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How to use the SFS Universal Layer Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan 2026



Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan – How to Complete Guidance

These instructions will give you step-by-step guidance on how to complete Universal Action (UA) 10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan and are available in Welsh and English.

If you experience any problems with the guidance or are unable to access RPW Online, please contact the RPW Customer Contact Centre on 0300 062 5004.

This guide has been divided into sections with detailed step by step instructions on how to update the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan (THPOP). Further guidance on how the Tree and Hedgerow Planting opportunity Plan interacts with the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard is available in the [Sustainable Farming Scheme: how to complete my SFS Universal Layer Dashboard | GOV.WALES](#).

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UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

The aim of this Universal Action is to encourage you to consider where tree, woodland or hedgerow planting would benefit your farming business.

There are two distinct requirements of this Universal Action:

Requirement 1: Complete a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan on RPW online by 31 December 2026.

- As a minimum, your plan must include **at least 0.1 hectares** of potential new **tree** planting. We will calculate this for you using the groups of trees and/or individual trees you have plotted within your opportunity plan.
- The minimum size of an area that can be identified on the plan is 0.01ha.
- Individual trees plotted on the plan will be given a notional area of 4m² (0.0004ha)
- You can also include potential new hedgerow planting in your plan. The minimum length of an individual hedgerow must be 20 metres.

Please note: Hedgerow planting included within the plan will not count towards the minimum requirement of 0.1 hectares of potential new tree planting.

- You will need to complete a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan on RPW Online, regardless of the current area of tree canopy cover or hedgerows on your holding or the tenure of the land.

Please note: There is no derogation for not submitting a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

Requirement 2: Demonstrate progress towards implementing your plan by 31 December 2028.

Full details of the requirements for UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity plan are available in the [Sustainable Farming Scheme: universal layer 2026 | GOV.WALES](#) guidance.

A summary of those requirements is listed below.

You must demonstrate progress towards implementing your plan by 31 December 2028. This can be demonstrated as follows:

Demonstrating Progress	Deadline
Tree and/or woodland planting covering a minimum area of 0.1ha since 1 April 2022. • If you completed this planting in a Welsh Government woodland creation scheme,	Not applicable.

we will automatically confirm you have met the requirement. • If you completed this planting outside of a Welsh Government scheme, you will need to confirm on the SAF, the areas or number of trees planted and the establishment dates.	
Having an approved Welsh Government Grant Award Letter (GAL) to undertake the planting of a minimum of 0.1ha of new trees or woodland and completing the planting by 31 March 2029	GAL accepted by 31 December 2028 Planting completed by 31 March 2029.
Completing planting of a minimum of 0.1ha of trees or woodland outside of a Welsh Government grant scheme.	Planting completed by 31 March 2029
Submit and have a derogation request approved if appropriate.	31 December 2028

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Please note: You must plant a minimum of 0.1 hectares (at a minimum planting density of 2,500 trees/ha) or 250 individual trees which could be in one block or a combination of individual trees, trees in hedgerows and smaller groups of trees. Trees which fail to establish must be replaced with new ones.

Tree planting must be completed by 31 March 2029 regardless of whether you first claimed for the SFS - Universal layer in 2026, 2027 or 2028.

Progress towards implementing your plan and completing the tree planting requirements will be shown on RPW Online from 2027 onwards and will not be visible in the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

Homepage

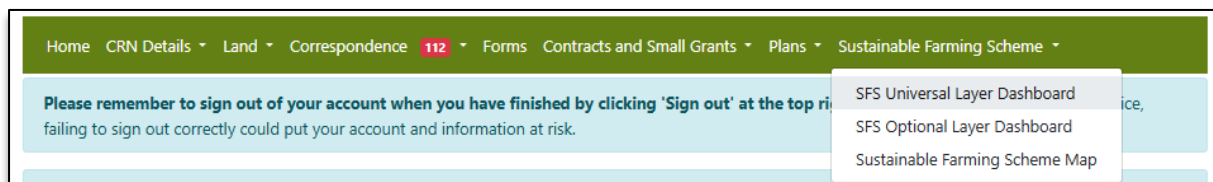
Once logged into your online account the RPW Online ‘Home’ page will appear.

If you want to change the Language at any time, click the **Cymraeg/English** button located in the top right hand corner bar of the RPW Online information.

To access the Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan you will need to access it via the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard

SFS Universal Layer Dashboard

When you enter RPW Online an option of “Sustainable Farming Scheme” will be shown in the green banner. Click to view the menu.



Initial view on entering the Universal Layer Dashboard

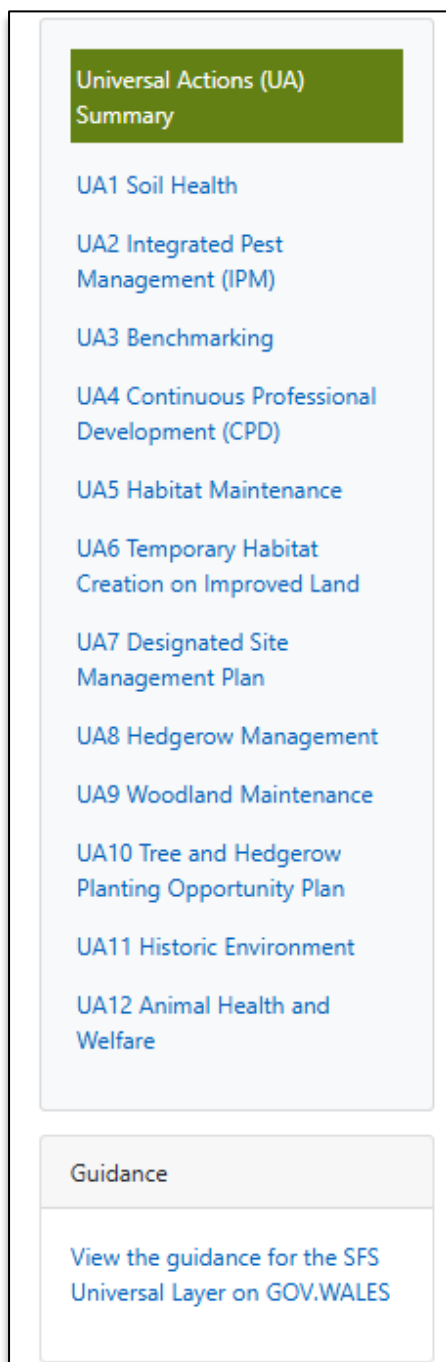
When you select “SFS Universal Layer Dashboard” from the menu you will see the following page. This page will present all 12 Universal Actions (UA’s) in separate panels. The panels displayed will be unique and applicable to your farm.

The screenshot displays the 'Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026'. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, CRN Details, Land, Correspondence, Forms, Contracts and Small Grants, Plans, and Sustainable Farming Scheme. Below the navigation bar, the dashboard is divided into several sections:

- Universal Actions (UA) Summary:** A section titled 'Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026'. It states: 'You have completed 0 of 10 Universal Actions required for this year'. Below this, a list of 11 Universal Actions (UA1 to UA11) is shown, each with a 'Not started' button. UA12 is listed in the 'Not applicable' section.
- Guidance:** A section titled 'View the guidance for the SFS Universal Layer on GOV.WALES'.
- Extended Completion Window:** A section titled 'You must complete this Universal Action on or before 31 December 2030'. It lists UA7 Designated Site Management Plan with a 'Not started' button.
- Not applicable:** A section titled 'The following Universal Actions are not applicable to you in 2026'. It lists UA12 Animal Health and Welfare.

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Panel 1 - UA Navigation



The left hand panel can be used to navigate directly to UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan Information Page

There is also a link to all SFS Guidance

To the right of the UA Navigation panel described above, up to 3 additional panels will show, dependant on the UAs on your farm:

- Actions to be completed by 31 December 2026
- Extended completion window
- Not applicable

You can also use the link in these panels to navigate directly to the UA10 Information Page.

When you first open the Dashboard, all UAs applicable to your farm will show a status of **Not started**.

Select the 'Start Plan' button to start your plan.

UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan Not started

The aim of this action is to encourage you to consider where tree, woodland or hedgerow planting would benefit your farming business.

Deadline: 31 December 2026

Complete a Plan

To complete this Universal Action in 2026 you must complete a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan on RPW online by 31 December 2026. As a minimum, your plan must include at least 0.1 hectares of potential new tree planting.

[Start plan](#)

You will be taken to a separate screen where you can complete a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

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This action requires all scheme entrants to create an online Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan by considering and mapping on RPW online what opportunities there might be on their farm to plant individual trees, hedgerows, shelter woods, streamside corridors, field corners, steep gullies, and larger areas of trees.

To successfully submit a plan, you will need to identify and map at least 0.1ha of additional trees as well as any additional hedgerow planting appropriate to your farm. The deadline for submission is 31 December.

The plan is purely indicative: there will be no contractual obligation to plant every potential opportunity you identify. In order to enter one of the supporting grant schemes, a more detailed plan would be required before planting, identifying species, density, and location of any fences. The completion of the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan does not imply permission to plant.

You will be asked to report on any planting within this plan annually, through RPW online / SAF.

Grants for advice, planting and maintenance will be available through the Optional layer.

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The following process will support you to complete the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan and works step-by-step to help you explore the various opportunities for tree and hedgerow planting on your land.

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Introduction screen

The Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan will open with the introduction screen visible. Please ensure you have read the information thoroughly before you begin your plan.

The page has a “Next” button to progress to the following screens. The left-hand menu will highlight the present screen visible by highlighting the heading in Blue. You can also use the left-hand menu to navigate between screens by clicking on the different headings. Each page will have a “Next” button, and the following pages will also have a “Previous” button to go back a page if required.

The “Save” button is available to press at any stage of the form.

The “How to Complete Guidance” hyperlink will take you to the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan How to complete guidance for further advice on how to fill out the form and map both new individual trees / groups of trees and hedgerows.

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Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan Universal Action 10

The Plan

Universal Action 10 requires all scheme applicants to create an online Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan. You should consider and map the opportunities you have on your farm to plant individual trees, hedgerows, shelter woods, streamside corridors, field corners, steep gullies, and larger areas of trees.

To successfully submit a plan, you will need to identify and map at least 0.1ha of additional trees. You will have the opportunity to identify any additional hedgerow planting but this will not count towards the 0.1ha requirement. The deadline for submission is **31 December**.

Please note: There is no derogation for not submitting a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

The following process will support you to complete the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan by helping you explore the numerous opportunities for planting on your land.

Planting

Once you have submitted your plan you must demonstrate progress towards implementing your plan by 31 December 2028.

You can apply for a derogation from the minimum tree planting requirement in the following circumstances:

- You are a tenant who does not have your landlord's permission to carry out new tree planting. You may be required to provide your tenancy agreement or a letter from your landlord if you have an unwritten tenancy, as evidence you are unable to plant new trees.
- You have insufficient suitable land available to plant new trees due to sensitivity, for example, priority habitat or peatland. You must have submitted a pre-application to NRW and received confirmation from NRW that no tree planting can be carried out on your land. You will need to ensure reasonable time has been given for both your pre-application and for a response to be received in advance of the 31 December 2028 deadline.
- You do not have any/enough eligible areas on your farm.

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There are three main sections of the THPOP which need to be completed before the THPOP can be submitted.

First Section: Themes

This section focuses on different themes that should help you identify options applicable to your farm and farming practices which will enhance the outcomes you wish to achieve through new tree and hedgerow planting. By considering these options this should assist you in where you may choose to map potential planting opportunities in the map. You will need to complete this section before you progress onto the next section.

Second section: Map

This section provides the ability for you to select on the map of your holding where you may potentially plant new trees or hedgerows by using layers of information to support the location of these. You will need complete this section before you progress onto the Summary and Declarations and undertakings section.

Third Section: Declarations and Undertakings

This section is for you confirm that you understand the process and that data supplied is accurate.

Menu

The left-hand menu shows the status of each section of the of the THPOP.

- a red cross indicates the section either has not yet been viewed or contains errors. The THPOP cannot be submitted until all sections have been completed and any errors corrected.
- a green tick indicates the section has been completed and does not contain any errors.

There is an “Exit” button at the bottom of the screen, if you exit the plan at any point and return to the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard the status on the dashboard will be updated to “**Draft**” and after the “Complete a Plan” heading there will also be a status to show that the plan is (**In Progress**).

You will be shown a “Continue plan” button instead of the “Start plan” button.

UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

Draft

The aim of this Universal Action is to encourage you to consider where tree, woodland or hedgerow planting would benefit your farming business.

Deadline: 31 December 2026

Complete a Plan (In Progress)

To complete this Universal Action in 2026 you must complete a Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan on RPW Online by 31 December 2026. As a minimum, your plan must include at least 0.10 ha of potential new tree planting.

[Continue plan](#)

Select the 'Continue plan' button to go back into the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

Privacy Notice

This page will detail how the information you provide will be managed, used and stored in line with Welsh Government policies.

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Privacy Notice

This notice tells you how we will handle any information you provide in relation to your Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

The Welsh Government will be data controller for the information you provide in relation to your Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan. The lawful basis for the processing is that it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the exercise of official authority vested in the Welsh Government.

Your information will be stored for 10 years following the final year of payment.

