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Sustainable Farming Scheme Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant

**Expression of Interest
Using RPW Online to Apply**

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Sustainable Farming Scheme Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant Expression of Interest

Using RPW Online to Apply

These instructions will give you step-by-step guidance on how to complete your Sustainable Farming Scheme Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant Expression of Interest (Eol).

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 by selecting the language switcher at the top of the page and re-opening the document.

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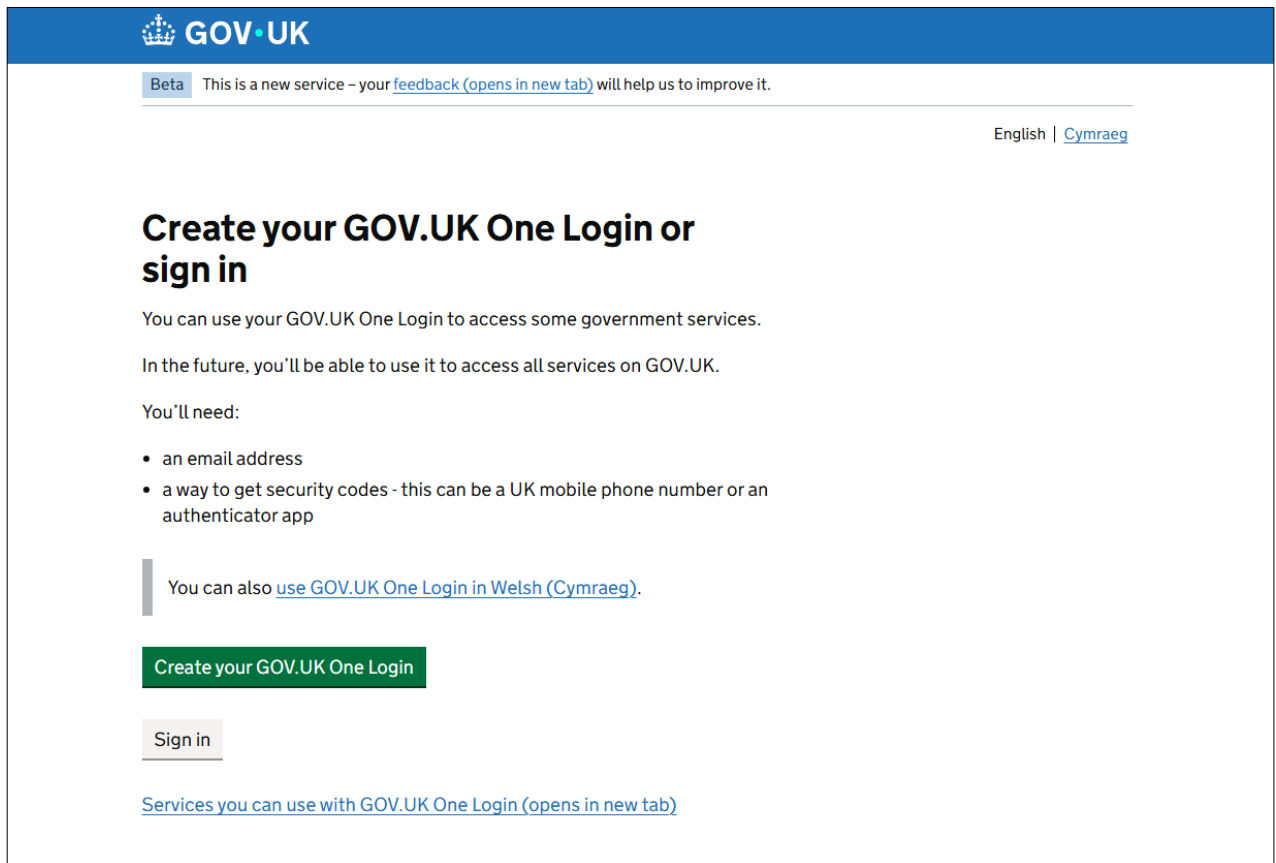
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You will need to sign into GOV.UK One Login to access your RPW Online account.

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Select to create your GOV.UK One Login or sign into your RPW Online Account - enter your email address and password in the boxes and click Continue.

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The screenshot shows the GOV.UK One Login sign-in page. At the top is a blue header with the GOV.UK logo. Below the header is a 'Beta' notice: 'This is a new service – your [feedback \(opens in new tab\)](#) will help us to improve it.' On the right, there are language links: 'English | [Cymraeg](#)'. The main heading is 'Create your GOV.UK One Login or sign in'. Below this, it says 'You can use your GOV.UK One Login to access some government services. In the future, you'll be able to use it to access all services on GOV.UK.' It then lists requirements: 'You'll need: an email address, a way to get security codes - this can be a UK mobile phone number or an authenticator app'. There is a link: 'You can also [use GOV.UK One Login in Welsh \(Cymraeg\)](#).' At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Create your GOV.UK One Login' (green) and 'Sign in' (grey). A link at the very bottom says: '[Services you can use with GOV.UK One Login \(opens in new tab\)](#)'.



