. You may have multiple planting areas, each with its own linked fencing and gate options.

### Map Screen Overview

	<p><b>Red boundary lines</b> indicate the land you have registered with Welsh Government. You may add planting areas within the boundaries of your registered land. Any planting areas drawn outside the extent of your registered land will be 'clipped out'.</p>
	<p><b>Red filled polygons</b> denote areas that have been evaluated as ineligible for planting under the scheme. If you draw a mapping polygon over a red ineligible area polygon it will be 'clipped out' of the final planting area determined.</p>
	<p><b>Permanent Features</b> are denoted with a purple/pink hatching.</p>
	<p>The <b>mouse pointer</b> (blue circle) has two functions when in map view:</p> <p>Click and hold the left mouse button to drag/move the map around the view.</p> <p>Single click the left mouse button to drop a point node – used when <b>drawing areas, drawing fencing or removing areas</b>.</p>
	<p>Click the <b>Home</b> button to zoom out to the overview of your land.</p>

<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input style="width: 100%; border: none;" type="text" value="Search..."/> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Planting Area</b></p> <hr/> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">SH1425 </div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">SH1425 2567</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">SH1425 2647</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">SH1425 3051</div> </div>	<p>The <b>Search box</b> can be used to find field numbers for land that is registered to you. You may also use this box to search by post code.</p> <p>Begin typing the Sheet number in the box and results will appear in a list. Click an item to move the map to that location.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #333; color: white; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">+</span> Trace Boundary         </div>	<p>The <b>Trace Boundary</b> button is used to specify the area for planting. Click on the map to start drawing your shape; click to add additional points; click on the first point to complete the shape, or double click to add a point and complete the shape. Note that by default the mouse cursor will ‘snap’ to boundary lines when in close proximity, which will help you to draw more accurate shapes. If you wish to turn the snap feature off, click the <b>Trace Boundary</b> button to disable it. Click again to re-enable.</p> <p>If you have already drawn a shape and you draw an additional shape which overlaps the first shape, the shapes will be merged into a single shape. Note that if you draw outside the extent boundary of your registered land, the shape will be clipped to the boundary.</p> <p>Also note that drawing over ineligible land (denoted by red polygon) will also be clipped out.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #333; color: white; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">-</span> Remove Area         </div>	<p>The <b>Remove Area</b> button allows you to remove all or part of a previously drawn shape. Click to start drawing the shape to be removed; click to add additional points; click on the first point to complete the shape; or double click to add a point and complete the shape. When you complete the shape to be removed, any part of the existing shape which intersects with this shape will be removed (cut) from the original shape(s).</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #333; color: white; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <span style="font-size: 1.2em;">🗑️</span> Clear         </div>	<p>Click the <b>Clear</b> button to completely remove any planting shapes drawn on the map.</p> <p>Note that this will only remove drawn areas on the current item, and not remove any other separately drawn and saved items.</p>

 	<p>The <b>Settings</b> button allows adjustment to the map view. You may toggle between aerial photography and OS Map view.</p> <p>You may also toggle field parcel references and Permanent Features on/off.</p>
	<p>The <b>Zoom</b> buttons will allow the map view to be zoomed inwards and outwards.</p> <p>You may also use the scroll wheel on your mouse to zoom if desired.</p>
	<p>Click <b>Done</b> when you have finished drawing a planting area item. The map will close and return to the main view so that <i>Planting Category</i>, <i>Fencing</i> and <i>Gates</i> can be specified.</p>

## Adding Planting Area(s) to your Expression of Interest

On the Woodland Planting overview page, click **Add Woodland Planting** to create an area for planting.

Small Grants - Woodland Creation

Woodland Planting

Planting area

Click 'Add Woodland Planting' to draw the area of woodland

Add Woodland Planting

No Entries

Total area of planting (ha):

Total number of gates:

Print Cymraeg Exit Previous Save Next

The next screen will allow you to draw the planting area, choose the planting category, and specify fencing and gate(s). Firstly, click **Draw Planting Location**:

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Woodland Planting - Planting area

Questions marked with \* are mandatory.