Sharing Information

The Welsh Government may share information with National Resources Wales, Farming Connect or Contractors working on behalf of the Welsh Government for the following purposes:

- Production and publication of maps showing the areas of land considered for tree planting.
- Compilation of reports of aggregated data and/or summary statistics to be made publicly available.
- Informing decisions relating to policy changes and funding, including research studies conducted on behalf of the Welsh Government

Disclosure of Information

The information will be managed and used by the Welsh Government in accordance with its obligations and duties under the Data Protection Act 2018, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Your rights

Under the data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to access the personal data Welsh Government holds on you
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data to (in certain circumstances, such as the withdrawal of your application prior to payment) object to or restrict processing, and 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 Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you want to exercise your rights, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer:
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ
Email: dataprotectionofficer@gov.wales

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Overview

This page will provide you with an overview of the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan including a link to Welsh government support that is available for tree planting and hedgerow creation using the “Rural grants and payments” hyperlink.

Please note: that this plan is purely an indication of potential opportunities for Tree and Hedgerow planting on your farm, to implement the plan with support you would need to go through an appropriate grant.

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Your plan should identify areas of your holding which you think it would benefit from new trees, woodland or hedgerows based on your farming knowledge, farm type and location.

The plan can include blocks of trees, individual trees or a mixture of both. You may include individual trees to be planted along traditional field boundaries, including within existing hedgerows.

Trees

As a minimum, your plan must include **at least 0.1 hectares** of potential new **tree** planting. We will calculate this for you using the groups of trees and/or individual trees you have plotted within your opportunity plan.

- The minimum size of an area that can be identified on the plan is 0.01ha.
- Individual trees plotted on the plan will be given a notional area of 4m² (0.0004ha)

Hedgerows

You can include new hedgerow planting in your plan. The minimum length of an individual hedgerow must be 20 metres.

Please note: Hedgerow planting included within the plan will not count towards the minimum requirement of 0.1 hectares of potential new tree planting.

Existing hedgerow plants allowed to grow up as hedgerow trees as well as any additional trees planted within a hedgerow can count towards the requirements of UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

Completing your Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

You will be asked a series of questions about the outcomes you may want to achieve on your land, e.g. mitigating flood risk.

Land classed as existing habitats, or designated sites such as Sites of Specific Scientific Interest (SSSI), or land important to priority species such as curlew may be unsuitable for planting. These are all classed as sensitivities and will be highlighted to you via the sensitivities layer when you complete the opportunity map.

Once you have completed the plan, a summary of the areas of new trees and length(s) of hedgerow you have mapped will be provided including how much has been identified over a sensitivity layer.

Anything that has been drawn within the sensitivities layers will be subject to review by the Scheme(s) used to support your opportunity plan.

The Welsh Government offers a range of support and advice for tree planting and hedgerow creation. Full details on the Optional Tiers are available [here](#)

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Themes Overview

This page will provide you with an overview of the Themes section of the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan and explain what actions you will need to take in this section.

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Themes

You will be presented with number of potential tree and hedgerow planting options under five different themes.

Theme 1: Food and Fibre Production

Theme 2: Changing Climate

Theme 3: Biodiversity and Ecosystems

Theme 4: Culture and Countryside

Theme 5: Any other Opportunities and Review

For themes 1 to 4 you will be presented with multiple options that may apply to your farm and you will need to consider and select the option(s) that apply on your farm. If none of the options apply to your farm you can select the “None of the options apply to my farm” Option against a theme. An example for Theme 1 is shown below.

The screenshot displays a web application titled "Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan". On the left is a sidebar menu with the following items: "How to Complete Guidance", "Introduction", "Privacy Notice", "Overview", "Themes" (expanded), "Themes Overview", "Theme 1: Food and Fibre Production" (selected), "Theme 2: Changing Climate", "Theme 3: Biodiversity and Ecosystems", "Theme 4: Culture and Countryside", "Theme 5: Any Other Opportunities and Review", "Theme Summary", "Map", "Summary", "Declarations and Undertakings", and "Submit". The main content area is titled "Theme 1: Food and Fibre Production" and contains a light blue instruction box: "Consider and select at least one option from those listed." Below this, there are three paragraphs of text describing the benefits of trees and hedgerows. At the bottom, under the heading "Consider and select options that apply on your farm:", there are six checkboxes: "There are opportunities to plant new hedgerows, restore and fill up gappy hedges, and plant trees to aid livestock management, biosecurity, health and welfare.", "There are opportunities to plant trees to either provide wood for future farm use or to sell.", "There are opportunities to plant trees that produce a harvestable crop such as fruit or nuts.", "There are opportunities for planting palatable species such as willow, alder and birch, as additional browse (grazing) for livestock.", "There are opportunities to plant tree belts or new hedgerows to intercept pollution from livestock and poultry sheds.", and "None of the Options apply to my farm." The bottom of the page has navigation buttons: "Exit", "Previous", "Save", and "Next".

You will need to select at least one option on each page, if you save the page or try to progress to the Theme summary a warning message will be displayed on the page and you will need to resolve this error before you can progress.

A warning message box with a pink background and a black border. It contains the text: "Consider and select options that apply on your farm:" followed by a pink box containing the message: "Some data has not been entered. Consider and select at least one option from those listed."

The screen will not allow you to select a combination of one or more of the options and the “None of the Options apply to my farm” response. If the following error message is displayed, you will not be able to navigate away from that page until you resolve the error.



You have selected 'None of the Options apply to my farm' and an option(s) that does apply. Please correct this data before continuing.

The ‘Exit’ button will not be available if either of the two error message above show. You will need to navigate to a page without an error message or select an answer to be able to exit the plan.

Theme 5

Theme 5 will present two options for you to allow you to indicate any other options that may apply to your farm that have not be listed within the other themes.

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan" with navigation buttons for "Previous", "Save", and "Next". The main heading is "Theme 5: Any Other Opportunities and Review". Below this is a light blue box with the instruction "Select an answer from those listed." The text asks: "There are many reasons for planting trees and hedgerows that may not have been covered by the above themes. Can you identify any other opportunities to plant trees and create hedgerows on your farm?". There are two radio button options: "Yes, I can identify other opportunities on my farm." and "No, I cannot identify other opportunities on my farm.", with the "No" option selected.

To progress to the Theme Summary screen, you will need to answer at least one option against each of the five themes. Each Theme will need to have a green tick next to it, if a theme has a red cross against it the error in the theme will need to be amended before progressing.

This screenshot shows the same form as above but with a sidebar on the left. The sidebar, titled "How to Complete Guidance", lists the following sections: Introduction, Privacy Notice, Overview, Themes (expanded), Themes Overview, Theme 1: Food and Fibre Production (with a green tick), Theme 2: Changing Climate (with a green tick), Theme 3: Biodiversity and Ecosystems (with a green tick), Theme 4: Culture and Countryside (with a green tick), Theme 5: Any Other Opportunities and Review (with a red cross), Theme Summary (with a red cross), Map (with a red cross), Summary, Declarations and Undertakings (with a red cross), and Submit. The main content area is the same as the previous screenshot, but it includes a red error box that says "Some data has not been entered. Consider and select one option from those listed." The "No" radio button option is now unselected.

Theme Summary

The Theme summary will show you the options that you have chosen across the five themes.

When you have selected applicable options the Theme summary will show you the options that you have chosen across the five themes.

Theme Summary

These are the themes and options selected

Theme 1: Food and Fibre Production
There are opportunities to plant new hedgerows, restore and fill up gappy hedges, and plant trees to aid livestock management, biosecurity, health and welfare.

Theme 2: Changing Climate
There are fields where livestock would benefit from more shade.

Theme 3: Biodiversity and Ecosystems
There are populations of rare or beneficial species you would like to support through tree and hedgerow planting.

Theme 4: Culture and Countryside
None of the Options apply to my farm.

Theme 5: Any Other Opportunities and Review
Yes, I can identify other opportunities on my farm.

Across the five themes you must select at least one option that is applicable to your farm. If you do not an error message will be displayed. You will not be able to progress to the Map until you have resolved the error by selecting at least one option that applies to your farm.

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Theme Summary

Across the five themes you must select at least one option that is applicable to your farm (this does not include 'None of the Options apply to my farm'). Please correct this data within the numbered theme section before continuing.

These are the themes and options selected

Theme 1: Food and Fibre Production
None of the Options apply to my farm.

Theme 2: Changing Climate
None of the Options apply to my farm.

Theme 3: Biodiversity and Ecosystems
None of the Options apply to my farm.

Theme 4: Culture and Countryside
None of the Options apply to my farm.

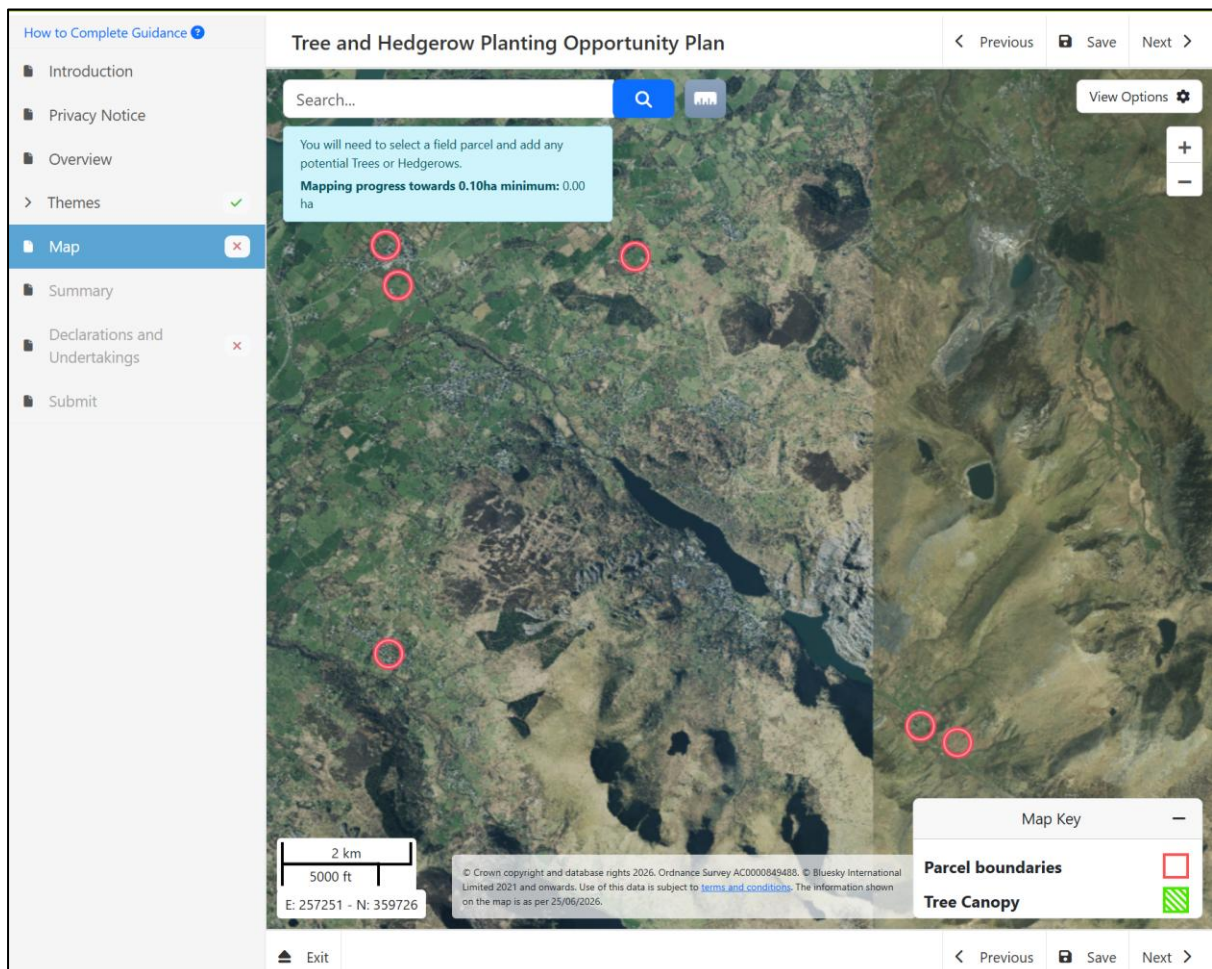
Theme 5: Any Other Opportunities and Review
No, I cannot identify other opportunities on my farm.

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Map

The map screen lets you identify potential tree or hedgerow planting areas within your holding by selecting individual parcels. The progress page shows how much of the 0.1ha planting has been mapped, but does not account for any previous planting toward this requirement.

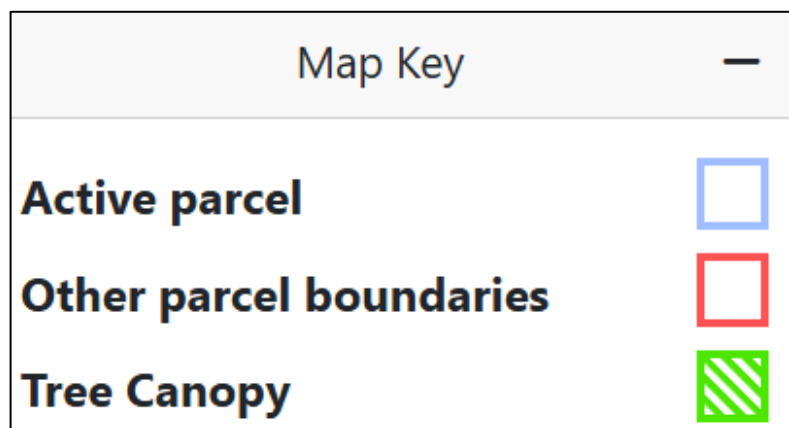
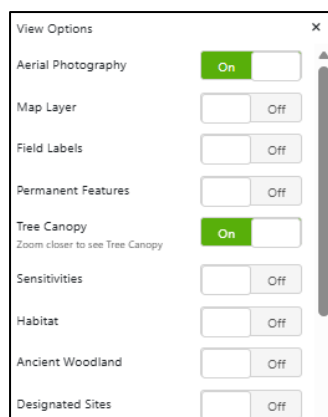
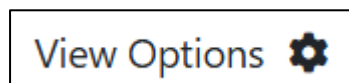
The below screenshot will show you where relevant tools are displayed on the screen, later screenshots will show the individual tools.



