



**English Woodland Grant Scheme Contract for (HCT) Holme Lacy Estate Woodlands**

**Contract Number 22056**

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# EWGS Terms & Conditions

## Introductory Statement

This contract defines the work, grant aid and permissions that have been agreed by Forestry Commission England and the Applicant as part of the English Woodland Grant Scheme.

## 1. Parties to this Contract

This contract is made between the Forestry Commissioners (in all parts of this contract called "us" or "we") and the person or persons listed in the contract (in all parts of the contract called "you" or "the applicant").

## 2. Signing this contract

By signing this contract you agree to be bound by these conditions. We also agree to be bound by the conditions.

## 3. Permission for Felling Areas

Where you have proposed felling trees as part of the contract, the Forestry Commission has considered the felling proposals as a Felling Licence Application. By signing this contract, you agree to carry out any restocking which the Forestry Commission may specify in the contract as a condition of the Felling Licence. The Felling Licence will become active when you approve the contract on-line or receive a paper copy approved and signed by the Forestry Commission on behalf of the Forestry Commissioners.

**If the Felling Licence relates to trees that are covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and the existence of the TPO was not declared by you, then the Felling Licence will not cover the felling of these trees and you may commit an offence by felling them.**

## 4. Information

Any general information that you need to give the Forestry Commissioners under this Contract can be given either in writing (and be delivered or sent by post), or by electronic communication to the Forestry Commission at the regional Grants & Regulations offices or National Office Bristol.

If the Forestry Commissioners need to give you general information we will send it either in writing or by electronic communication to you. Unless the Forestry Commissioners have agreed otherwise, they will send it to your address(es) set out in this contract, or to the first of the Applicants named in this contract at the address given for that person.

## 5. Notice

Any formal notice that you need to give to the Forestry Commissioners under this Contract must be given in writing (and be delivered or sent by post, or via electronic means) to the Forestry Commission at the regional Grants & Regulations offices or National Office Bristol.

If the Forestry Commissioners need to give you formal notice, they will send it in writing to you. Unless the Forestry Commissioners have agreed otherwise, they will send it to your address(es) or via electronic means as set out in this Contract, or to the first of the Applicants named in the Contract at the address given for that person.

## 6. Entire Agreement

It is accepted by us and by you that no statement or representation of any nature made prior to the Approval Date, as defined in paragraph 12, will form a term or condition of this contract unless set out in writing in this contract.

By signing this contract, you agree to abide by the conditions and undertakings required to comply with the Rural Development Programme for England, as approved by the European Commission or any EC legislation, in particular Council Regulation 1698/2005.

## General conditions and other permissions

### 7. Restrictions on the land

You must tell us if there are any legal or other restrictions affecting the land, which could prevent you from completing the work or maintaining the work. It is your responsibility to find out whether any such restrictions exist and to obtain any necessary approvals or consents.

If you do not tell us about any restriction that may affect the work proposals then we may terminate the contract, pay no further grants and may reclaim grants paid for work already carried out.

### 8. Funding from other sources

You must tell us if any other public body (including the Heritage Lottery Fund and the European Union) has agreed to fund the work or maintenance or if you are claiming funding from any such body for other work on the land covered by this contract. All grant applications and claims will be "Cross Checked" against other publicly funded grant payments. Where incompatible payments are identified on an area of land, the grant payment or area may be reduced to prevent incompatible payments being made to you. If this happens we will contact you to explain the reasons for any reduction.

### 9. Historic and Archaeological sites

The work you do must not damage or destroy sites identified in the contract as being of historic or archaeological importance. This contract only provides permission to carry out the operations specified in the Plan on sites of historic or archaeological importance.

There is additional protection for Scheduled Ancient Monuments. If English Heritage have identified the need for Scheduled Monument Consent for certain operations in the contract, or you wish to carry out other operations not specified in the contract, you must secure consent from English Heritage before starting any work.

### 10. Sites of Special Scientific Interest, National Nature Reserves, Special Protection Areas, Special Areas of Conservation

You must only carry out operations on these sites that we have agreed in the plan. If you want to carry out other operations that are not agreed in the plan then you must get the necessary permission from Natural England.

### 11. Public access

You must protect all public rights of way over the land. Unless we have agreed otherwise, or the land is "access land" within the meaning of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, you need not provide any other public access.