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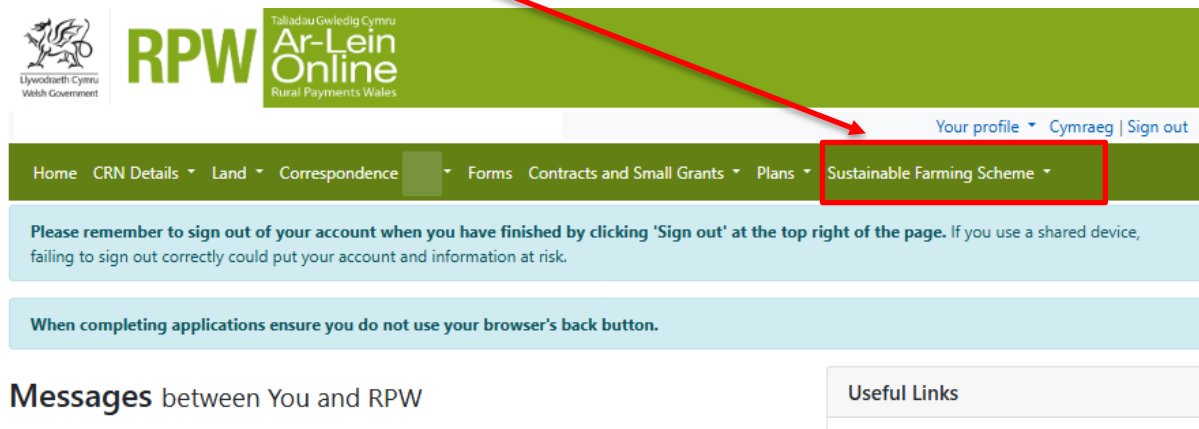
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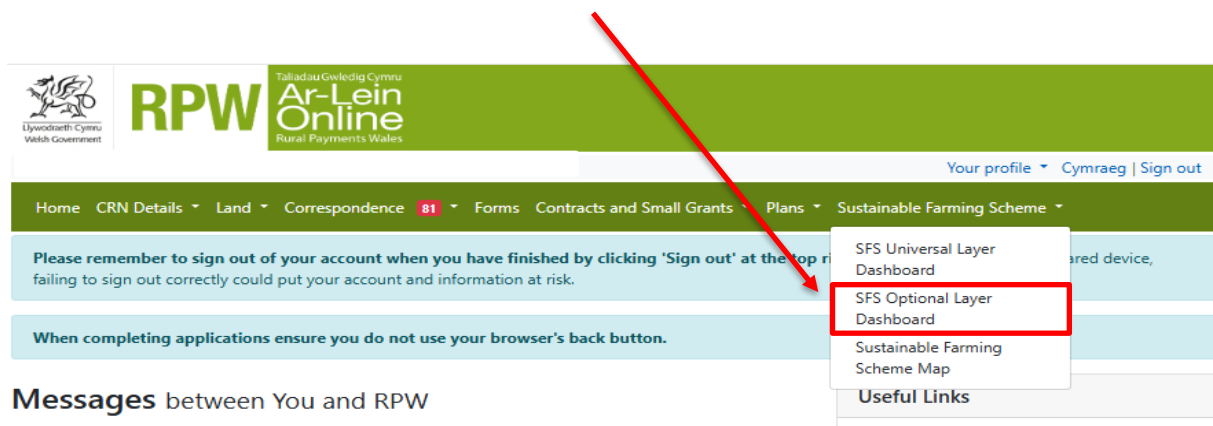
Once logged in to your online account the RPW Online Home page will appear. This page will show information and messages you have received or sent, as well as being able to start and submit any available Applications.

To start your SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant EOI, click on Sustainable Farming Scheme



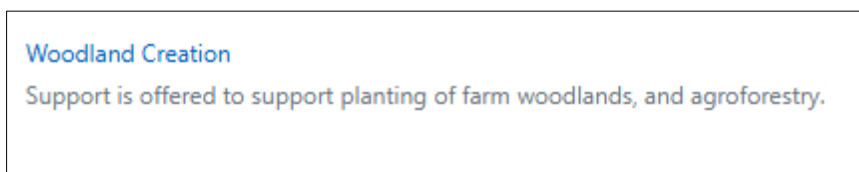
You will then see the dropdown options below.

Click on SFS Optional Layer Dashboard.



The SFS Optional Dashboard will appear listing the schemes available.