View Options and Map Key

The View options button is a drop-down feature where you can toggle on and off different layers on the map. The map key indicates the active options visible on the map from the options drop down menu, the different colours / patterns displayed correlate to the map layers. To note, Aerial photography and Map layer cannot be active at the same time.

Your parcels will be displayed with a red line around the boundary edges, as shown in the map key.



Layers and description

Aerial Photography

This layer will show the latest aerial imagery we have across Wales. It can be used to check and validate field boundary changes, landscape features and man-made features. Imagery is often used to check many aspects of the Universal Code.

Map Layer

This layer, when switched 'On' the system will remove the aerial photography layer. If this layer is turned 'Off' the system will automatically re-apply the aerial photography layer.

Field Labels

This layer will allow you to view the Sheet References and Field Numbers for your parcels.

Permanent Features

This layer will show you the permanent features on each field parcel.

Tree Canopy

This layer will show you individual and groups of tree canopies up to and over 0.10 ha in canopy cover.

Sensitivities

This layer will show all land classed as existing habitats, or land important to priority species, such as curlew. You can map over any sensitivities area; however, the total area mapped over sensitive land will be recorded in the map summary page and the proposed planting areas will need to be reviewed before planting approval can be granted.

Habitat

This layer will show you the habitat areas on each field parcel.

Ancient Woodland

This layer will show areas of Ancient Woodland and can be used to identify ancient trees.

Designated Sites

This layer will show the Designated Sites on your holding, which includes Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Areas (SPA), Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), RAMSAR and National Nature Reserves (NNRs).

Historic Environment

This layer will show all Historic Environment features on your holding.

Public Rights of Way

This layer will allow you to view the parcels with Public Rights of Way on the map.

Peatland

This layer will allow you to view the parcels with Peatland on the map.

Minimum Mapping requirement

You must identify a minimum of **0.10ha** of new tree planting opportunities. The box below the search bar tracks progress as you map individual or group of trees. Each individual tree counts as **0.0004ha** toward the target.

You will need to select a field parcel and add any potential Trees or Hedgerows.

Mapping progress towards 0.10ha minimum: 0.00
ha

Please Note: If you have mapped under the minimum 0.10ha planting area and try to progress to the Summary page, an error message will appear under the 0.10ha tracking progress box to ask you to identify additional areas of potential tree planting before you continue.

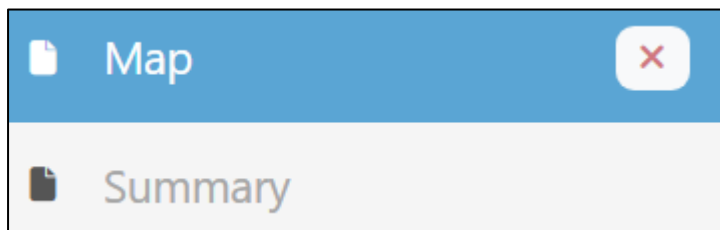
You will need to select a field parcel and add any potential Trees or Hedgerows.

Mapping progress towards 0.10ha minimum: 0.07
ha

As a minimum, your plan must include at least 0.1 ha of potential new tree planting.

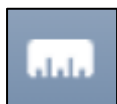
You will need to identify additional areas of potential tree planting before you continue.

The map page will display a red X to signal the minimum planting area has not been met and the following Summary page will be greyed out in the navigation bar. The Summary page will only become available once 0.10ha of potential tree planting has been mapped.



Measure tool

The measure tool is located to the right of the search bar, this tool can be used to measure distances, for example a 20m line for a new hedgerow. The system will show an error message if any items have been mapped incorrectly, so you will not be required to manually measure any items.

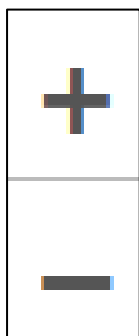


Searching / selecting a parcel

To search for a parcel, start entering the OSNG number or parcel name in the search bar. Select the parcel from the dropdown list, and you will be zoomed into that parcel on the map in edit mode.

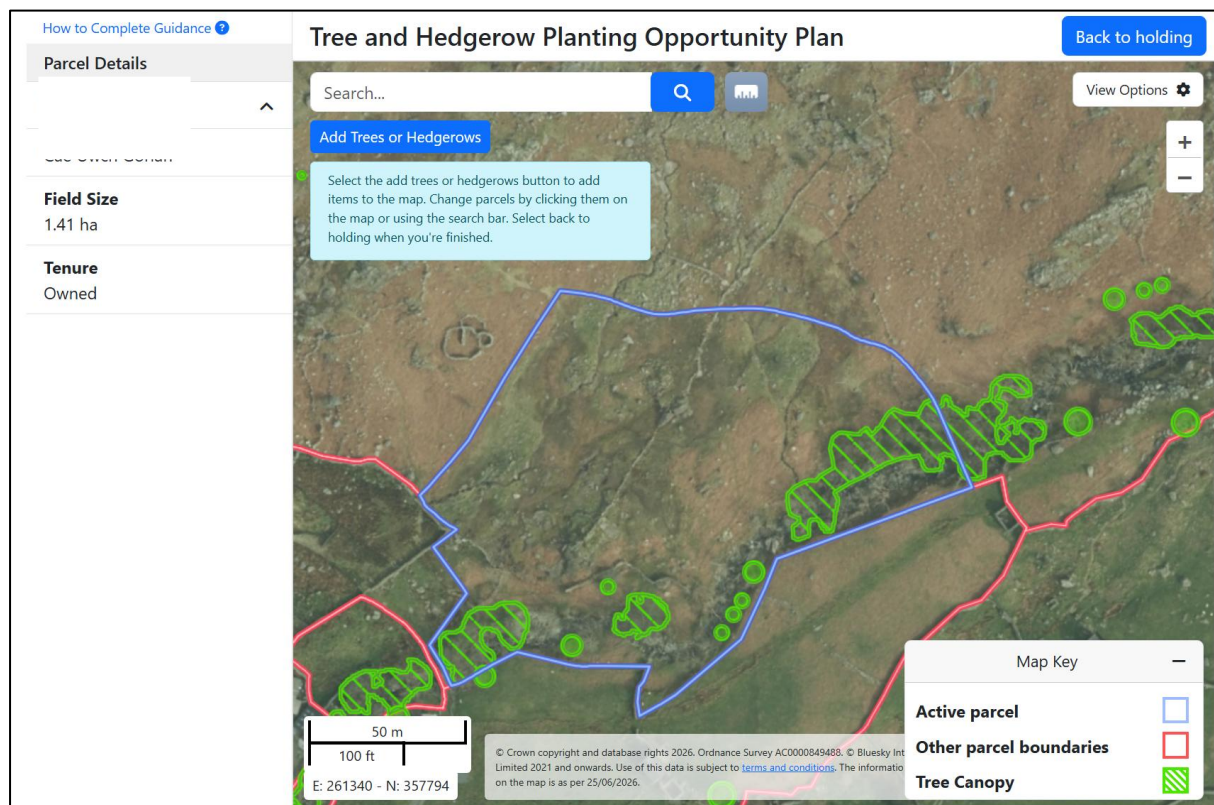
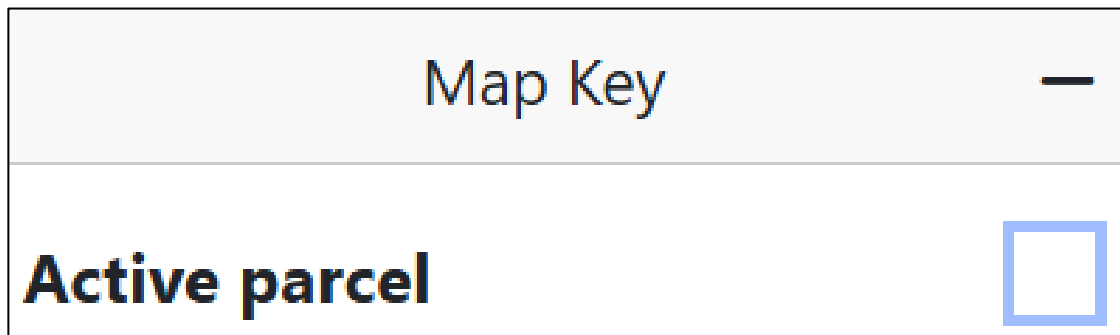


Use the zoom controls (+/-) or your mouse scroll wheel to move between parcels. Click and drag to pan the map, then select a parcel to enter mapping mode.



Mapping mode

In mapping mode, the active parcel is highlighted with a blue boundary, also shown in the map key. You can only map within this parcel. To switch parcels, click another one or use the search bar.



The Parcel Details bar to the left of the map will display the active field parcel number, size and tenure details. The bar will also store the confirmed areas mapped within each parcel.

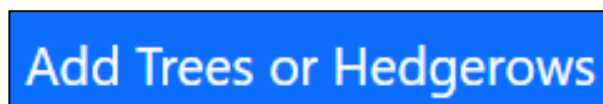
Back to Holding

In mapping mode, if you want to go back to the main map page, use the blue 'Back to holding' button. You will need to use this button to exit the mapping mode and to progress through the form.



Adding Trees and Hedgerows

In mapping mode, click the blue 'Add Trees or Hedgerows' button, choose from **Group of trees**, **Individual trees**, or **Hedgerows**, then click **Continue**. To return to the map, press the grey **Back** button.



Select an option to add

☐ Group of trees

☐ Individual trees

☐ Hedgerows

Continue

Back

If you choose the wrong option and press **“Continue,”** use the blue **“Change”** button to select a different option or the grey **“back”** button to transition back to the map, both options are available in the parcel details bar and will also remove any draft mapped items.

Parcel Details

SH5264 9084

Selection

Individual trees

[Change](#)

Continue

Back

Minimum mapping areas / lengths

Tree groups must be at least 0.01ha, and hedgerows at least 20m. Individual trees are fixed at 4m² (0.0004ha) and must be 2m apart. Errors appear if these criteria aren't met.

Mapping colours indicator

Items change colour during the mapping process, a pink colour is used when initially mapping an item, it then changes to blue for draft and finally yellow when confirmed.

Pink – Mapping in progress

Blue – Draft area, point or line

Yellow – Confirmed area, point or line



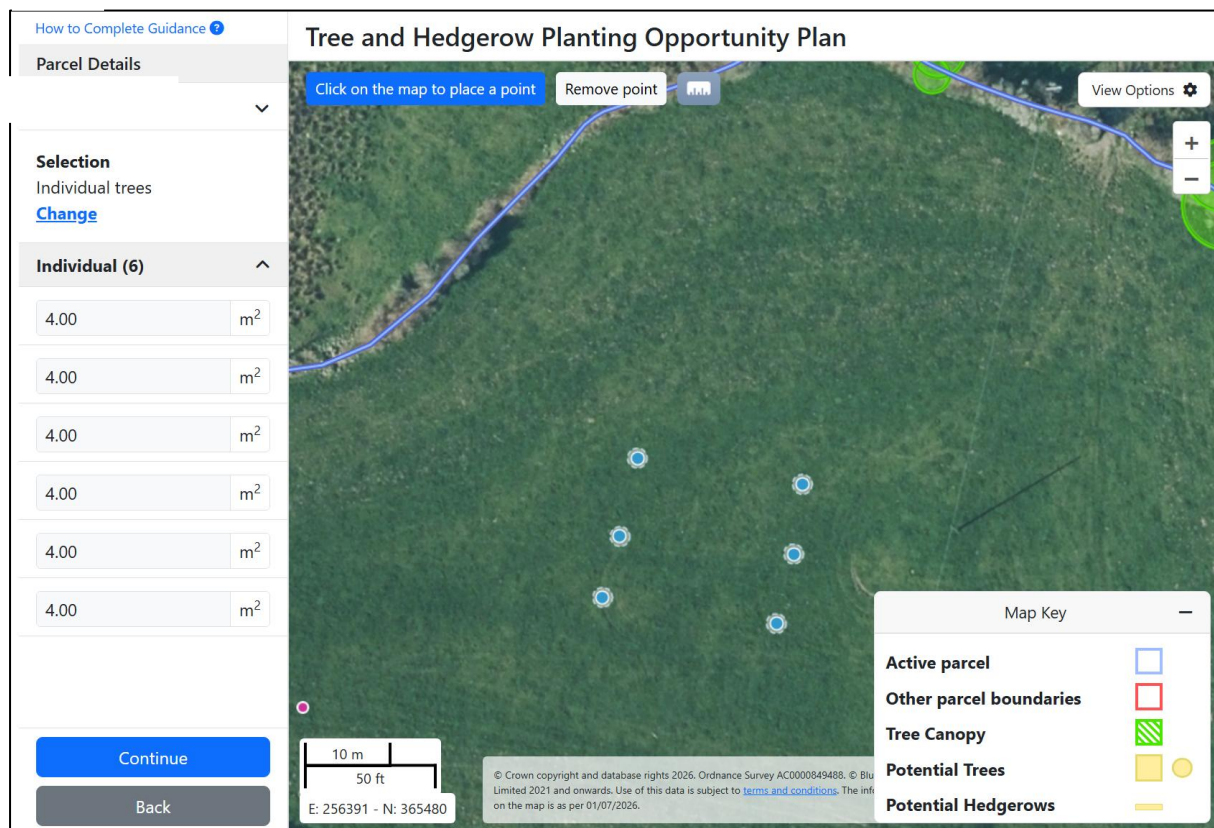
Mapping over a Sensitivities area

You can map items over sensitivities areas. A message will appear notifying you that they are subject to review. Items mapped over sensitive areas will be recorded in the Summary page.