Planting Area\* Draw Planting Location

Woodland Category\* Please Select

Area of planting (ha)\*

Total length of fencing (m)

Total Gates

Fencing

Click 'Add Fencing' to draw the fencing

Add Fencing

No Entries

Gates

Click 'Add Gates' to add the gates

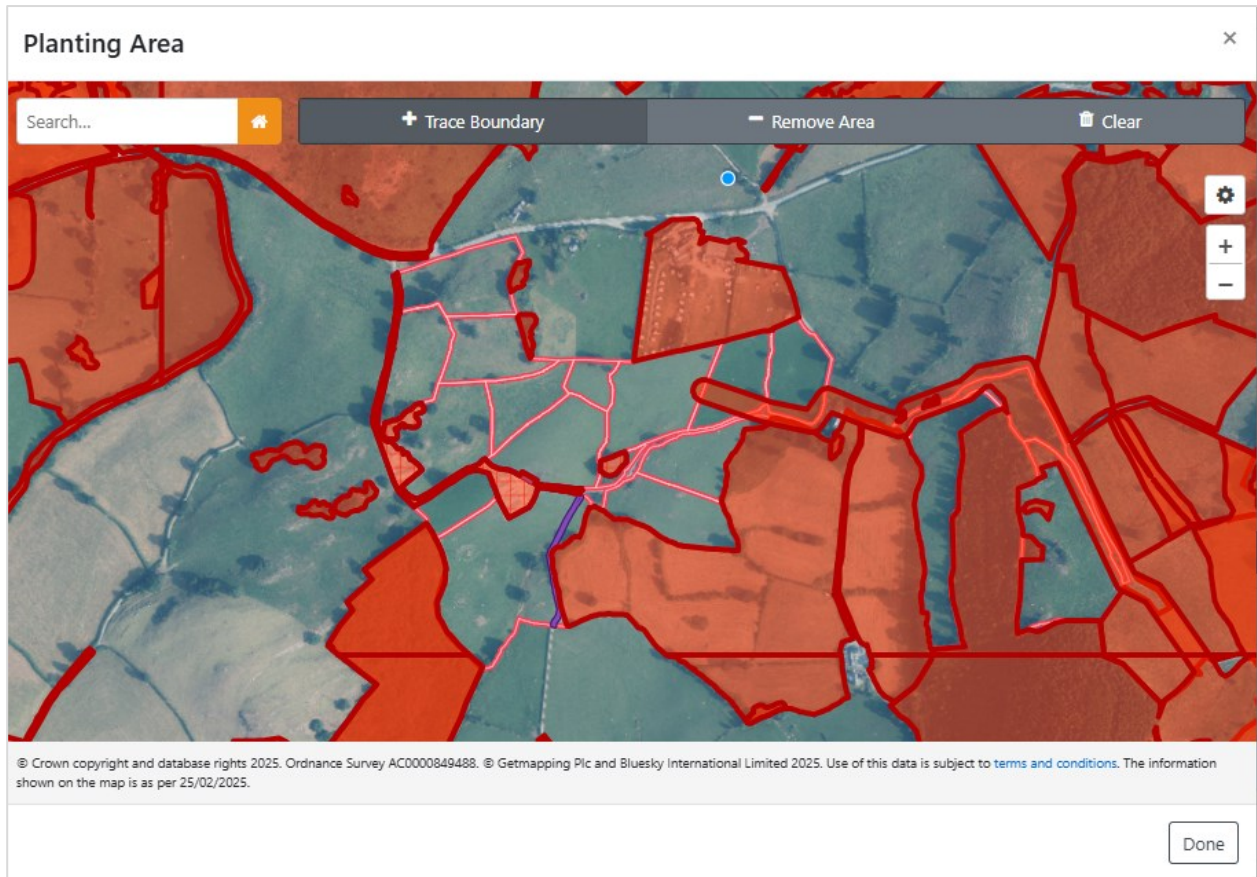
Add Gates

No Entries

Print Cymraeg Cancel Save and Add Another Save and Return



The interactive **Planting Area** map will load.