Select Woodland Creation from the list -



SFS Optional Layer Dashboard

Categories

This dashboard shows all available Categories for Optional actions / items.

Please select the category you wish to apply for from the list below.

You can also select an Optional Theme by clicking on the links at the right-hand side of this dashboard. Here you can browse the actions / items that are available under each Theme.

Full guidance links are available at the right-hand side of this dashboard.

Capital Environment

Support is offered for actions designed to benefit wildlife, lock up carbon and help control water quality and flow, at the same time as benefitting your farm by providing secure boundaries or shelter.

Capital Production and Efficiency

Support is offered for equipment designed to enable precision management of soils and manures, and to monitor performance of crops or livestock.

Designated sites

Support available following creation of Designated Sites Management Plan Schedule of Works under UA7. These will be targeted specifically for the habitats within the designated area of your farm, recognising the condition they are currently in, and opportunities for enhancing them.

Habitat Review and Habitat Actions

Request a farm visit to review existing management and develop a Habitat Management Plan for the farm, actions will be available through the Habitat Review Schedule of Works, which will contain a set of habitat actions, and potentially some supporting capital works applicable to the habitats on your farm, and the opportunities for improving them.

Infrastructure and Equipment

Support is offered for large scale farmyard infrastructure investments and other equipment selected to improve nutrient management, reduce on-farm pollution and improve biosecurity.

Organic

Support is offered to farmers supplying the organic market and for the range of environmental benefits provided by holistic organic management.

Small Infrastructure

Support is offered for small scale infrastructure, primarily farmyard roofing designed to separate clean and dirty water around exposed farmyards where manure and slurry is produced or stored.

Sustainable Production

Support is offered to incentivise the livestock sector to adopt practices to enhance productivity and efficiency whilst also reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

Temporary Habitat Creation

Support is offered to create areas of new temporary habitat on agriculturally improved land. Creating temporary habitats on agriculturally improved land can have multiple benefits for nature, such as providing foraging areas for pollinator insects and other beneficial invertebrates.

Woodland Creation

Support is offered to support planting of farm woodlands, and agroforestry.

Woodland Management

Support is offered to bring more broadleaf, coniferous and mixed woodlands into active management to ensure their long term health and productivity. Ancient Semi-Natural Woods, Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites and Restored Ancient Woodland Sites will be given priority.

Browse by Theme

[Improved Soil Health and
Multispecies Crop Cover](#)

[Sustainable Production](#)

[Enhanced Habitat
Management](#)

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Select SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant and click the blue Continue box

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Woodland Creation

Support is offered to support planting of farm woodlands, and agroforestry. There are multiple benefits of planting additional trees and woodland including the creation of wildlife habitat, sequestering carbon, and reducing the risk of downstream flooding. There are also direct benefits of integrating woodland and tree planting throughout your farm, such as providing more shade or shelter to boost livestock productivity. There are 2 routes to access support, a simple Capital route and a more detailed Woodland Creation plan route.

Funding is available for 7 woodland categories, livestock and deer fencing and gates for public access are included, along with additional capital items to support planting of trees alongside a permanent water course or pond where excluding stock is necessary.

The actions will support some of the planting you have identified under UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

Guidance

- [SFS Optional Small Woodland Creation Grant](#)
- [SFS Optional Woodland Creation Grant](#)
- [SFS Optional Woodland Creation Planning Scheme](#)

Applications in this category

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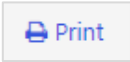
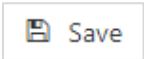
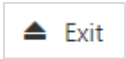
This application allows you to apply for funding to create areas of new planting from 0.10ha and 1.99ha. You will be able to draw the areas you wish to apply for.

For guidance on how to use the form please refer to the SFS Optional Small Woodland Creation Grant: How to Apply guidance

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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:

	Located on the bottom left side of the page where applicable. This will allow you to choose the language your Application is displayed in.
	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.
	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.
	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. Important note: Printed copies of your Application will not be accepted for submission.
	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.
	Located at the bottom left of each page where applicable, click to exit your Application. Changes are saved automatically.
     	These indicators appear next to each section of your Application, on the left side of the page. The green tick appears when entries made in a section are acceptable. The red cross appears where a required section/page hasn't been viewed yet, or if there are errors that need to be corrected. The blue Information icon appears where an Information message has been triggered due to a change made on the form.

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.