The screenshot displays the 'Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan' interface. On the left, a sidebar contains a 'Parcel Details' section with a 'Selection' dropdown set to 'Group of trees' and a 'Change' link. Below this, a 'Group (1)' section shows a value of '0.06' and a unit of 'ha'. At the bottom of the sidebar are 'Continue' and 'Back' buttons. The main map area shows a brown textured background with a red rectangular area representing a sensitivity. A yellow warning message box is overlaid on the map, stating: 'You have drawn over the Sensitivities layer, anything drawn within the Sensitivities layer will be subject to review by the Scheme(s) used to support your plan. To view the extent of the Sensitivities layer use view options to switch on the layer.' Above the map, there are buttons for 'Draw area', 'Select', and 'Remove area', along with a 'View Options' gear icon. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates '10 m' and '50 ft', with coordinates 'E: 256241 - N: 365283'. A 'Map Key' legend is visible in the bottom right corner, showing symbols for 'Active parcel' (blue outline), 'Boundaries' (red outline), 'Trees' (green hatched area), and 'Hedgerows' (yellow line).

Mapping Individual Trees

Click **'Add Trees and Hedgerows'** button, then select **Individual Trees**. Click within the parcel to add a tree point (shown in blue). Continue clicking to add more tree points. Each tree appears in the parcel details bar with a fixed area of 4m².



Removing individual tree points

To remove individual tree points, click **'Remove Point'** (it turns blue when active), then click on the tree points to delete them. Removed points disappear from the map and parcel details bar.

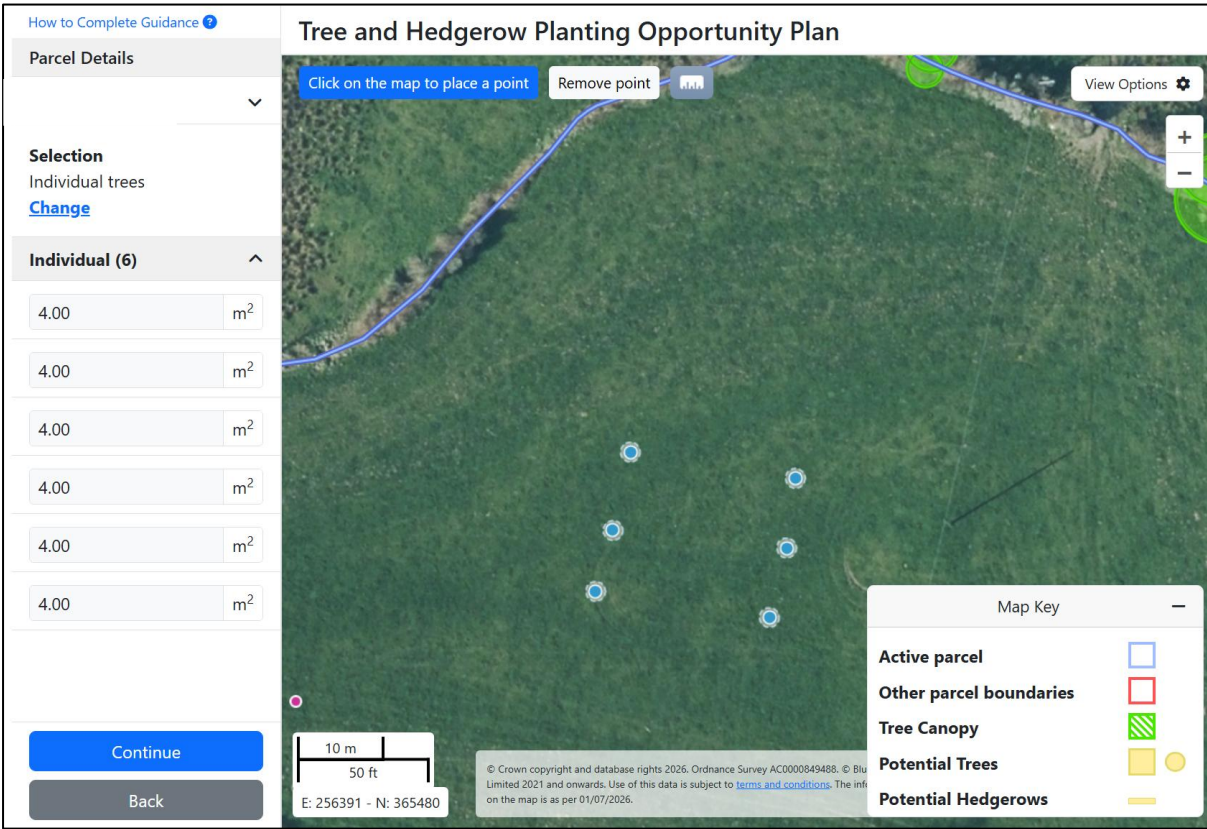
Remove point

After using **‘Remove Point’**, you can select **‘Click on the map to place a point’** to add more trees points. The button turns blue when active.

Click on the map to place a point

Confirm Individual tree points

To confirm the individual tree points mapped, click **‘Continue’** at the bottom of the parcel details bar to confirm mapped trees; points turn from blue to yellow, as shown in the map key. Clicking **‘Back’** removes all draft points.



How to Complete Guidance ?

Parcel Details

Expand all + Close all -

Individual (6)

Map Reference: 20

4.00 m²

+

Map Reference: 21

4.00 m²

+

Map Reference: 22

4.00 m²

+

Map Reference: 23

4.00 m²

+

Map Reference: 24

4.00 m²

+

Map Reference: 25

4.00 m²

+

Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

Back to holding

Search...

Add Trees or Hedgerows

Select the add trees or hedgerows button to add items to the map. Change parcels by clicking them on the map or using the search bar. Select back to holding when you're finished.

View Options

10 m

50 ft

E: 256391 - N: 365526

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Map Key

Active parcel

Other parcel boundaries

Tree Canopy

Potential Trees

Potential Hedgerows

Click on the drop-down arrow next to the Individual column in the parcel details bar or use the 'Expand all' button to see the confirmed Individual trees.

Press the 'Close all' button or toggle the drop-down arrow to hide the confirmed individual trees.

Expand all + Close all -

Individual (3)

Map Reference: 2

4.00 m²

-

Delete

Map Reference: 3

4.00 m²

+

Map Reference: 4

4.00 m²

+

All confirmed Individual trees will be assigned a map reference number. Click on the different map references and the associated point will be highlighted on the map. A delete button is available to remove any confirmed individual tree points.

Map Reference: 2 —

m²

Delete

Error messages

Placing an individual tree point outside of the active parcel

Individual tree points must be placed within the selected active parcel (outlined in blue). If placed outside, an error appears: **‘Items must be placed within the selected parcel.’**

Items must be placed within the selected parcel

Placing an Individual tree point in a man-made or water permanent feature

An individual tree point cannot be placed within a man-made or water permanent feature, the system will not generate a tree point if attempted.

Minimum distance between individual tree points

Individual tree points must be at least 2 meters apart. If you place one closer, the error message “Individual trees must be placed at least 2m apart” appears. A new point cannot be created unless it is more than 2 meters from an existing tree.

Individual trees must be placed at least 2m apart

Individual trees mapped over a group of trees

Individual tree points cannot be placed over a group of trees or existing canopy. Attempting to do so will show the error: “An individual tree cannot be placed on top of an existing potential group of trees.”

An individual tree can not be placed on top of an existing potential group of trees

Individual trees mapped over a hedgerow

Individual tree points can be placed on top of a hedgerow line, and a hedgerow line can be drawn over an individual tree point.

How to Complete Guidance ?

Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

Back to holding

Search...

Add Trees or Hedgerows

Select the add trees or hedgerows button to add items to the map. Change parcels by clicking them on the map or using the search bar. Select back to holding when you're finished.

Expand all + Close all -

Individual (5)

Map Reference: 28 4.00 m²

Map Reference: 29 4.00 m²

Map Reference: 30 4.00 m²

Map Reference: 31 4.00 m²

Map Reference: 32 4.00 m²

Hedgerows (1)

Map Reference: 27 26.56 m

Map Key

- Active parcel
- Other parcel boundaries
- Tree Canopy
- Potential Trees
- Potential Hedgerows

10 m 50 ft

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New trees used for **UA8 (Hedgerow Management)** requiring at least one hedgerow tree to maintain or establish every 50m can count toward the 0.1ha planting target. Existing hedgerow plants grown into trees can also count under **UA10 (Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan)** and be recorded as individual trees.

Group of Trees

Select “Group of trees” and then press “Continue”, two options will be available to select;

- ‘Add a specific area’ which will allow you to manually draw an area of trees **or**
- ‘Fill whole parcel’ option to cover the entire parcel with trees apart from areas which have existing tree canopy and man-made or water permanent features.

What do you want to do?
☐ Add specific areas for a group of trees
This will allow you to add areas for a group of trees within the parcel.
☐ Fill whole parcel
This will fill everything apart from Tree Canopy, Man Made Permanent Features or Water Features.

Continue

Back

Add specific areas for a group of trees

The draw area tool is automatically selected for you to start mapping. A pink circle shows where the first point will be placed. Click to begin, click again to change direction, and finish by connecting the final point back to the first to complete the shape.



Drawing additional groups of trees in the same parcel

Select '**Draw area**' to create another tree group, you will need to press this button for each new group.

Draw area

Drawing close to a parcel boundary

If drawing near a boundary, a prompt will ask if you want to trace it. Select 'Yes' to follow the boundary or 'No' to draw freehand.

Your drawing is very close to another feature's boundary, would you like to trace that boundary?

Yes

No

Alternatively, you can draw over the boundary line into an adjacent parcel, the system will snap the drawn area back to the active parcel boundary.



Fill whole parcel

Select this option to fill the whole parcel with trees; **However**, If the parcel contains any individual tree points; groups of trees; water or manmade permanent features, and existing tree canopy, different messages will pop up with options to proceed.

Existing Individual Tree points

If potential individual tree points already exist in the parcel, a message will show a warning that the new group will replace them. Select **“Continue”** to confirm or **“Cancel”** to discard the group.

The group of trees you have drawn overlaps an individual tree(s), these will be deleted and replaced by the drawn area

Continue

Cancel

Potential Groups of Trees

For potential tree groups, you'll be given the option to replace existing groups. Select **‘Yes’** to replace them, or **‘No’** to keep them and fill the remaining parcel area. Use **‘Discard the drawing’** to remove the new area.

The shape you have drawn overlaps an existing item and the two are incompatible.

Does the drawn shape replace the existing item?

Yes

No

Discard drawing

Manmade and Water permanent features

If manmade or water permanent features are present, a message will show warning of overlaps. You can clip to these features or discard the drawing. Select **‘Continue’** to fill the parcel with trees excluding these areas, or **“Discard Drawing”** to remove the group of trees.

The shape you have drawn overlaps a permanent feature that is either man made or a water feature. The shape will be clipped to the permanent feature.

Continue

Discard drawing

It may be easier to map an area of trees by drawing over a permanent feature and then selecting **‘Continue’** when prompted, rather than drawing freehand close to the deduction edge.

Existing Tree canopy

If the parcel contains existing tree canopy, a message will show warning that the group overlaps canopy. Select **‘Continue’** to map trees excluding canopy areas, or **‘Discard drawing’** to remove the draft group.

The shape you have drawn overlaps a permanent feature that is either man made or a water feature. The shape will be clipped to the permanent feature.

Continue

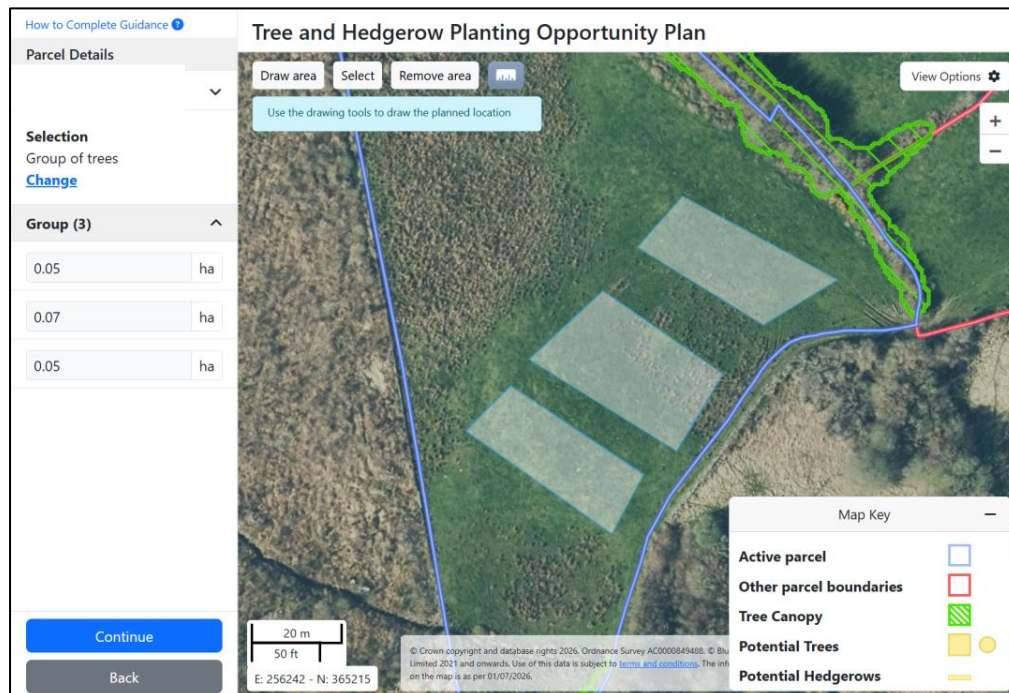
Discard drawing

Mapping a group of trees over a hedgerow

Please note: If you plan on mapping both a hedgerow and a group of trees in the same area, you should map the hedgerow first and then add the group of trees over the hedgerow.