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## **Timescale for the contract**

### 12. "Approval Period" to carry out the work

The approval period is the period when work can be carried out. It starts when we sign the contract (the "Approval Date") and expires 5 years after the Approval Date. In order to claim grant, you must carry out our grant-aided work as agreed and submit your claim form to us for that work, together with a map of the area by 31st March of the claim year agreed in the Work Details.

The approval period to carry out tree felling work starts when we sign the contract (the "Approval Date") and expires five years after the Approval Date. Felling permission is granted for ten years from approval date where it is part of an FC approved woodland management plan. Woodland cover must have been re-established within 10 years of tree felling. If you wish to receive any grants that are associated with the felling and restocking approval, you must adhere to the approved financial years for grant payment as set out in the Work Details.

For Woodland Management Grant, operations are approved for the 5 calendar years in which the grant instalments are paid i.e. 1st January to 31st December each year.

### 13. "Contract Period"

The "Contract Period" is the period of maintenance that you must carry out to meet the conditions of this contract. It starts on the date each grant is paid or, if the grant is to be made in several payments, on the date when the first of those payments is made. The "Contract Period" ends after the following periods, or on such earlier or later date as we may notify to you following an inspection or review of the work to which the payments made under this contract relate.

- \* *Woodland Creation Grants* (for new planting and natural colonisation) - 10 years from the date a first instalment is paid;
- \* *Additional Contributions to Woodland Creation Grants expressly for Public Access* - 30 years from the date a first instalment is paid;
- \* *Farm Woodland Payments*
  - a) For work areas awarded 10 annual payments (new woodland comprising 50% or less by area of broad-leaved trees) - 20 years
  - b) For work areas awarded 15 annual payments (for creating new woodland comprising more than 50% by area of broad-leaved trees) - 30 years;
- \* *Woodland Regeneration Grant* (for restocking by planting or natural regeneration) in respect of each payment - 10 years from the date the payment is made;
- \* *Woodland Improvement Grant*
  - a) Where the contract includes Woodland Improvement Grant payments for public access and the total of these is less than or equal to £10,000 - 10 Years
  - b) Where the contract includes Woodland Improvement Grant payments for public access and the total of these exceeds £10,000 but is less than or equal to £20,000 - 20 Years
  - c) Where the contract includes Woodland Improvement Grant payments for public access and the total of these exceeds £20,000 - 30 Years
  - d) All other Woodland Improvement Grant payments - 5 years;
- \* *Woodland Management Grant* (five annual instalments) - 5 years from the contract Approval Date.

## **Claiming Grant**

### 14. Woodland Management Grant

For contracts that include Woodland Management Grant, we take signing this contract as your claim for all 5 instalments of Woodland Management Grant. There will be no need to claim for the grant using a claim form. Each year you may need to declare, by 15th May at the latest, continued compliance with the Woodland Management Grant conditions to ensure ongoing payment.

### 15. Standards of work expected and maintenance

All work must be done in accordance with this contract. If essential operations i.e. work vital for achieving the stated outcomes of the contract, are not completed in accordance with the Plan then we may withhold grants for other operations or terminate the contract.

You must carry out the operations specified in the contract and all subsequent maintenance to achieve the expected or desired outcomes with due care, skill and diligence in line with advice given in our current best practice guidelines and the UK Forestry Standard published at the time that the work was approved by us. You must ensure that the work carried out is maintained to the end of the "Contract Period".

It will be your responsibility to carry out any necessary maintenance to ensure that the work specified in the contract is successful.

We will not be held liable for any advice that may be given to you (other than that given by us) in this respect during the period of the contract.

We will not be liable for the effects of adverse weather, fire, pests or acts of God. It is your responsibility to utilise suitable skills and resources to complete the operations agreed in the contract.

### 16. Rates of grant to be paid

Subject to Conditions 22-27 and to your compliance with the remaining conditions, we will pay you grants of the types specified in this contract, so long as the work is done to our reasonable satisfaction. We will work out the payments using the rates quoted in this contract, except:

- \* In the case of Farm Woodland Payments where the rate payable will be that which is current at the time of each payment. On set-aside land the Farm Woodland Payment rate will be reduced by an amount equal to the set-aside payment rate;
- \* For Farm Woodland Payments, non-farmers will be capped at a maximum payment of €150 per hectare per year, based on the sterling-euro exchange rate on the 31st December each year;
- \* The area over which grant may be paid could be adjusted either up or down to account for more accurate land measurement such as Rural Land Register updates.