The screenshot shows the RPW Ar-Lein Online interface. At the top, there is a header with the Welsh Government logo, the RPW logo, and the text 'Taliadau Gwledig Cymru Ar-Lein Online Rural Payments Wales'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, CRN Details, Land, Correspondence (with a red '81' badge), Forms, Contracts and Small Grants, Plans, and Sustainable Farming Scheme. On the right of the navigation bar are links for 'Your profile', 'Cymraeg', and 'Sign out'. The main content area is titled 'Start Application start an application or claim'. It contains several paragraphs of text explaining the application process, including a warning that the application will not be submitted until the 'Submit' option is clicked. It also mentions that the application must be submitted to the Welsh Government by a certain date. Below this, there are two columns of links: 'Customer Details' (Trading Title, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number, Email Address, Number of Partners) and 'Online Preferences' (RPW Email or SMS (Text) Preference, Email Address, Mobile Number). At the bottom of the main content area, there are two buttons: 'Start' (in blue) and 'Cancel' (in grey). At the very bottom of the page, there is a footer with links: Guidance Documents, Contact Us, Copyright Statement, Accessibility Statement, Cookies, and Privacy.

Start Application start an application or claim

You have asked to complete the following application online: **SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant**.

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 [date] You will not be able to submit the form after this date even if you started filling in the form on or before [date]

If you have any problems completing your **SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant** 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.

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Number of Partners	

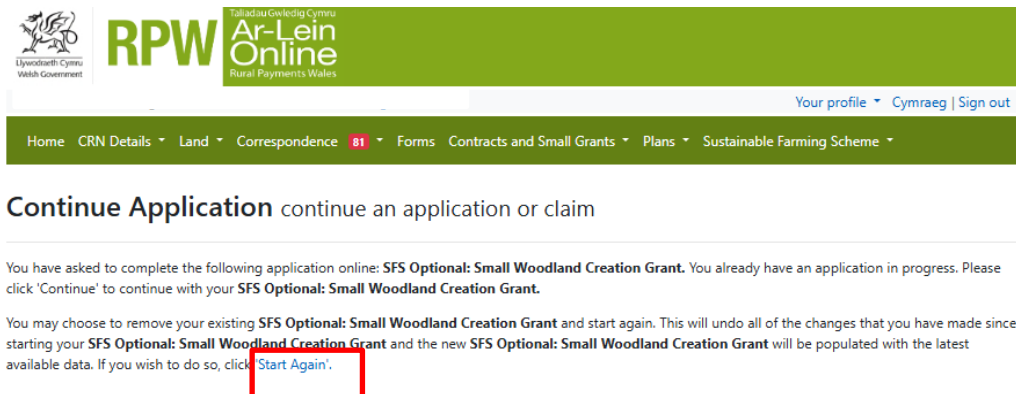
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Before commencing please check that the details shown are correct. If needed, you can make changes by clicking the **Customer Details** link or the **Online Preferences** link.

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.



The screenshot shows the RPW Ar-Lein Online portal. The header includes the Welsh Government logo, the RPW logo, and the text 'Taliadau Gwledig Cymru', 'Ar-Lein Online', and 'Rural Payments Wales'. A navigation bar contains links: Home, CRN Details, Land, Correspondence (with a red '81' badge), Forms, Contracts and Small Grants, Plans, and Sustainable Farming Scheme. User links for 'Your profile', 'Cymraeg', and 'Sign out' are on the right. The main heading is 'Continue Application' with the subtitle 'continue an application or claim'. The text states: 'You have asked to complete the following application online: **SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant**. You already have an application in progress. Please click 'Continue' to continue with your **SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant**.' It then says: 'You may choose to remove your existing **SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant** and start again. This will undo all of the changes that you have made since starting your **SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant** and the new **SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant** will be populated with the latest available data. If you wish to do so, click [Start Again](#).' The 'Start Again' link is highlighted with a red rectangle.

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 'SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant' application. The page has a left-hand navigation menu with links to 'Introduction', 'Privacy Notice', 'Eligibility', 'Contract Conditions', 'Woodland Planting', and 'Submission'. The main content area is titled 'SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant' and includes a sub-header 'Please note the following key messages before progressing with your Application.' The text describes the grant scheme, its purpose, and the application process. A red callout box at the top right contains the text: 'Before completing this Application, please ensure you have read the associated Rules Booklet accessible by clicking this Link.' An arrow points from this box to a link in the text: 'For help in filling in your application please see the [How to Complete instructions](#).' Another red callout box at the bottom right contains the text: 'Link to the **How to Complete Instructions** (this document)' with an arrow pointing to the same link. The page footer includes the Welsh Government logo and the text 'Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government'.

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.

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How we will handle any personal data you provide in relation to your grant application or request for grant funding.

The Welsh Government provides a wide range of grant schemes to help deliver our policies and create a fairer, more prosperous Wales.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

We will keep personal information contained in files in line with our retention policy. If successful in your application then your personal data will be kept for 7 years after the date when you, as grant recipient, are free from all conditions relating to the grant awarded and all payment have been made. However, if the funding is awarded under General Block Exemption or De Minimis, your personal data will be kept for 10 years from the conclusion of any aid award. If you are unsuccessful your details will be kept for one year after the date you provided them.