Groups of trees in draft

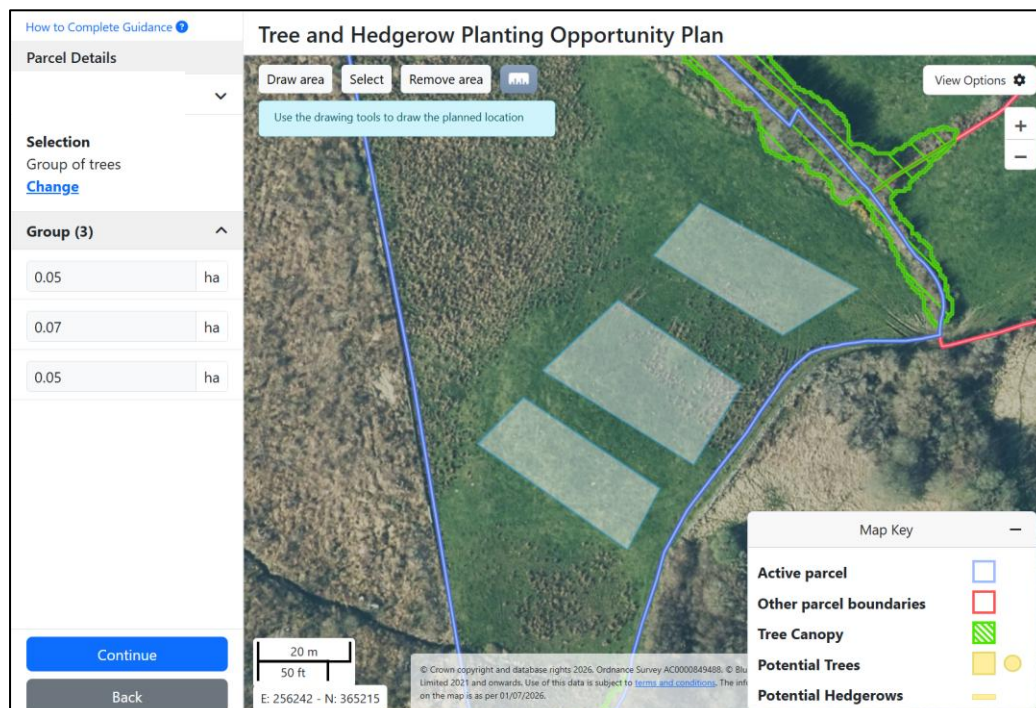
All groups of trees appear in blue on the map and in the parcel details bar under 'Group'. Click on an item from the 'Group' list to highlight its location on the map.



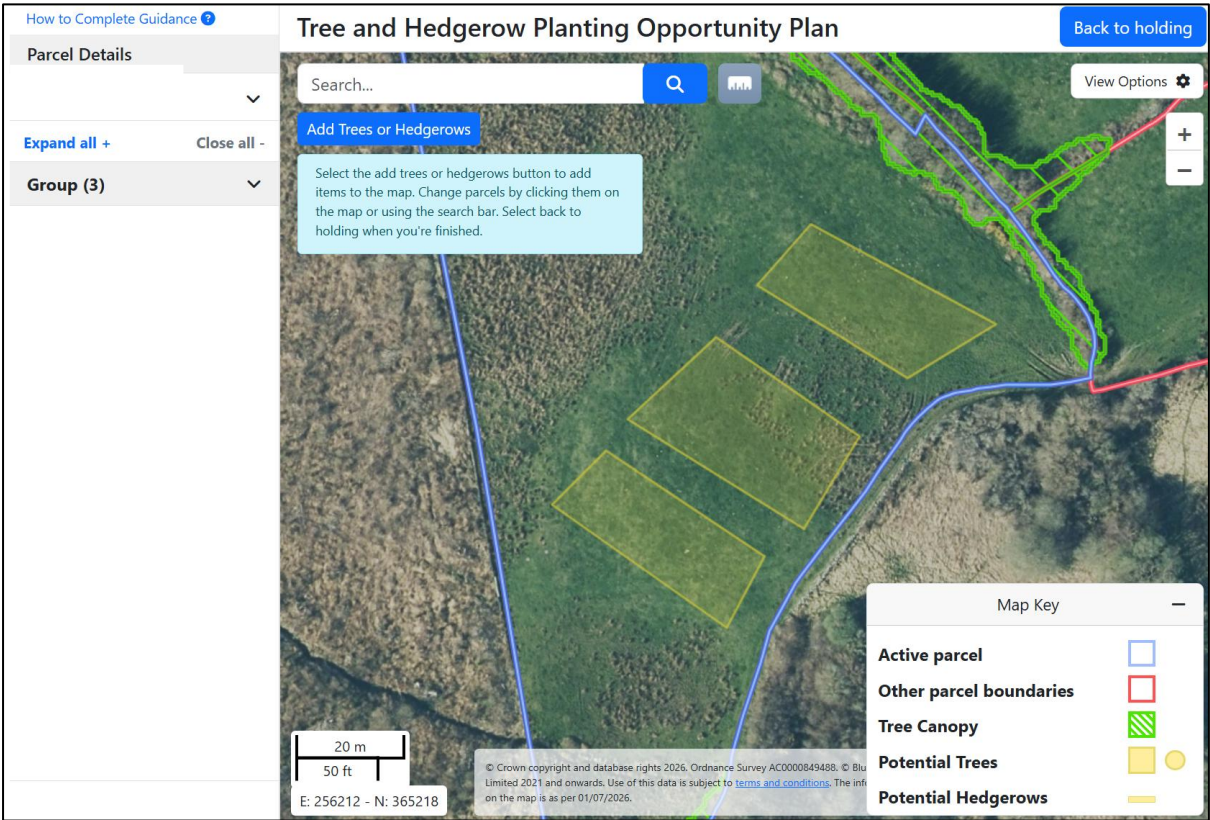
Confirm Groups of Trees

To confirm groups drawn, click the blue 'Continue' button at the bottom of the parcel details bar.

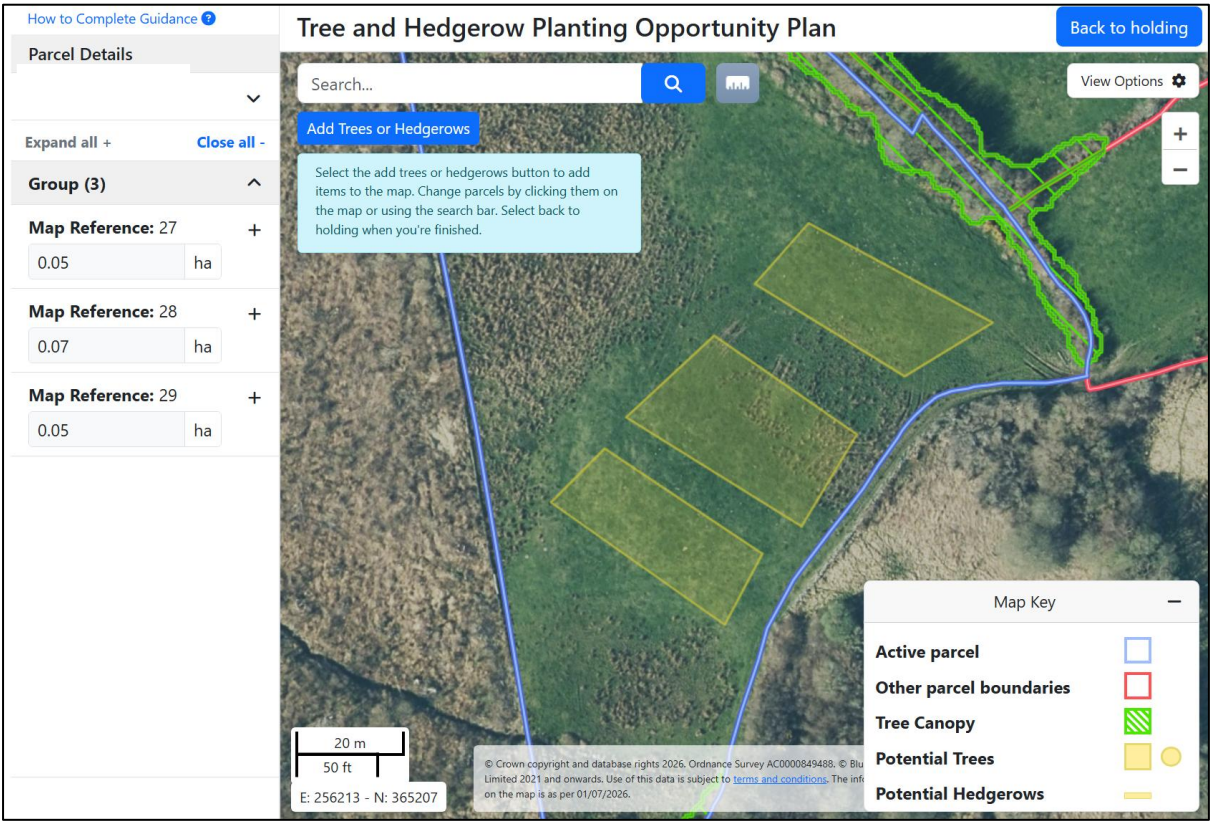
The 'Back' button will remove all drafted group areas drawn.



Saved groups of trees appear under **‘Group’** in the parcel details bar. On the map, they change from blue to yellow indicating confirmed trees, as shown in the map key.



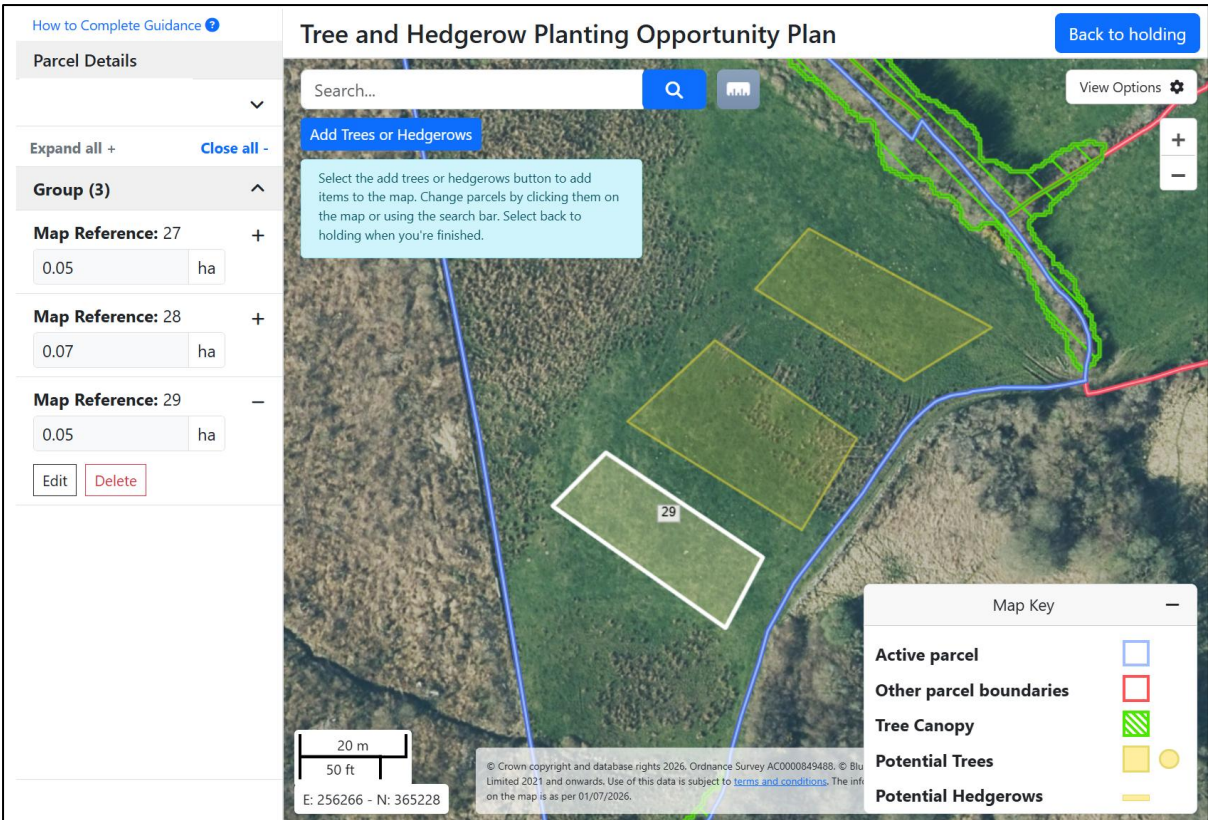
Click on the drop-down arrow next to the Group column in the parcel details bar or use the ‘Expand all’ button to see the confirmed groups of trees.



Press the ‘Close all’ button or toggle the drop-down arrow to hide the confirmed groups of trees.



All confirmed mapped areas will be assigned a map reference number. If you click on the different map references, the associated area will be highlighted on the map.



You can delete a group of trees from the parcel details bar by clicking on the map reference number and then pressing the delete button.

