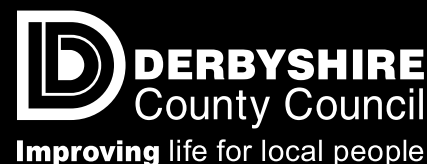


Derbyshire County Council

Free Tree Scheme

2015/2016



I would like to participate in the
Derbyshire County Council Free Tree Scheme for the year 2015/2016.

**I understand that Community or School Planting Schemes can
apply for up to 250 trees whilst individuals can apply for a maximum of 150.**

I undertake to comply with the conditions outlined below:

- The planting scheme will enhance the local environment and be visible to the public.
- The location and design of the planting scheme will be given on the application form.
- The trees and shrubs will be planted on land in the applicant's ownership or control, to ensure their future maintenance.
- The trees will not be used to fulfil conditions imposed as part of a planning application.

Each scheme will be assessed and priority given to those schemes which best satisfy the above criteria or those which extend existing areas of woodland and hedgerow. Successful applicants will be informed of where to collect the trees at a later date.

The closing date for applications is Friday 29th January 2016.

Applicant

Name:

Address:

Postcode: Tel:

Email:

Signature:

Date:

What do you hope the scheme will achieve?

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Scheme

Location/ Address of Planting Scheme:

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You must have permission from the landowner before the
scheme can be considered.

Are you the landowner? Yes ☐ No ☐

If not, the landowner should sign the following section
accepting the scheme's terms and conditions:

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Plan

Draw a sketch map of your scheme below, showing suitable identifying features such as a road or stream and any public rights of way. Use additional maps or sheets if preferred.

Schedule of Trees

Species	Preferred Soil Type		Maximum Height (metres)	Growth Rate	No. Required (Max of 150 or 250)
Trees	Acid/Alkaline	Light/Heavy/Wet			
Ash - please note that we are not providing Ash saplings due to the prevalence of Ash Dieback					
Crab Apple	Both	All except wet	9	Slow	
English Oak	Alkaline	Heavy	35	Slow	
Field Maple	Alkaline	Heavy	26	Medium	
Goat Willow	Acid	Wet	10	Fast	
Holly	Both	All except wet	20	Slow	
Rowan	Acid	Light	20	Fast	
Silver Birch	Acid	Light	20	Fast	
Small Leaved Lime	Alkaline	Heavy	22	Medium	
White Willow	Acid	Wet	25	Fast	
Wild Cherry	Alkaline	All except wet	20	Medium	
Shrubs					
Blackthorn	Both	All except wet	4	Fast	
Dog Rose	Alkaline	All except wet	5	Medium	
Guelder Rose	Alkaline	Heavy and wet	4	Medium	
Hawthorn	Both	All except wet	14	Medium	
Hazel	Alkaline	Heavy	9	Fast	
Spindle	Alkaline	Heavy	6	Medium	

All trees and shrubs are supplied as small cell grown plants which are approximately 40-60cm in height. Each plant has been raised in a small container so that they retain an intact root system when sent to the customer. This makes transport, handling and planting much easier and there is much less likelihood that the roots will dry-out or be damaged. Nevertheless, your plants will still need to be handled carefully if they are to grow successfully. If the trees cannot be planted immediately, they should be:

- Stored upright, in a sheltered position away from wind.
- Checked regularly to ensure the root plugs remain moist.
- Watered if necessary, but care should be taken to avoid waterlogging.

Planting

Although cell grown trees are easy to plant, there are rules that need to be observed if the scheme is to be a success:

- When planting into grass, the top layer of turf should be removed and discarded, or inverted and placed around the tree at its final planting position. This prevents the grass from competing with the young tree.
- 'Notch' planting is the easiest way of planting roottrainers. Two cuts in the shape of a 'T' are made and by moving the spade 'to and fro' in the second cut, a hole is made into which the roottrainer can be eased, to a depth of 2-4cm below the surface of the ground. Care should be taken not to force the plant into the hole to avoid compressing the root system. The notch is then closed by treading firmly and carefully around the plant, avoiding scraping the bark. Check that the top of the plug is covered by soil to prevent the root plug from drying out, that the tree is upright and that it is firm in the ground.
- The trees should be planted when the soil is moist but not frozen.
- Following planting, a weed free area of 1 metre around each tree should be maintained. This can be achieved using herbicides, mulch mats, or composted wood chips, bark or gravel. It should be kept weed free for at least three years after planting.
- If you have any rabbits in nearby fields or woods the trees will need protecting with treeshelters. These are plastic tubes which prevent rabbits from browsing on the young tree, available from forestry suppliers or some garden centres.

Please return your application form to:

**Stephanie Burkinshaw, Derbyshire County Council, Shand House, Dale Road South, Matlock, Derbyshire.
DE4 3RY stephanie.burkinshaw@derbyshire.gov.uk**



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