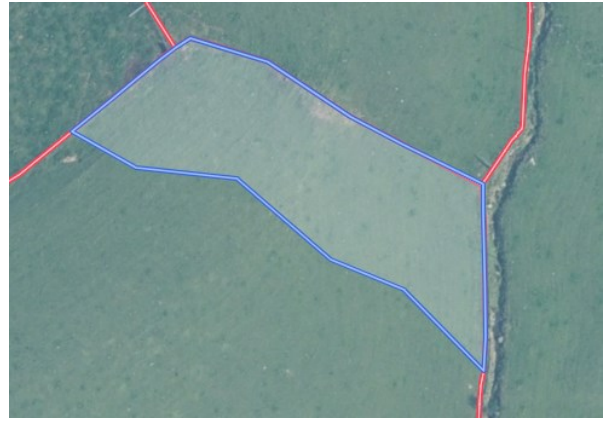
### Drawing a Planting Area

- Locate the area you wish to plant in the map view using the various tools detailed in the *Map Screen Overview* table above. Please zoom the map in to a sufficient level so that the planting area of interest fills the screen – this will ensure that all layers are loaded, including the ineligible red layer and permanent features, and you will be able to see the fine details of the area when drawing your planting polygon.
- Single left click the mouse to set the first point/node. Move the mouse and single left click again to drop a connecting node, and so on.





- Continue to drop connecting nodes until you have formed your planting area, then single left click on the start node or double left click to complete the area polygon.



- Note if you draw outside the extent of your registered land, shown in the example below left, when completing the polygon, the shape will be clipped back to the boundary as shown below right:




- Click **Done** when finished. The map will close and return to the Woodland Planting screen. An image will show the area you have drawn and show the area automatically measured by the system. It will also show a perimeter measurement in metres:

Woodland Planting - Planting area Cancel ✕ Save and Add Another ➕ Save and Return

Questions marked with \* are mandatory.

Planting Area\*



0.16 ha | 199 m Draw Planting Location

Woodland Category\* Please Select ▼

Area of planting (ha)\*

Total length of fencing (m)

Total Gates

- Select the **Woodland Category** that applies to the drawn area:

Woodland Category\* Please Select ▼

Area of planting (ha)\*

Total length of fencing (m)

Total Gates

Fencing

Click 'Add Fencing' to draw the fencing

Please Select

Please Select

Native Biodiversity 1100

Native Biodiversity 1600

Native Shelterwood

Red Squirrel 1600

Red Squirrel 2500

Shelterwood (productive)

Wet Woodland and Streamside 1100

Wet Woodland and Streamside 1600

Wood fuel (productive)

Mixed - Fruit and Nut

- You must manually confirm the area of intended planting in the **Area of planting (ha)** box. At your discretion, this area may differ from the measurement automatically made by the system - for example to account for unplatable areas within the drawn polygon. Note that the Area of Planting (ha) you manually enter must be within +/-10% of the system measured area.

A screenshot of a web form for configuring a planting area. At the top right, there is a button labeled "Draw Planting Location" and a text box showing "0.16 ha | 199 m". Below this, there is a dropdown menu for "Woodland Category\*" with "Mixed - Fruit and Nut" selected. At the bottom, there is a text box for "Area of planting (ha)\*" containing the value "0.16".

### Adding Fencing to a Planting Area

- Click the **Add Fencing** button under the draw planting section:

A screenshot of the "Fencing" and "Gates" configuration section. The "Fencing" tab is active, showing a light blue instruction bar: "Click 'Add Fencing' to draw the fencing". Below this is a table with one row containing "No Entries". A red arrow points to a blue "Add Fencing" button. The "Gates" tab is also visible below, with a similar instruction bar and a blue "Add Gates" button.

- Click the **Draw Fencing** button to specify the area you plan to fence off

A screenshot of the "Woodland Planting - Planting area - Fencing" form. It includes a note: "Questions marked with \* are mandatory." The form has three fields: "Fencing\*" with a greyed-out input and a red-bordered "Draw Fencing" button; "Fencing type\*" with a dropdown menu showing "Please Select"; and "Length of Fencing\*" with an empty text box.

- Use the **Trace Boundary** tool to draw the fencing. The tool will 'snap' to the edge of the drawn polygon making drawing of the fence line easier. A measurement will be shown as you progress. Double click to finish the fence line. Click **Done** to save.




- The map view will close and return to the main screen. An image of the drawn fence line will be shown along with the measured length. If you wish to amend your fence line, click the **Draw Fencing** button again.

Woodland Planting - Planting area - Fencing Cancel ✕ Save and Add Another ➕ Save and Return ↩

Questions marked with \* are mandatory.