Editing groups of trees

To edit a confirmed group of trees (Yellow shape areas), click on the ‘Edit button’ under the map reference number in the parcel details tab and then press the ‘Select’ button.

Map Reference: 29

0.05

ha

Edit

Delete

How to Complete Guidance

Parcel Details

Selection

Group of trees

Change

Group (1)

0.05

ha

⚠ Edits the following item(s):

29 (0.05 ha)

Continue

Back

Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

Draw area

Select

Remove area

Use the drawing tools to draw the planned location

View Options

+

-

Map Key

Active parcel

Other parcel boundaries

Tree Canopy

Potential Trees

Potential Hedgerows

20 m

50 ft

E: 256264 - N: 365170

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The confirmed map reference number for the group of trees being edited will show in the parcel details bar.

Group (1)

0.05

ha

⚠

Edits the following item(s):
29 (0.05 ha)

For draft Groups of Trees (Blue shape areas), just press the 'Select' button.

Select

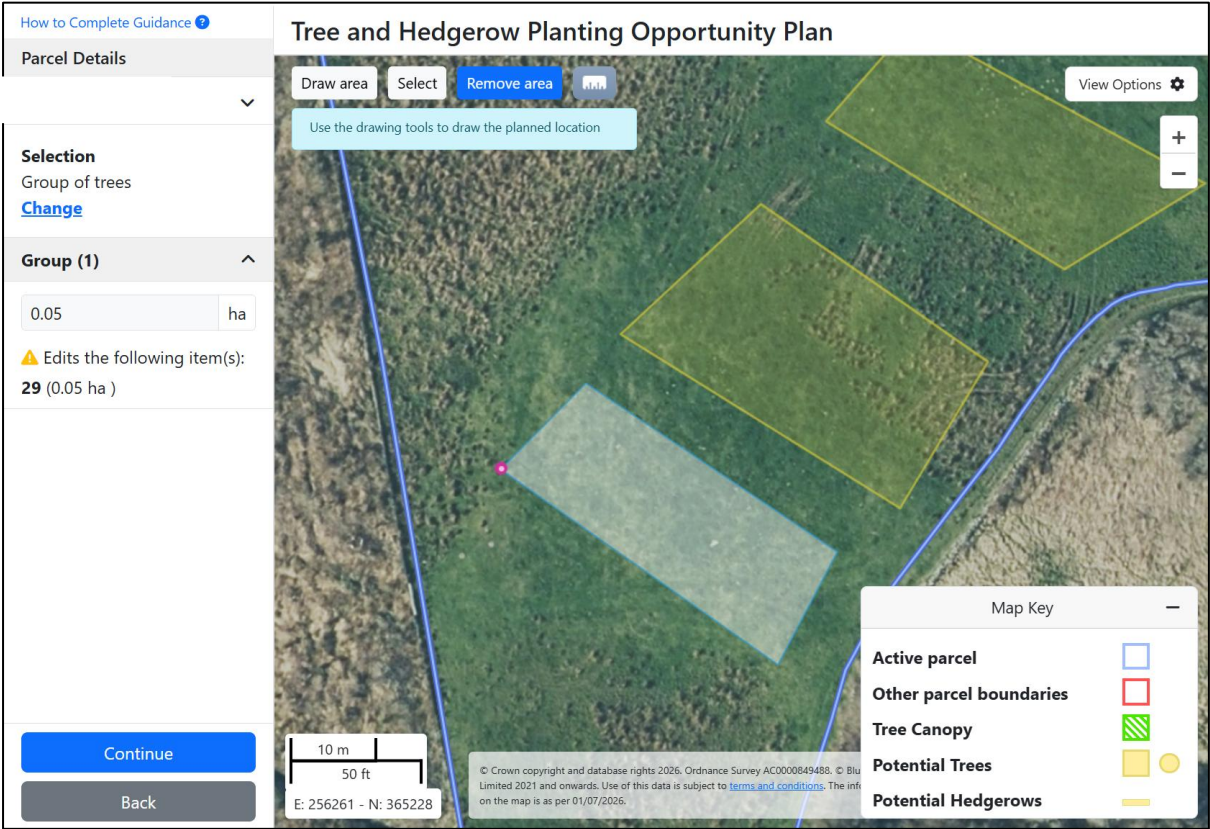
Next, click on the group of trees from the map. If there is only one group, edit mode is available instantly. If multiple groups exist, a message will show with **"Edit"** or **"Remove this shape"**, select **Edit**.

What would you like to do with the selected shape?

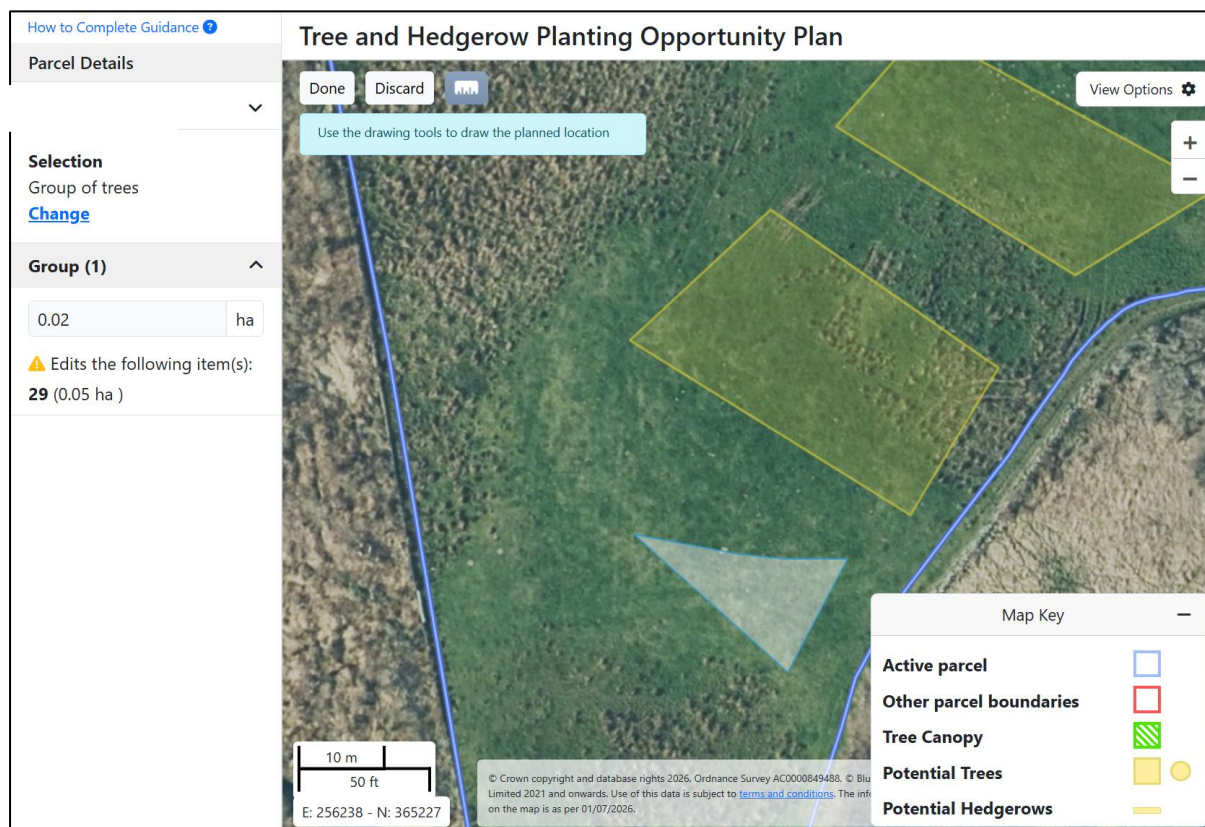
Edit

Remove this shape

When editing, move the cursor to the polygon edge where a pink dot will appear, click and drag to adjust the shape. The updated area displays in the parcel details bar as you edit.

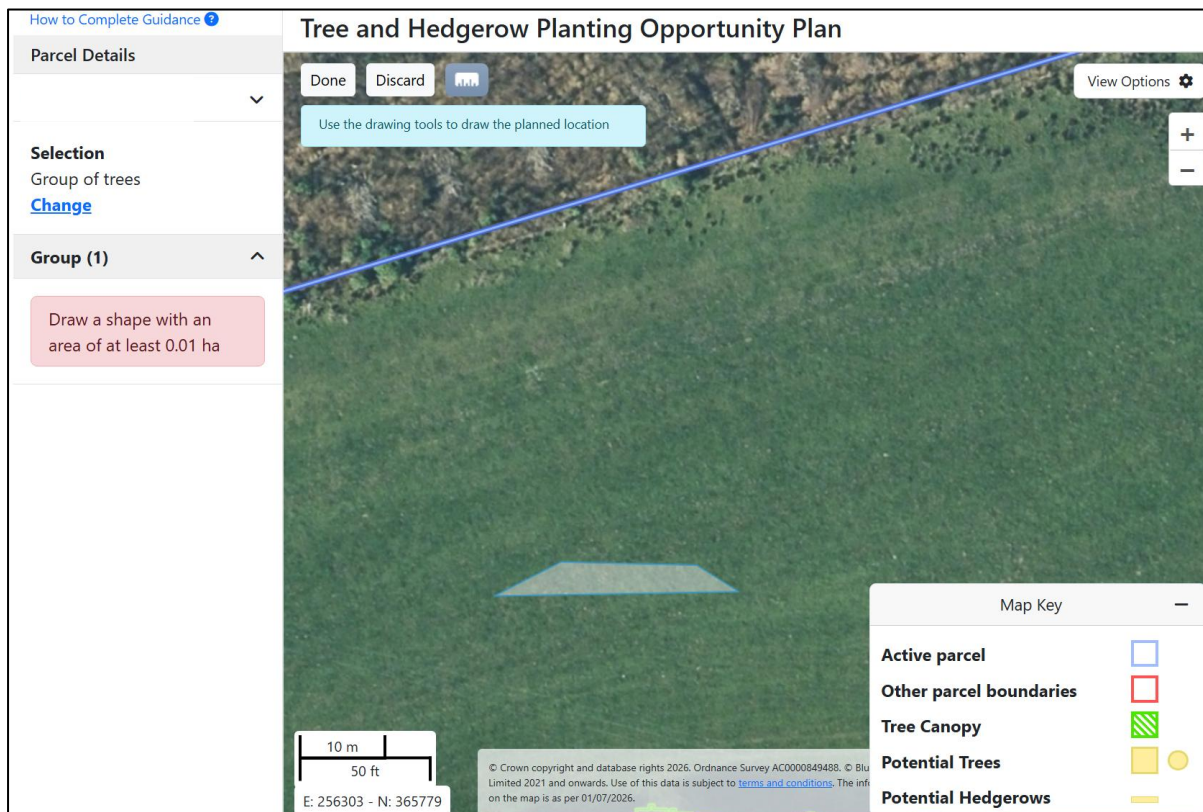


Once you have finished amending the shape, select **“Done”** to save the change or **“Discard”** to revert to the original shape area.



Editing a group of trees to below the minimum 0.01ha

If a group is reduced below 0.01ha, an error message appears: **“Draw a shape with an area of at least 0.01ha.”** The **‘Done’** button will be disabled. Click on the error message to highlight the group, then either increase the area to 0.01ha and press **“Done”** to save the change or click on **“Discard”** to revert to the original mapped area.



Drawing a new group of trees over an existing group of trees leading to an area being created under 0.01ha

Drawing a new group of trees over an existing group will generate an error message. The shapes overlap and are incompatible. You will be provided with the option to replace the existing item or discard the new area.

The shape you have drawn overlaps an existing item and the two are incompatible.

Does the drawn shape replace the existing item?

Yes
No
Discard drawing

If you draw a new group over an existing group and select **“No”**, if the new area is under 0.01ha, the system will not create the new group. Any areas over 0.01ha will be created in draft.

If you select **“Yes”** and the existing group falls below 0.01ha, the confirmed trees will be removed, and the new group will be created in draft. If a section of the existing group remains 0.01ha or over, the group will remain.

If you select **“Yes”** and edit a group via the **“Select”** button to below 0.01ha, either increase the size to 0.01ha or **“Discard”** and then **“Back”**. All draft groups will be removed, and the existing trees will be reverted.

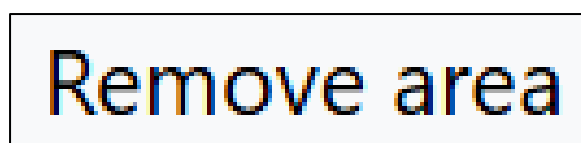
What would you like to do with the selected shape?

Edit

Remove this shape

Remove area button

The **‘Remove area’** tool lets you draw a polygon around an existing group of trees and remove a section without deleting the whole group. Make sure the first and last point of the polygon join to confirm the area to be deleted.



If the group of trees drops below 0.01ha in **draft**, then the group will be deleted. If it is a confirmed group, you will need to press back to revert to the original group as the continue button will be unavailable. Error messages will show in the parcel details bar.

How to Complete Guidance ?

Parcel Details

Selection

Group of trees

Change

Group (1)

0.06 ha

⚠ Edits the following item(s):
 26 (0.06 ha)

Continue

Back

Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

Draw area Select Remove area

Use the drawing tools to draw the planned location

View Options

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119.78m

10 m
50 ft
E: 256324 - N: 365757

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Map Key

Active parcel
 Other parcel boundaries
 Tree Canopy
 Potential Trees
 Potential Hedgerows

How to Complete Guidance ?