Under the data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to access the personal data the Welsh Government holds on you
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is the independent regulator for data protection.

For further details about the information the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you want to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer:

Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ

Email: dataprotectionofficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

2nd Floor, Churchill House
Churchill Way
Cardiff
CF10 2NH

Telephone: 0300 414 6421

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Should you have any queries regarding this privacy statement please contact the RPW Customer Contact Centre.

<https://gov.wales/privacy-notice-welsh-government-grants>

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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.

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 SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant Guidance** for help in assessing your proposed planting area in order to accurately answer the Contract Condition questions. Completion of these questions is mandatory.

The screenshot shows a web-based application form titled "SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant". The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with the following items: Introduction, Privacy Notice, Eligibility, Contract Conditions (highlighted in blue), Woodland Planting, and Submission. The main content area is titled "Contract Conditions" and contains a list of questions, each followed by "Yes" and "No" radio button options. The questions are:

- Are there any public rights of way through or adjacent to your proposed planting area? *
- Are you proposing to fence across a public right of way? *
- Are there any overhead or underground utilities within the proposal area? *
- Is the proposed planting within 20m of a river, stream or pond? *
- Is there evidence of badgers using the proposed planting site? *
- Are any hedgerows / stone walls / earth banks included or adjacent to the proposed planting area? *
- Is the proposed planting area within a red squirrel guidance area? *
- Will the trees need protection from deer? *
- Are there standing trees present? *
- Is the site of the planting proposal adjacent to a non-agricultural building? *
- Do you intend to claim for 'advice' payment which can be claimed upon completion of your grant works? *

At the bottom of the form, there are links for "Previous", "Save", and "Next".

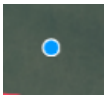
The **SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant Guidance** provides information in assessing the following:

- 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, stone walls 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

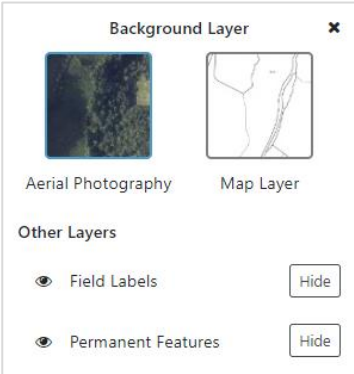
Woodland Planting

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, gate creation options and water options applicable to just that planting area. You may have multiple planting areas, each with its own linked fencing and gate options and water options.

Map Screen Overview

	Red boundary lines 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'.
	Red filled polygons 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.
	Permanent Features are denoted with a purple/pink hatching.
	The mouse pointer (blue circle) has two functions when in map view: Click and hold the left mouse button to drag/move the map around the view. Single click the left mouse button to drop a point node – used when drawing areas, drawing fencing or removing areas.
	Click the Home button to zoom out to the overview of your land.

Search... Planting Area SH1425 SH1425 2567 SH1425 2647 SH1425 3051	The Search box 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. 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.
+ Trace Boundary	The Trace Boundary 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 Trace Boundary button to disable it. Click again to re-enable. 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. Also note that drawing over ineligible land (denoted by red polygon) will also be clipped out.
- Remove Area	The Remove Area 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).
🗑 Clear	Click the Clear button to completely remove any planting shapes drawn on the map. Note that this will only remove drawn areas on the current item and not remove any other separately drawn and saved items.

 	The Settings button allows adjustment to the map view. You may toggle between aerial photography and OS Map view. You may also toggle field parcel references and Permanent Features on/off.
	The Zoom buttons will allow the map view to be zoomed inwards and outwards. You may also use the scroll wheel on your mouse to zoom if desired.
	Click Done 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.