Fencing\*



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99 m Draw Fencing

Fencing type\* Please Select ▼

Length of Fencing\*

- If you are satisfied with the Fence Line, choose the required Fencing Type from the drop down (currently only one standard option).

99 m Draw Fencing

Fencing type\* Please Select ▼

Length of Fencing\*

Please Select

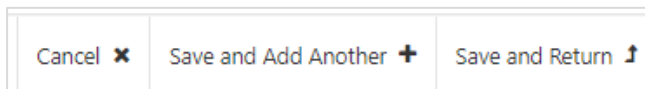
**Please Select**

Post and wire fencing with netting

Deer fencing

- You must manually confirm the length of intended fencing in the **Length of Fencing** box. At your discretion, this may differ from the measurement automatically made by the system, however the Length of Fencing you manually enter must not exceed the perimeter of the Area of Planting by more than 10%.

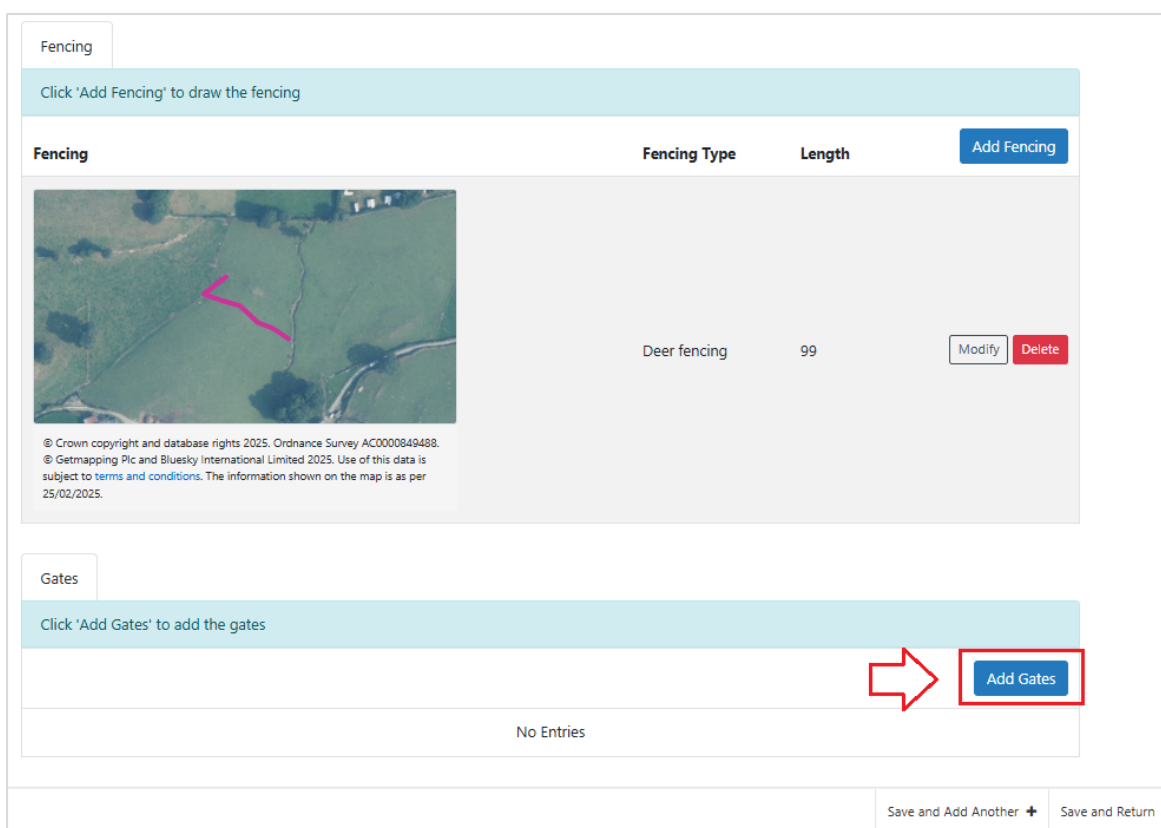
- You can click **Cancel** to cancel entry of fencing, click **Save and Add Another** to add another fence line or gate to the planting area, or click **Save and Return** to go back to the Planting Area screen.