Parcel Details

Selection

Group of trees

Change

⚠ The following item(s) will be removed if you continue:
 26 (0.06 ha) ✖

You must plot at least one item on the map before continuing

Continue

Back

Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

Draw area Select Remove area

Use the drawing tools to draw the planned location

View Options

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10 m
50 ft
E: 256313 - N: 365729

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Map Key

Active parcel
 Other parcel boundaries
 Tree Canopy
 Potential Trees
 Potential Hedgerows

Hedgerows

Press the blue 'Add Trees or Hedgerows' button and then select the Hedgerows option and continue.

Add Trees or Hedgerows

Select an option to add

☐ Group of trees

☐ Individual trees

☐ Hedgerows

Continue

Back

The **'Draw Line'** tool is on by default to start mapping hedgerows. A pink circle shows the starting point, click to begin, then drag to draw. Click again to change direction and double-click to finish. You can also follow the parcel boundary when drawing, a message will pop up asking if you want to trace the boundary.

How to Complete Guidance ⓘ

Parcel Details

Selection

Hedgerows

[Change](#)

Hedgerows (1)

0.00 m

Continue

Back

Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

Draw line

Select

Remove line

Use the drawing tools to draw the planned location

View Options ⚙️

47. + -

Map Key

Active parcel

Other parcel boundaries

Tree Canopy

Potential Trees

Potential Hedgerows

10 m

50 ft

E: 256386 - N: 365441

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Hedgerows must be at least 20m long to be eligible. If shorter, the error **“Draw a line with a length of at least 20m”** will appear, and no draft hedgerow created.

Draw a line with a length of at least 20 m

Drawing a hedgerow close to a parcel boundary

If drawing a hedgerow near a boundary, a prompt will ask if you want to trace it. Select **‘Yes’** to follow the boundary or **‘No’** to draw freehand.

Your drawing is very close to another feature's boundary, would you like to trace that boundary?

Yes

No

Alternatively, you can draw over the boundary line into an adjacent parcel, the system will snap the drawn line back to the active parcel boundary.



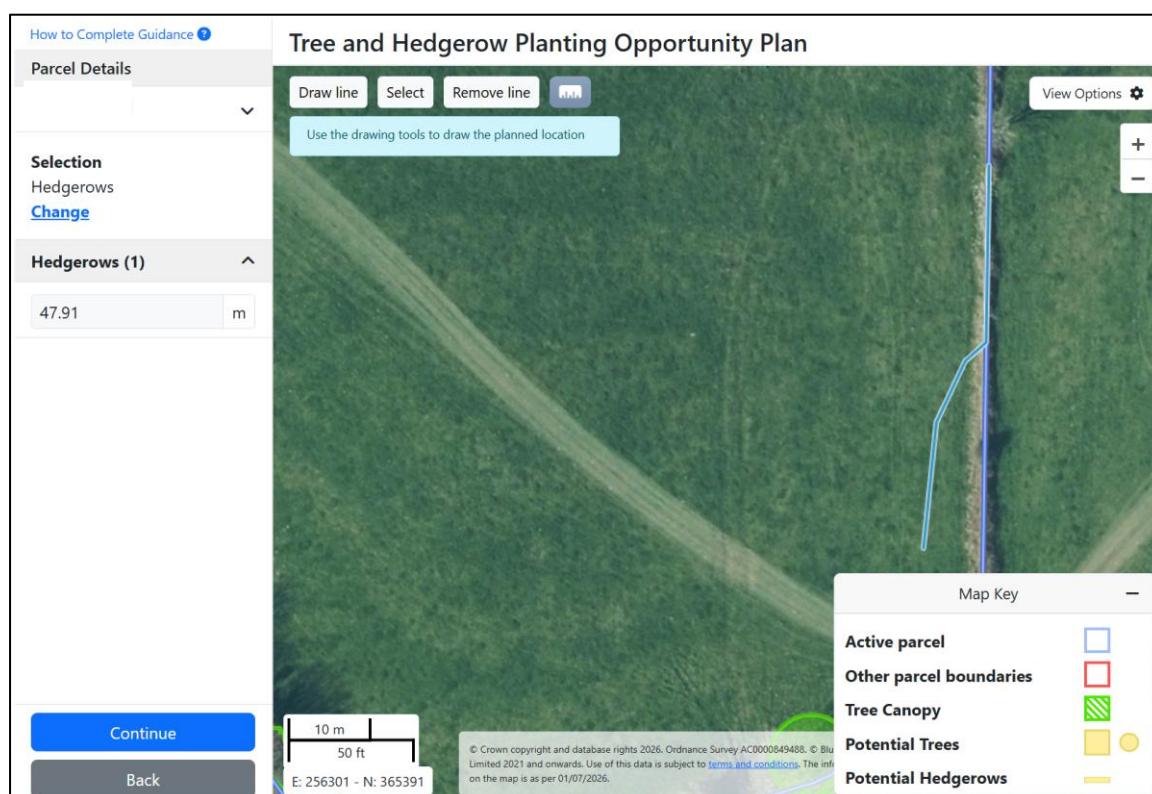
If you draw a hedgerow starting inside the active parcel, then outside, and back in, the system will split it into two lines at the point it leaves the parcel. If one of the hedgerows is under 20m, it will not be created.



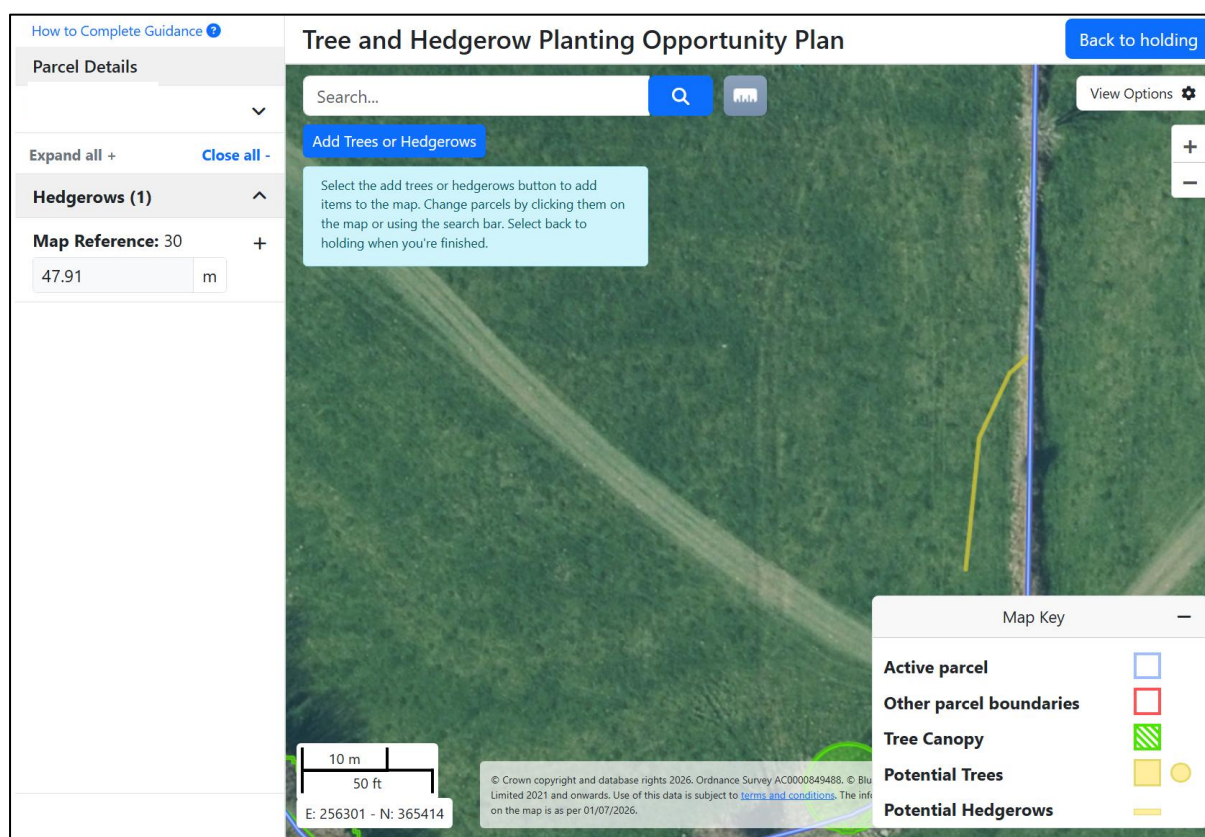
Confirming a hedgerow

To confirm a hedgerow, click the blue 'Continue' button at the bottom of the parcel details bar.

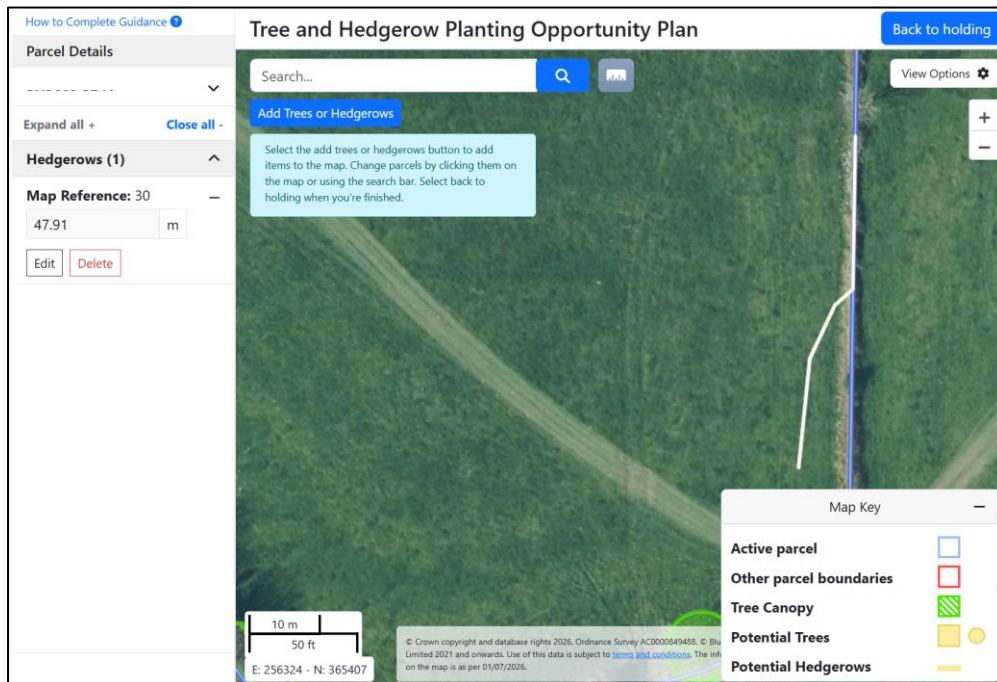
The 'Back' button will remove all drafted hedgerows drawn.



The saved hedgerows appear under **'Hedgerows'** in the parcel details bar. On the map, they change from blue to yellow to indicate confirmed hedgerows, as shown in the map key.



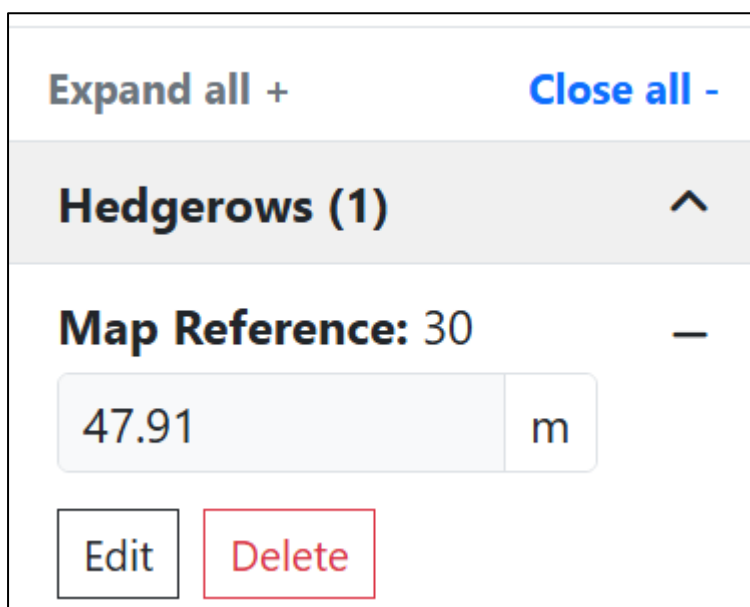
Note: For boundary hedgerows, the yellow confirmed line may not appear in view mode, as the blue active parcel line takes priority. To view it, select the hedgerow in parcel details to highlight it in white, or use 'Back to Holding' and zoom to the parcel without selecting it.



Click on the drop-down arrow next to the Hedgerow column in the parcel details bar or use the 'Expand all' button to see the confirmed hedgerows.

Press the 'Close all' button or toggle the drop-down arrow to hide the hedgerows.

Each confirmed mapped area is given a reference number. Selecting this number highlights the area on the map, with options to edit or delete a hedgerow.



Drawing a hedgerow over a tree canopy and man-made or water permanent feature area

If you draw a hedgerow through either an existing tree canopy or man-made or water permanent feature area, the below error messages will pop up.

The shape you have drawn overlaps existing tree canopy. The shape will be clipped to the existing tree canopy.

Continue

Discard drawing

The shape you have drawn overlaps a permanent feature that is either man made or a water feature. The shape will be clipped to the permanent feature.