Adding Planting Area(s) to your Expression of Interest

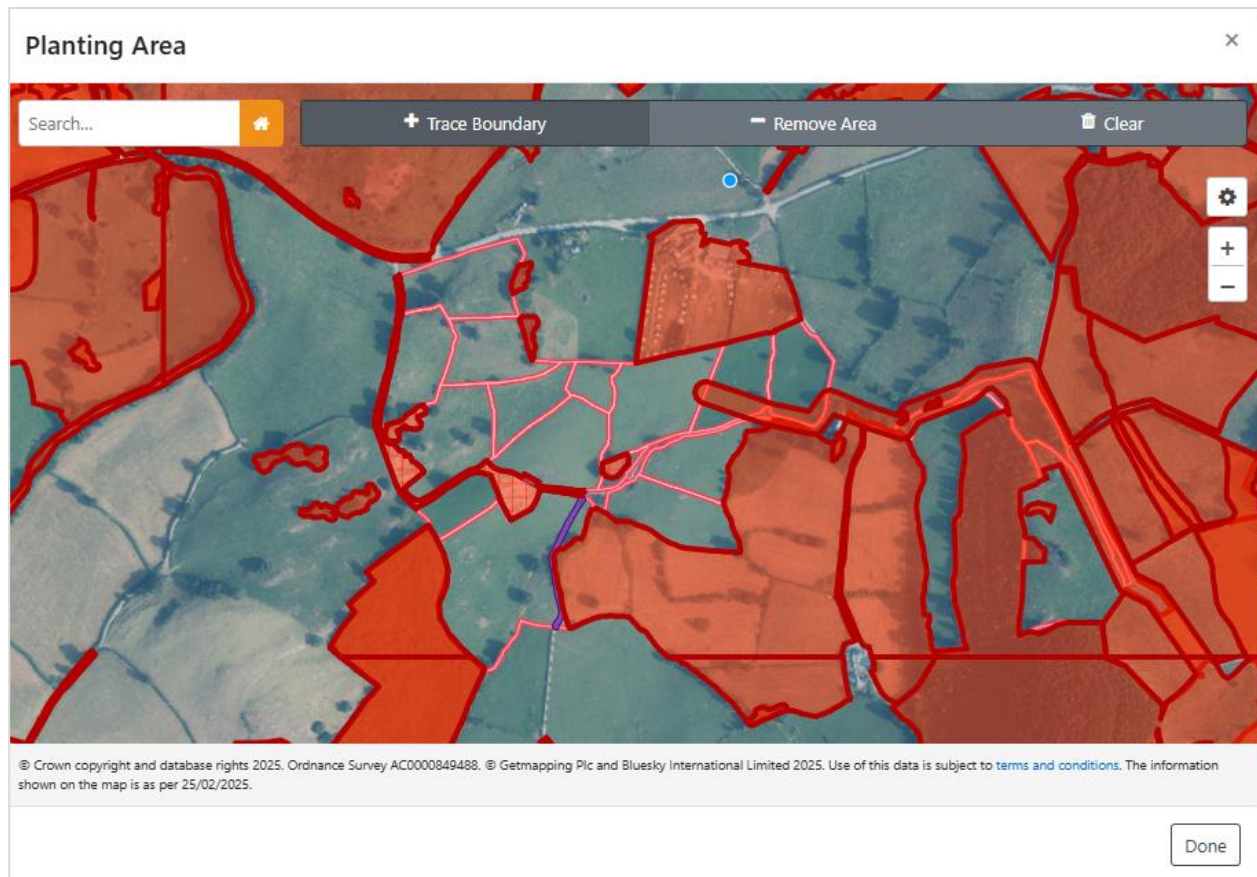
On the Woodland Planting overview page, click **Add Woodland Planting** to create an area for planting.

The screenshot shows the 'Woodland Planting' overview page. On the left is a sidebar with a navigation menu containing 'Introduction', 'Privacy Notice', 'Eligibility', 'Contract Conditions', 'Woodland Planting' (highlighted), and 'Submission'. The main content area has a header 'Woodland Planting' with navigation links '< Previous', 'Save', and 'Next >'. Below the header is a 'Planting area' section with a light blue bar containing the text 'Click 'Add Woodland Planting' to draw the area of woodland'. To the right of this bar is a blue button labeled 'Add Woodland Planting', which is highlighted with a red rectangle. Below the bar is a table with one row and one column, containing the text 'No Entries'. At the bottom of the main content area are two input fields: 'Total area of planting (ha):' and 'Total number of gates:'. The footer contains 'Print', 'Cymraeg', and 'Exit' links on the left, and '< Previous', 'Save', and 'Next >' links on the right.

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**:

The screenshot shows the 'Woodland Planting - Planting area' page. On the left is the same sidebar as the previous page. The main content area has a header 'Woodland Planting - Planting area' with navigation links 'Cancel', 'Save and Add Another', and 'Save and Return'. Below the header is a section 'Questions marked with * are mandatory.' followed by four input fields: 'Planting Area *' (with a 'Draw Planting Location' button highlighted in a red rectangle), 'Woodland Category *' (with a 'Please Select' dropdown), 'Area of planting (ha) *', 'Total length of fencing (m)', and 'Total Gates'. Below these fields are two sections: 'Fencing' and 'Gates'. Each section has a light blue bar with text: 'Click 'Add Fencing' to draw the fencing' and 'Click 'Add Gates' to add the gates'. To the right of each bar is a blue button labeled 'Add Fencing' and 'Add Gates' respectively. Below each bar is a table with one row and one column, containing the text 'No Entries'. The footer contains 'Print', 'Cymraeg', and 'Exit' links on the left, and 'Cancel', 'Save and Add Another', and 'Save and Return' links on the right.