### 17. Who will be paid grant

Any grants we decide to pay you will be paid to you or your agent via BACS, as set out in the Paying Grants section of this contract.

### 18. Area over which we will pay grant

The area over which we will pay grant will be based on the area we measure when we receive your grant claim, provided the claim is on land approved in the contract and the area does not exceed that approved in the contract.

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## 19. Date by which you must claim grants

You must carry out the work agreed in the Work Details and submit your claim form to us for that work, together with a map of the area by 31st March of the claim year agreed in the Work Details, unless we agree a change to this contract. If you do not submit your claim by this date, no right to payment will arise under this contract and we will only pay grant at our absolute discretion.

## 20. Changes to the work

You cannot change the work approved in this contract unless we agree and approve the change with you in advance, in writing or by e-mail. Approval of any requested changes to the approved contract is at our discretion.

## 21. Inspection

You must let us, our officers, Rural Payments Agency officers or other persons authorised by us to enter the land at all reasonable times during the Contract Period to check that you are keeping to this contract. Failure to allow or obstructing an inspection may result in refusal to pay grant or reclaim of grants already paid with interest.

## **Termination of the Contract**

### 22. Terminating the contract - general grounds

We may terminate this contract immediately if:

- \* You do not keep to any Condition of this contract;
- \* You have not repaid any grant within three months of a written demand;
- \* Any material information you gave us when you made this contract is false, misleading or incomplete;
- \* Any material information you gave us when you make your claim for grant is false, misleading or incomplete;
- \* You are declared bankrupt or make a composition or arrangements with, or grant a trust deed for your creditors, or go into liquidation (other than a members voluntary liquidation).

Before we terminate the contract or ask you to repay grant, we will give you notice of the reasons for termination of your contract. If we consider that the situation can be put right, we will give you the opportunity to put the situation right, within the time that we specify.

It will be possible to terminate the contract at other times by mutual agreement. If you wish to terminate the contract during the contract period described in paragraph 13 but the work you have done will not achieve the purpose for which it was grant aided, we may, before we agree to termination, require you to repay part or all of the grant paid to you together with interest at the rate set from time to time by HM Treasury.

### 23. Stopping occupying the land

You must inform us if you stop occupying the land, or any part of it to which the contract applies. This contract may not be assigned to a subsequent owner (or anyone else) without our permission.

New occupiers must notify their interest to take on the contract within three months of purchase. After that, agreement to take on the contract is at our discretion and we reserve the right to alter the work details and contract conditions with the new occupier.

**In the event that the contract conditions are not fulfilled, we will reclaim grant with interest from the grant recipient, irrespective of whether they occupy the land or not.** We recommend outgoing occupiers set up private agreements to transfer liabilities during land sale.

### 24. Terminating the contract if the approved work will have an adverse effect on the environment

If, following the Approval Date, we become aware of information or there is a change of circumstances as a result of which it appears to us that any work, which has not been completed, should no longer be approved for the purposes of this contract because:

- \* the work is not permitted by, or would only be permitted if formally approved under environmental law; or
- \* giving a grant towards the carrying out of the work would not be consistent with our statutory duties with regard to the environment,

and we notify you accordingly; then the contract shall apply, with any necessary adaptation, only to the work completed at the date of their notice.

If we give you the option of either making changes to the work or maintenance or terminating the contract, we shall notify you of the changes we are asking you to make. We will provide you with details of how future grant payments would be calculated if you choose to make the changes requested. We will tell you the amount of grant that will be paid to you in respect of works already carried out if you choose to terminate the contract.

If you do not notify us that you either wish to carry out the specified changes or to terminate the contract within 28 days of our notification to you of the information described in the preceding paragraph, we may terminate the contract with immediate effect.

In accordance with this Condition, if either you or us terminate the contract, grant will be paid to you in respect of work carried out before the date of termination but no further payments will be made under this contract.

## **If the work does not meet the conditions of the contract**

### 25. Withholding grant payment

If you do not carry out the work or maintenance to the standards and timescale set out in Conditions 15 and 19, we may withhold payment of grant. Where we withhold the grant, we will explain our reasons for doing so and give you an opportunity to put it right (where reasonable to do so) before re-submitting the grant claim.