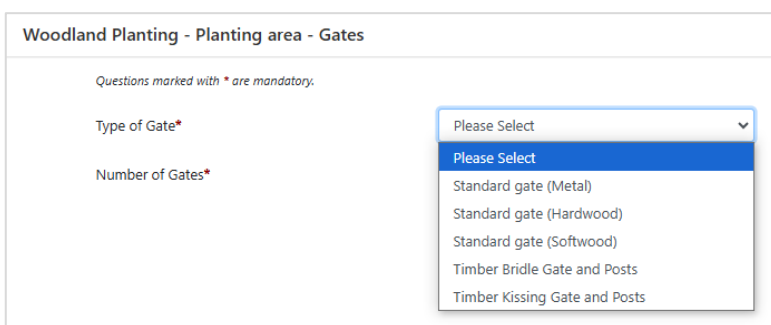
## Adding Gates to your Expression of Interest

**Note:** you will only be able to apply for a maximum of 5 gates per application

- Click the **Add Gates** button under the draw planting and fencing sections.



- Choose the Gate type



Please note that you may only add a **Timber Bridle Gate** or **Timber Kissing Gate** where you are fencing across a Public Right of Way (PRoW).

However, you may add any of the **Standard Gates** where there is no PRoW present.

- Specify the number of Gates required. Note that you do not have to specify the location the gates will be installed.

Woodland Planting - Planting area - Gates

*Questions marked with \* are mandatory.*

Type of Gate\*

Number of Gates\*

- Once entry of Gates is complete you may **Save and Add Another** or click **Save and Return** to go back to the Planting Area screen.

Save and Add Another +

Save and Return ↴


- Entry of a planting area, with fencing and gates is now complete. The Planting Area page will show a summary of the drawn area, fencing and gates.

You may modify the original planting area by clicking the **Draw Planting Location** button or modify / delete fence line or gates by clicking the appropriate **Modify / Delete** button. You may add more fencing and gates if required by clicking **Add Fencing** or **Add Gates**.

Woodland Planting - Planting area
Cancel ✕
Save and Add Another ➕
Save and Return ↴

*Questions marked with \* are mandatory.*

**Planting Area\***



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0.13 ha | 182 m Draw Planting Location

**Woodland Category\*** Mixed - Fruit and Nut ▼


**Area of planting (ha)\*** 0.13

**Total length of fencing (m)** 99

**Total Gates** 2

Fencing

Click 'Add Fencing' to draw the fencing

Fencing	Fencing Type	Length	
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Click **Save and Add Another** to start creating a new additional Planting Area (with its own fencing and gates). Or click **Save and Return** to go to the main Woodland Planting overview page.

Save and Add Another ➕
Save and Return ↴

## Woodland Planting Overview



The main Woodland Planting overview page will show a list of each planting area you add to your Application. You can add as many planting areas as you wish, however the area size added must be within the scheme rules.

Any errors that need to be addressed will be shown on the page in red. Click **Modify** on a planting area to go back and fix the issues.

Woodland Planting ◀ Previous Save Next ▶

Planting area

Click 'Add Woodland Planting' to draw the area of woodland

Woodland Category	Area	Planting area	Total Fencing	Total Gates	Add Woodland Planting
Mixed - Fruit and Nut	0.13	 <small>© Crown copyright and database rights 2025. Ordnance Survey AC0000849488. © Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025. Use of this data is subject to terms and conditions. The information shown on the map is as per 26/02/2025.</small>	99	2	Modify Delete
Native Biodiversity 1100	2.03	 <small>© Crown copyright and database rights 2025. Ordnance Survey AC0000849488. © Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025. Use of this data is subject to terms and conditions. The information shown on the map is as per 26/02/2025.</small>	261	1	Modify Delete

Some data has not been entered or is invalid. Please Modify or Delete this before continuing.

Total area of planting (ha):

Total planting area must be less than or equal to 1.99ha

Total number of gates:

▲ Exit ◀ Previous Save Next ▶





When errors have been addressed and you have finished adding planting areas, fencing and gates, click **Next** to move to the next section of the Application.