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*



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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*

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.

This screenshot shows a form for configuring a planting area. At the top, there is a summary bar displaying '0.16 ha | 199 m' and a 'Draw Planting Location' button. Below this, the 'Woodland Category*' is set to 'Mixed - Fruit and Nut'. The 'Area of planting (ha)*' is manually entered as '0.16' in a text box.

Adding Fencing to a Planting Area

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

This screenshot shows 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 'No Entries'. A red arrow points to the 'Add Fencing' button in the top right corner of the table. The 'Gates' tab below it also shows a 'No Entries' table with an 'Add Gates' button.

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

This screenshot shows the 'Woodland Planting - Planting area - Fencing' form. It includes a note: 'Questions marked with * are mandatory.' The 'Fencing*' field has a 'Draw Fencing' button highlighted with a red box. The 'Fencing type*' dropdown is set to 'Please Select', and the 'Length of Fencing*' field is empty.

- 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*

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.

Cancel ✕	Save and Add Another +	Save and Return ↩
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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.

Fencing

Click 'Add Fencing' to draw the fencing

Fencing	Fencing Type	Length	
	Deer fencing	99	Modify Delete

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Gates

Click 'Add Gates' to add the gates

No Entries

➔

Add Gates

Save and Add Another +

Save and Return ↩

- Choose the Gate type

Woodland Planting - Planting area - Gates

Questions marked with * are mandatory.

Type of Gate*

Number of Gates*

Please Select

Please Select

Standard gate (Metal)

Standard gate (Hardwood)

Standard gate (Softwood)

Timber Bridle Gate and Posts

Timber Kissing Gate and Posts

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*
Standard gate (Metal)

Number of Gates*
2

- 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 for fencing and gates options.

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	Add Fencing
	Deer fencing	99	Modify Delete

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Woodland Planting Overview

The main Woodland Planting overview page will show a list of each planting area you added 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
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Native Biodiversity 1100	2.03	 © 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.	281	1	Modify Delete

➡

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

Total area of planting (ha):

2.16

➡

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

Total number of gates:

3

Exit

< Previous Save Next >

When errors have been addressed and you have finished adding planting areas, fencing, gates and water options, 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	
Mixed - Fruit and Nut	0.13	 © 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.	99	2	Add Woodland Planting Modify Delete
Native Biodiversity 1100	0.95	 © 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.	228	1	Modify Delete

Total area of planting (ha):

Total number of gates:

Exit
Previous
Save
Next

Adding Water Options to your Expression of Interest

When selecting Woodland Categories –

- Wet Woodland and Streamside 1100
- Wet Woodland and Streamside 1600

The screenshot shows a web form for 'Woodland Planting'. At the top, there's a header with '0.60 ha | 330 m' and a 'Draw Planting Location' button. Below this, there are four input fields: 'Woodland Category *', 'Area of planting (ha) *', 'Total length of fencing (m)', and 'Total Gates'. The 'Woodland Category *' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of options. The options are: 'Please Select', 'Native Biodiversity 1100', 'Native Biodiversity 1600', 'Native Shelterwood', 'Red Squirrel 1600', 'Red Squirrel 2500', 'Wet Woodland and Streamside 1100', 'Wet Woodland and Streamside 1600', 'Mixed - Fruit and Nut', 'Coastal Species Mixture', and 'Productive (Woodfuel and Shelterwood) Species Mixture'. The last two options are highlighted with a red box. Below the dropdown, there are two sections: 'Fencing' and 'Gates'. Each section has a light blue bar with instructions ('Click 'Add Fencing' to draw the fencing' and 'Click 'Add Gates' to add the gates'), a table with 'No Entries' in the center, and an 'Add' button ('Add Fencing' and 'Add Gates').

There are 3 Water Options available – Piped Water Supply, Water Gate and Water Troughs. These options will appear on the main **Woodland Planting** screen below your specified Planting Areas.

The screenshot shows the 'Water Options' section of the 'Woodland Planting' form. It contains three sub-sections: 'Piped Water Supply', 'Water Gate', and 'Water Troughs'. Each sub-section has a light blue bar with instructions ('Click 'Add Piped Water Supply' to add Piped Water Supply', 'Click 'Add Water Gate' to add Water Gate', and 'Click 'Add Water Troughs' to add Water Troughs'), a table with 'No Entries' in the center, and an 'Add' button ('Add Piped Water Supply', 'Add Water Gate', and 'Add Water Troughs'). Below these sub-sections, there are three input fields for 'Total Piped Water Supply (m):', 'Total Water Gates:', and 'Total Water Troughs:'.

Piped Water Supply

Note: you will only be able to apply for a maximum of 500 meters per application.