Continue

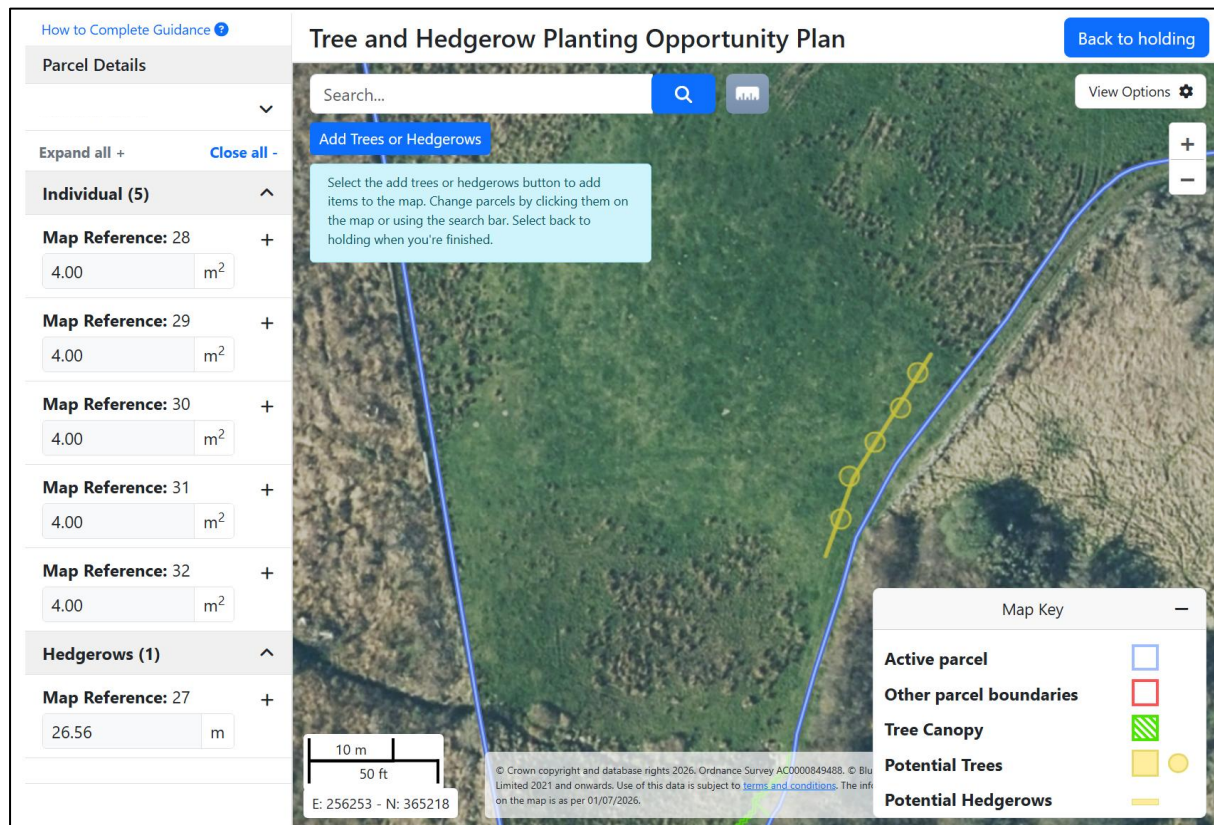
Discard drawing

Click “Continue” on either error message to proceed with mapping a draft potential hedgerow, excluding the areas drawn over the canopy or permanent feature.

If parts of a hedgerow are under 20m after clipping to permanent features or tree canopy, they won’t be created when you select ‘Continue’. Sections over 20m will still be created.

Hedgerows and Individual trees mapping compatibility

A hedgerow line can be mapped through individual tree points and individual tree points can be placed on top of a hedgerow line.



Mapping a hedgerow on top of a confirmed group of trees

Please note: If you plan on mapping both a hedgerow and a group of trees in the same area, you should map the hedgerow first and then add the group of trees over the hedgerow.

If you map a hedgerow on top of a group of trees, an error message will appear saying the shape drawn overlaps an existing item and the two are incompatible. Select “No” or “Discard drawing” will remove the draft hedgerow.

The shape you have drawn overlaps an existing item and the two are incompatible.

Does the drawn shape replace the existing item?

Yes

No

Discard drawing

If you select “Yes”, the new hedgerow and confirmed tree group will turn blue, returning the trees to draft status. The parcel details will show the map reference and sizes of both the tree group and the draft hedgerow.

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Parcel Details

Selection

Hedgerows

[Change](#)

Group (1)

0.08 ha

⚠ Edits the following item(s):

31 (0.08 ha)

Hedgerows (1)

34.12 m

Continue

Back

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Draw line Select Remove line

Use the drawing tools to draw the planned location

View Options

Map Key

- Active parcel
- Other parcel boundaries
- Tree Canopy
- Potential Trees
- Potential Hedgerows

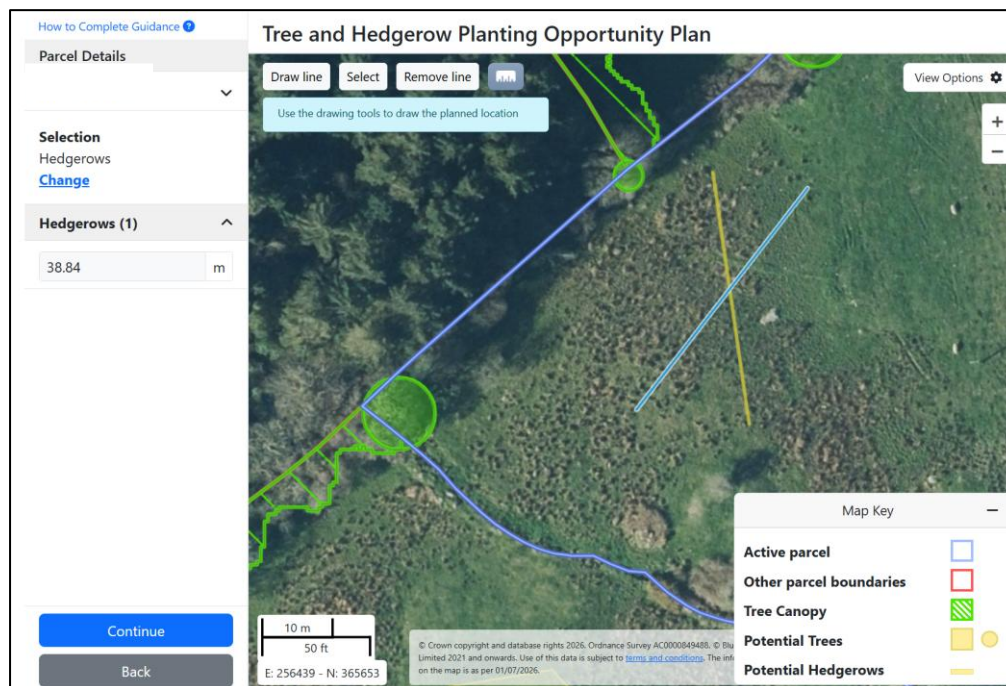
10 m 50 ft

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Press ‘**Continue**’ to confirm the new hedgerow and updated group of trees. Press ‘**Back**’ to discard the draft hedgerow and restore the group to its original area.

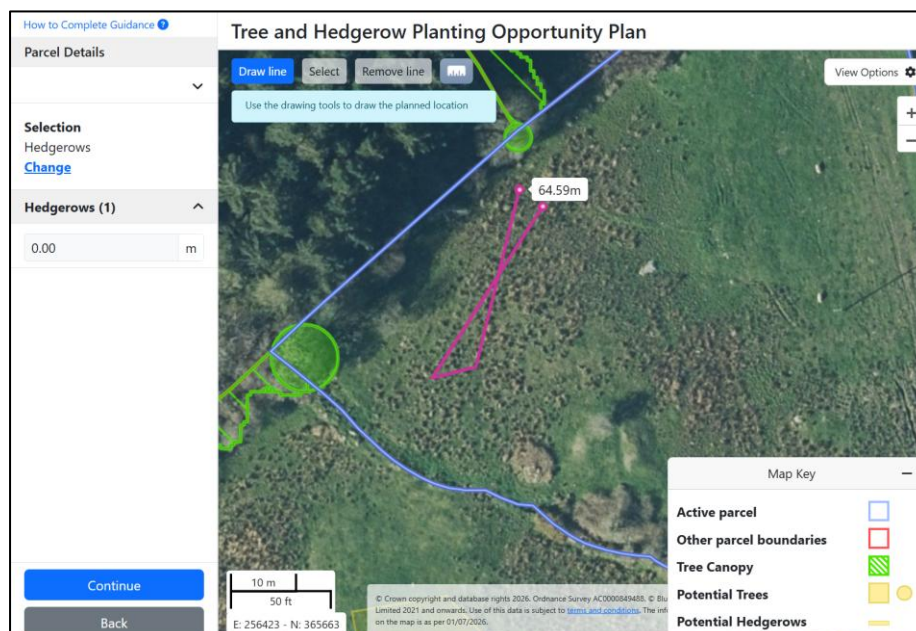
A new Hedgerow mapped over a confirmed potential hedgerow

You can draw a new hedgerow over a confirmed hedgerow.



Drawing a hedgerow line that intersects itself

If a hedgerow line intersects itself, it won't be created. An error message will appear: **"Please draw again ensuring you have drawn a valid shape".**



Please draw again ensuring you have drawn a valid shape

Summary

This shows a summary of potential tree and hedgerow areas identified on the map. It indicates possible planting opportunities but does not provide permission or require you to complete them. It also highlights any areas or lengths within sensitivity layers.

Please note: This plan indicates potential tree and hedgerow planting opportunities only. To implement it with support, you must apply through an appropriate grant scheme.

Sensitivities:

You can map planting on sensitive areas, but you must not plant without NRW permission via an approved Woodland Creation Plan or Small Grants Woodland Creation contract. As approval may be restricted, mapping elsewhere on your farm is recommended to deliver your plan quicker.

Summary

You have identified the following opportunities on your farm; this is an indication of potential opportunities for tree and hedgerow planting on your farm and does not provide either permission or obligation on you to deliver all the suggested planting.

Area of potential tree planting	Area in hectares
Area of potential tree planting mapped:	0.21 ha
Area mapped which overlaps a sensitivity layer:	0.20 ha
Length of potential hedgerow planting	Length in metres
Length of potential hedgerow planting mapped:	97.58 m
Length mapped which overlaps a sensitivity layer:	0.00 m

Declarations and Undertakings

You must read the Declarations and Undertakings and tick the box to confirm that you have read and agree to them.

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■ Map ✓

■ Summary

■ Declarations and Undertakings ✕

■ Submit

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Declarations and Undertakings

Please tick the box to accept the declarations and undertakings.

All items marked with * must be entered.

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 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan.

I understand that the Welsh Government displays 'Error' and 'Information' messages in the sections of the plan only as an aid for completion and submission of the plan. I will allow officers of the Welsh Government or their duly authorised agent, access to and inspect land and all records and information needed to establish my eligibility and the accuracy of the information provided for which I am making this plan.

I undertake to notify Welsh Government of any changes to the details provided in the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan

I understand the circumstances in which the Welsh Government may use and / or share the information provided on the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan. This extends to the use of information which is created or obtained in connection with the Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan. I agree to any necessary disclosures or exchanges of information.

I understand that the Welsh Government may need to update the rules and conditions to take into account changes to Regulations and I agree to abide by any changes following notification by the Welsh Government.

All details I have provided on this plan is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

☐ I agree to the above Declarations and undertakings *

Exit

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Submit

When you have completed your plan, select the 'Submit' button and the information will be submitted to RPW Online.

The screenshot shows a web interface for the 'Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan'. On the left is a sidebar with a 'How to Complete Guidance' link and a list of steps: Introduction, Privacy Notice, Overview, Themes (with a green checkmark), Map (with a green checkmark), Summary, Declarations and Undertakings (with a green checkmark), and Submit (highlighted in blue). The main content area has the title 'Submit' and a message: 'You are now ready to submit your Tree and Hedgerow Opportunity Plan. You will be able to view your plan through the SFS Universal Layer Dashboard.' Below the message is a blue 'Submit' button. At the top right of the main area are links for '< Previous', 'Save', and 'Next >'.

You will be returned to the Dashboard Summary page following submission.

The screenshot displays the 'Sustainable Farming Scheme Universal Layer Dashboard 2026'. The left sidebar lists 'Universal Actions (UA) Summary' with 11 items: UA1 Soil Health, UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM), UA3 Benchmarking, UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD), UA5 Habitat Maintenance, UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land, UA7 Designated Site Management Plan, UA8 Hedgerow Management, UA9 Woodland Maintenance, UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan, and UA11 Historic Environment. The main content area is titled 'Universal Actions (UA) Summary' and includes a progress bar showing '1 of 10' completed. A message states: 'You must complete all the Universal Actions listed below on or before the 31 December 2026. You will have until the 15 January 2027 to update your dashboard.' Below this is a list of 12 actions with their status: UA1 to UA9 and UA12 are 'Not started', while UA10 is 'Complete'.

Universal Action	Status
UA1 Soil Health	Not started
UA2 Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	Not started
UA3 Benchmarking	Not started
UA4 Continuous Professional Development (CPD)	Not started
UA5 Habitat Maintenance	Not started
UA6 Temporary Habitat Creation on Improved Land	Not started
UA8 Hedgerow Management	Not started
UA9 Woodland Maintenance	Not started
UA10 Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan	Complete
UA11 Historic Environment	Not started
UA12 Animal Health and Welfare	Not started

When you select the Universal Action again, the UA Information screen will now display the status of the Universal Action as **Complete**. You can view your submitted plan by selecting the 'View plan' button.

UA10: Tree and Hedgerow Planting Opportunity Plan Complete

The aim of this action is to encourage you to consider where tree, woodland or hedgerow planting would benefit your farming business.

Deadline: 31 December 2026

Your Submitted Plan

[View plan](#)