Woodland Planting

< Previous Save **Next >**

Planting area

Click 'Add Woodland Planting' to draw the area of woodland

Woodland Category	Area	Planting area	Total Fencing	Total Gates	Add Woodland Planting
Mixed - Fruit and Nut	0.13	 <small>© Crown copyright and database rights 2025. Ordnance Survey AC0000849488. © Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025. Use of this data is subject to <a href="#">terms and conditions</a>. The information shown on the map is as per 26/02/2025.</small>	99	2	Modify Delete
Native Biodiversity 1100	0.95	 <small>© Crown copyright and database rights 2025. Ordnance Survey AC0000849488. © Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025. Use of this data is subject to <a href="#">terms and conditions</a>. The information shown on the map is as per 26/02/2025.</small>	228	1	Modify Delete

Total area of planting (ha):

Total number of gates:

▲ Exit < Previous Save **Next >**

# SECTION 4 – SUBMISSION

## Errors, Information & Summary

Details of your Expression of Interest are summarised on this page, including your responses to the various questions, and Woodland Planting areas that you have added.

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Are there standing trees present? ✓ Yes

No

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Is the site of the planting proposal adjacent to a non-agricultural building? ✓ Yes



No

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Do you intend to claim for 'advice' payment which can be claimed upon completion of your grant works? ✓ Yes

No

Woodland Planting

Woodland Category	Area	Planting area	Total Fencing	Total Gates
Mixed - Fruit and Nut	0.13	 <p style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;">© Crown copyright and database rights 2025. Ordnance Survey AC0000849488. © Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025. Use of this data is subject to terms and conditions. The information shown on the map is as per 26/02/2025.</p>	99	2
Native Biodiversity 1100	0.95	 <p style="font-size: 8px; margin-top: 5px;">© Crown copyright and database rights 2025. Ordnance Survey AC0000849488. © Getmapping Plc and Bluesky International Limited 2025. Use of this data is subject to terms and conditions. The information shown on the map is as per 26/02/2025.</p>	228	1

Any problems found with your Application will be shown in the **Errors and Information** box at the top of the screen. Scroll down the page to see further details of the errors.

You can go back to previous pages of your Application to check and correct problems by selecting the **Previous** button or selecting the appropriate page on the left hand side (a red cross indicates a page with an error).

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Native Biodiversity 1100 0.50

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• Area of planting entered must be within 10% of the area drawn

Total area of planting (ha): 0.63

Total number of gates: 3

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## Declaration and Undertakings

When all errors are resolved, you may advance to the Declarations and Undertakings confirmation page.

Please ensure that you have read the **Declarations and Undertakings** carefully and fully understand them prior to submitting your Expression of Interest.

Declaration and Undertakings ← Previous Save

Please tick the box to accept the declarations and undertakings.

I confirm that I have read and understood the relevant Scheme Rules and Guidance Notes and permit the Welsh Government to use my information to support my application.

I undertake to meet any statutory obligations such as Health and Safety; employment; hygiene; environmental management and protection; animal or crop health and welfare that apply during the time of this project.

I understand that the Welsh Government may need to update the rules and conditions to take account of changes made to the Government of Wales Act 2006.

I agree to abide by any changes following notification by the Welsh Ministers.

I agree to comply with all applicable domestic, or international laws or regulations or official directives.

I have given details that are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief on this application and any supporting documentation.

I confirm that all pre-populated details are correct or have been amended if incorrect.

I undertake to notify Welsh Government of any planned changes to the nature or construction of this project prior to implementation.

I undertake to notify the Welsh Government of any other application for grant aid for this project.

I confirm that no work on this project has been undertaken other than consultancy work, site purchase, the obtaining of quotations, or the drawing up of site plans.

I acknowledge that neither Welsh Government nor any adviser appointed by Welsh Government shall be responsible for any advice given, including without limit any advice given in relation to this application or business development plan, and that I am solely responsible for all business decisions undertaken.

I undertake to notify Welsh Government of any changes to the details provided in the Applicant Details part of the form.

I understand that the Welsh Government displays 'Error' and 'Information' messages in the sections of the application only as an aid for completion and submission of the application.

I will allow officers of the Welsh Government or their duly authorised agent, access to and inspect land and any relevant equipment, facilities and all records and information needed to establish my eligibility and the accuracy of the information provided for which I am making this application.

**I agree:**

Not to undertake work prior to entering the Small Grants - Woodland Creation scheme that damages the environment and understand that such action could result in rejection of my application.

I agree to maintain adequate insurances to cover against the risks which may arise in connection with any property or any activity undertaken in delivery of the Purposes. We reserve the right to require you to provide proof of your insurance.