### 26. Repayment of grant

Where you do not carry out the work or maintenance to the standards and time scale set out in Conditions 15 and 19 and cannot or have not put the situation right, we will require you to repay grant with interest for areas that have not been successful. The interest will be charged from the date the problem was first identified to the date the repayment invoice is raised.

If you are asked to repay grant, we may deduct this amount from any grants you are due now or in the future under this or any other agreement or contract with us.

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## 27. Repayment of grant on termination

If this contract is terminated we will not pay any more grant to you under this contract.

If the contract is terminated because you stop occupying the land or any part of it for any reason, and the work is not successful for what would have been the rest of the contract period, you will be liable to repay any grant you have received together with interest at the rate set from time to time by HM Treasury. The interest will be charged from the date the payable order was issued until the date that we write to seek reclaim unless we agree otherwise.

Liability for grant repayment remains with the grant recipient until the end of the contract period, even if they no longer have an interest in the land.

## 28. Withholding grant against other RDPE Schemes

If you are required to repay grants under any other grant scheme within the Rural Development Plan for England, part or all of your EWGS grant claim may not be paid to you but may be used to repay what you owe to the Rural Payments Agency.

Similarly, if you have to repay grant under this contract, it may be collected via other grant schemes under the Rural Development Plan for England.

## 29. Penalties

In addition to the withholding or repayment of grant under conditions 25 to 28, a penalty may be applied in the following circumstances:

- \* Intentional false declaration during the application or grant claim - will result in exclusion from support under the EAFRD and any grants paid under the scheme will be recovered;
- \* Over-claiming grants by <3% of the correct amount - the grant payment will be reduced by the difference between the amount claimed and the correct amount;
- \* Over-claiming grants by 3-20% of the correct amount - the verified amount of grant due will be reduced by twice the difference between the claim and the correct amount;
- \* Over-claiming grants by >20% of the correct area - no grant payment will be made for grants due that year under this contract.

You can correct an obvious error in the application or claim at any time after submission. The obvious error must be recognised as such by us and will be detected from information given in the application or claim form. Cases that meet these criteria will not result in a reduction of payment. Errors discovered after notification of an inspection or during an inspection will not be treated as obvious errors.

## 30. Cross Compliance

Breaches of cross-compliance requirements as set out in the Cross Compliance Handbook may result in a reduction of Farm Woodland Payment and / or Woodland Management Grant, even if the breach occurs on another part of the holding. The level of reduction will depend on the severity, extent and permanence of the breach as set out in the cross compliance regulations.

## 31. Order in which penalties will be applied

Penalties will be applied in the following order, with each successive reduction being based on the amount resulting from the previous reduction:

- \* Over-claiming land area;
- \* Non-respect of eligibility criteria;
- \* Cross compliance.

## **Grants for Public Access**

### 32. Public Access

If grants are for public access you must, from the date of payment of that grant let the general public, free of charge, have access to walk between dawn and dusk over the part of the land the grant is paid for. This access must be permitted for the following periods, dependant on the type and value of grant paid:

(a) Public access Additional Contribution under the Woodland Creation Grant - 30 years;

(b) Woodland Improvement Grant for public access:

- \* Up to and including £10,000 - 10 years;
- \* Up to and including £20,000 - 20 years;
- \* Over £20,000 - 30 years.

Appropriate signage must be provided and/or maintained to ensure that members of the public are aware of this access permission. The public can only be excluded in circumstances agreed in the Plan of Operations.

Details of the public access agreed may be published in written or electronic form by the FC, or anyone we approve to do so.

## **General Contract Clauses**

### 33. Compliance with Rural Development Regulations

The English Woodland Grant Scheme is partly funded by European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) as part of the Rural Development Plan 2007-2013 and is therefore subject to the associated EU regulations including Cross-Compliance.

The regulations may change during the life of this contract. If any changes affect you, we will contact you and let you know what you need to do. If changes to the regulations are not acceptable to you, then you have the right to terminate the contract subject to you informing us within 28 days of the notification. If you terminate you must meet all your obligations in respect of grant aid received to date, and any felling licence conditions included within the contract.