- Click **Add Piped Water Supply**.

Planting area

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

Woodland Category	Area	Planting area	Total Fencing	Total Gates	Add Woodland Planting
Wet Woodland and Streamside 1100	0.60				ModifyDelete

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Total area of planting (ha):

0.60

Total number of gates:

0

Piped Water Supply

Click 'Add Piped Water Supply' to add Piped Water Supply

Add Piped Water Supply

No Entries

Water Gate

- Click **Draw Piped Water Supply**

Woodland Planting - Piped Water Supply

Piped Water Supply

Draw Piped Water Supply

Water Option:

Please Select

Length of Piped Water Supply:

- Draw the Piped Water Supply.
- Choose the **Water Option** and enter **Length of Piped Water Supply**

Woodland Planting - Piped Water Supply

Piped Water Supply



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219 m

Draw Piped Water Supply

Water Option:

Length of Piped Water Supply:

Piped Water Supply

219

Once entry of Water Option 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 ↗

Water Gates

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

- Click **Add Water Gate**.

Piped Water Supply

Click 'Add Piped Water Supply' to add Piped Water Supply

Water Option	Length	Piped Water Supply	
Piped Water Supply	219	 © Crown copyright and database rights 2026. Ordnance Survey AC0000849488. © Bluesky International Limited 2021 and onwards. Use of this data is subject to terms and conditions. The information shown on the map is as per 21/02/2026.	Add Piped Water Supply Modify Delete

Water Gate

Click 'Add Water Gate' to add Water Gate

Add Water Gate

No Entries

- Click **Add Water Gate**

Woodland Planting - Water Gate

Questions marked with * are mandatory.

Water Gate

Water Option:

Water Gates: *

Please Select

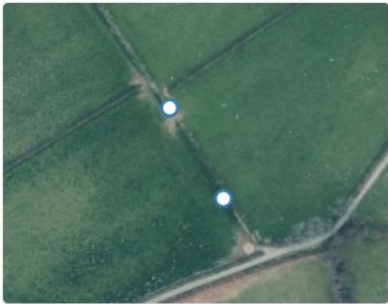
Add Water Gate

- Select the area for the Water Gates.
- Choose the **Water Option** and enter the amount of **Water Gates**.

Woodland Planting - Water Gate

Questions marked with * are mandatory.

Water Gate



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2

Add Water Gate

Water Option:

Water Gates: *

Water Gate

2

Once entry of Water Option 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 ↩

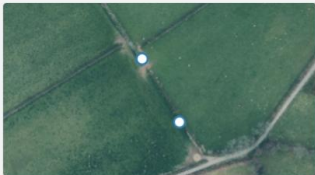
Water Troughs

Note: you will only be able to apply for a maximum of 5 water troughs per application.

- Click **Add Water Troughs**.

Water Gate

Click 'Add Water Gate' to add Water Gate

Water Option	Quantity	Water Gate
Water Gate	2	 Modify Delete

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Water Troughs

Click 'Add Water Troughs' to add Water Troughs

Add Water Troughs

No Entries

Total Piped Water Supply (m): 219

Total Water Gates: 2

Total Water Troughs:

- Click **Add Water Troughs**

Woodland Planting - Water Troughs

Questions marked with * are mandatory.

Water Troughs

Water Option:

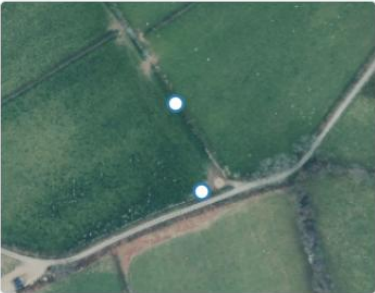
Water Troughs: *

- Select the area for the Water Troughs.
- Choose the **Water Option** and enter the amount of **Water Troughs**.

Woodland Planting - Water Troughs

Questions marked with * are mandatory.

Water Troughs



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2

Water Option:

Water Troughs: *

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

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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No

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

Yes

No

Yes

No

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

Woodland Planting

Woodland Category	Area	Planting area	Total Fencing	Total Gates
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Native Biodiversity 1100	0.95	 © 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.	228	1

Print

Cymraeg

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

Print

Cymraeg

Exit

Previous

Save

Next

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 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 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.

SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant

Submit

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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.

Click the button below to submit your SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant.

Submit

A Message containing a copy of your submitted SFS Optional: Small Woodland Creation Grant will be available in your online Messages page within one working day.

The following submission message will be generated:

Help

Submission Confirmation

Reference Number:

Your

was submitted for CRN:

A message

confirming receipt of your

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

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.

Print this Screen

If you are required to attach files to your submission click 'Submit Documentation' otherwise click 'Exit'.

Submit Documentation

Exit

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:-

- 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.