**I understand that:**

The Welsh Government may need to share some information about my Small Grants - Woodland Creation application with other organisations and I agree to any necessary disclosures or exchanges of information.

The Welsh Government may also obtain information about me from certain other organisations, or provide information about me to them in order to verify the accuracy of the information, prevent or detect crime and protect public funds. These other organisations include government departments, local authorities and other bodies as appropriate.

The publication and disclosure of information by the Welsh Government will be in accordance with the obligations and duties under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Other information provided may also be disclosed where permitted by law.

**WARNING - Any person who makes a false declaration or fails to notify the Welsh Government of a material change to the information given in this application may be liable to prosecution. A false, inaccurate or incomplete statement or failure to notify the Welsh Government of any material changes to the information given in this application may result in termination of contract and/or recovery of any Payments.**

I agree to the above declarations and undertakings \*

Once you have read the Declarations and Undertakings you will need to tick the box marked **I agree to the above Declarations and Undertakings**.

Once done, select **Next** to be taken to the Submit screen.

## Submission Page

Click to Submit your Expression of Interest.

<b>Small Grants - Woodland Creation</b>	<b>Submit</b>	<a href="#">← Previous</a> <a href="#">Save</a> <a href="#">Next &gt;</a>
<a href="#">Help</a>	<p>You must submit appropriate documentation to support this application. You can do this by clicking the 'Submit Documentation' button on the next screen after you have clicked 'Submit' below.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Introduction</li><li>Privacy Notice</li><li>Eligibility ✓</li><li>Contract Conditions ✓</li><li>Woodland Planting ✓</li><li>Submission</li><li>Errors, Information and Summary</li><li>Declaration and Undertakings</li><li><b>Submit</b></li></ul>	<p>Click the button below to submit your Small Grants - Woodland Creation.</p> <p><b>Submit</b></p> <p>A Message containing a copy of your submitted Small Grants - Woodland Creation will be available in your online Messages page within one working day.</p>	

The following submission message will be generated:

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<b>Submission Confirmation</b>	<p><b>Small Grants - Woodland Creation : Reference Number:</b></p> <p>Your Small Grants - Woodland Creation was submitted for CRN: _____ A message confirming receipt of your Small Grants - Woodland Creation and a copy of what has been submitted should be available in your online Messages page within one working day. Please check the contents of your Small Grants - Woodland Creation and notify us of any changes required. Changes may be notified in writing or through the RPW Online Messages system. Click the 'Print this Screen' Button to print a copy of this receipt.</p> <p><b>Print this Screen</b></p> <p>If you are required to attach files to your submission click 'Submit Documentation' otherwise click 'Exit'.</p> <p><b>Submit Documentation</b> <b>Exit</b></p>

## **SECTION 5 - WHAT TO DO FOLLOWING SUCCESSFUL SUBMISSION**

A summary of your completed Expression of Interest will be added to the Messages page on your RPW Online account under the title **Documents received by RPW**. Ensure you check the information submitted thoroughly. If any of the information shown is incorrect, please reply to the Message detailing your concerns. You should do this as soon as you discover any incorrect information.

For guidance on how to use your Messages page, please go to [gov.wales/rural-payments-wales-rpw-online](http://gov.wales/rural-payments-wales-rpw-online):-

- Select the **How to use RPW Online** link from the right hand side menu.
- Select either *Customers*, *Agents/Farming Unions* or *Agents/Farming Unions acting on behalf of a Customer*, then choose **Messages** from the list of step-by-step instructions.

### **Supporting Documentation**

If you wish to submit any supporting documents online, you should use your **Messages** page. Attach all your supporting documents to this one message so that it can be managed under one Message Reference Number.

### **Amendments and Additions**

After you have submitted your Application, you may need to make amendments and/or additions. You should use your **Messages** page to do this. Select the existing message received when you submitted your EOI then attach details of your amendment and/or additional documents (if relevant) to this one message so that it can be managed under one Message Reference Number.

### **Withdrawing your Expression of Interest**

If you wish to withdraw your Application after submission online, you should go to your **Messages** page. Select the existing message received when you submitted your Application. Write your request for withdrawal (attaching any relevant information) to this one message so that it can be managed under one Message Reference Number.