### 34. Disputes

If we disagree with you about whether or not you have kept to the contract, or about the standard or extent of the work done, either party may ask for the matter to be decided by an arbitrator chosen from a panel of arbitrators agreed jointly by you, us and the Institute of Chartered Foresters. You or we must give notice of this action to the other party. If you and us cannot agree to a suitable person within one month after notice, the President of the Institute of Chartered Foresters will appoint the arbitrator. Any other dispute shall be submitted to the courts in accordance with clause 37.

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## 35. Force Majeure

You must tell us within 10 days of an incident if, as a result of: an act of war, terrorism, an epidemic, a disease affecting woodlands or catastrophic weather (which could not reasonably have been expected to take place during the period of the contract), you are unable to complete or maintain the work set out in the contract. We will then discuss and agree with you certain measures such as:

- \* a longer period in which to complete the work;
- \* a reinstatement plan where this is possible;
- \* acceptance by us of a lower standard of work.

We will not seek repayment of grants for work that was carried out satisfactorily but which is subsequently adversely affected by events described above, providing that you have made a reasonable effort to minimise the impact or make good the damage.

Where the events described above mean that we are unable to pay grants, we reserve the right to reschedule the years in which grants can be claimed.

If the event that storms, fire or disease have a significant impact on the woodland(s) covered by the Plan, we reserve the right to review the Plan with you and to modify or remove operations that are no longer appropriate.

## 36. Disclosure of information and publicity

Defra is the data controller in respect of any personal data that you provide to the Rural Payments Agency. Your personal information will be protected in line with the Data Protection Act 1998. The information will be used mainly to support the application to which it relates. The information may also be used in line with the Data Protection Act, for other purposes as explained in scheme guidance and on the Access to Information pages on the RPA website. If you have any questions please contact the Customer Service Centre.

EC legislation (Council Regulation (EC) No. 1290/2005 and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 259/2008) requires the UK to publish details of recipients of CAP subsidy payments on a single website containing:

- \* trading title (ie the name in which the claim is made);
- \* payments for the year broken down into SPS and related payments, and Rural Development Programme payments, local town and the first three or four digits of the recipient's postcode.

You agree that all information about participation in the English Woodland Grant Scheme and this Contract, including information in your application and grant claims and any other relevant information may be made public.

A list of all the beneficiaries receiving EU grant aid will be published annually. The list will include the name and address of the beneficiary, the operations supported and the amount of grant received.

Any promotional information you produce must acknowledge the grant aid received from the Forestry Commission.

Contracts with a total value over £30,000 for all grants except Farm Woodland Payments and Woodland Management Grant must have plaques erected on site. The plaques will acknowledge the grant aid received from the Forestry Commission via English Woodland Grant Scheme and acknowledge that the EU and Defra provide the funding. We will provide the plaques and agree where they must be located.

Contracts with a total value over £250,000 for all grants except Farm Woodland Payments and Woodland Management Grant must have a board of minimum size A2 erected on site. The board must include details of the scheme, acknowledge the grant aid received from the Forestry Commission via English Woodland Grant Scheme and acknowledge that the EU and Defra provide the funding. We will agree the design and location of the board before it is produced and erected.

## 37. Governing law

This contract will be governed by the Law of England and subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of England.

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### PARTIES TO THE CONTRACT

Forestry Commission

Approved by Julia Hall

Date 15-APR-2011

For and on behalf of the Forestry Commissioners

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Documents by Email

#### Roles in this contract

Owner

Main Applicant

The agent on this case is permitted to carry out the following actions on this contract :-

Claim Grants	No
Sign Contracts	No
Apply for and agree amendments to contract	No
Agree changes to payee details	No

Signed electronically Rob Dunn

Date of Approval 15-APR-11

Signed for the FC by Julia Hall

Date 15-APR-11



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Roles in this contract  
Agent  
Primary Contact

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## **PAYMENT DETAILS**

**Payee : this is the name and address for the payment remittance advice. This payee information can be different to the payment details section below.**

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### **Paying Agency Information**

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**These are the payment details for this contract**

<b>Name on Account</b>	<b>Herefordshire College of Technology</b>
<b>Sort Code</b>	<b>****64</b>
<b>Account Number</b>	<b>****2802</b>

## GENERAL DETAILS

The woodland management plan under EWGS 22056 gives all the outlined details of working for the next 10 years. This plan gives all thinning and clearfell permissions have a 10 year approval from FC approval of this EWGS contract. The Woodland Regeneration Grant can be applied for under this application, but will only offer up to 2 years ahead of approval based on the 10 year felling plan.

Holme Lacey WMG working 5 year plan summary

Open Space Management: Three zone rides:

Centre access track through Cpt 11, Brick Kiln Wood, will be managed on a three zone system. 700 meters will be restored by harrowing and rolling then annual mowing in Zone 1 approx 3.5 metres wide. Zone 2 on each side of Zone 1 will be cut biannually approx 3metres width each side. Zone 3 on the outside edge of Zone 2 will be cut on a five year rotation to a width of approx 2.5 metres each side.

Cost is  $700m \times £400/km/yr = £280 \times 5yrs = £1400$

Two zone rides: A two zone system will be implemented on all other routes in Cpt 11 amounting to a total of approx 2,000m. The central access path through Cpts 2a 2d and 3a amounting to 1400m will be managed on a two zone system. The main access path through Cpts 10a/b and 10c, 10d and e extending to 600 mts will be restored by harrowing and rolling and managed on a two zone system. Approx 900mts of access path through Cpt 6 will be monitored and annual mowing will be instigated if vegetation develops with changing light levels.

Cost is  $2000m \times £250/km/yr = £500 \times 5yrs = £2500$

Deadwood and Veteran Tree Management: Veteran Tree Survey will be undertaken to locate and record by mapping all veterans for retention in woodland and adjoining parkland areas. A report to be made available to the FC with the condition of each veteran tree and a map showing the location.

When undertaking harvesting in any compartment management priorities shall contribute to the accumulation of standing and fallen deadwood in equal proportions to a minimum of 20m<sup>3</sup> per ha, based on stem diameters of less than 20cms.

Cost is forestry agent to compile a report and measure deadwood per Cpt, with a cost of 20hrs over 5yrs =  $£50/hr \times 20hrs = £1000$

Management of Features of Archaeological Interest: Archaeological surveys of Brick kiln (Cpt 11) and Apostles (Cpt 3) woodlands have identified numerous features such as sawpits, charcoal hearths, park lynches and banks, wood boundary banks, earthworks and quarries. In the course of all management operations the physical features and others that become apparent will be protected from damage, trees removed from the vicinity and restocking kept clear of the feature.

Cost is forestry agent to mark safety buffer areas around these features with a cost of 8hrs over 5yrs =  $£50/hr \times 8hrs = £400$

Rhododendron Control: Rhododendron in parts of Cpt 11 is in conflict with ASNW/AWS status of the wood. This will be controlled by cutting alongside rides and ongoing control will be by chemical spot weeding and cutting as part of the zoned ride management system. The approx area is 1.0ha and the areas to be mapped where cutting and respraying in following years undertaken.

Cost is  $1.0ha \times £500/ha$  for flailing most material of less than 7cms diameter = £500 with follow-up respraying of any regrowth from these areas of  $1.0/ha \times £400/ha \times 2yrs = £800$ . The total cost is £1300

Deer Management: Deer are present throughout the woodland areas. Restructuring of the woodlands during this and future plan periods will create habitat conditions likely to lead to population increases. Monitoring and control of deer in future years will be essential for the successful establishment of restocking. An annual deer impact assessment will be undertaken to determine cull targets and priority areas, plus the DI management template completed. All information will be made available to the FC for work undertaken in maintaining yearly cull figures, high seats, deer glades and DI management plan. The college will liaise with the Woolhope DMG group to help manage the landscape scale population.

Cost is  $40ha \times £6/ha/yr = £240 \times 5yrs = £1200$

Enhancement Planting: A number of compartments are poorly stocked and the areas have been identified in the management plan will be cleared of competitive vegetation and planted with native broadleaves at 1100 plants per ha and protected with 1.5m tree shelters. Planted trees will be maintained until established. This work will take place in Cpts 2f, 6j, 7 and 9a.

Cost is  $300 \text{ trees} \times £3/tree = £900$

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Woodland Boundaries: Periodic inspections of woodland boundaries will be undertaken and boundaries maintained in a stock proof condition.

Cost is forest craftsman at £150/day x 2days/yr = £300 x 5yrs = £1500

Sustainability Monitoring: A comprehensive monitoring plan has been included in Section 6 of the approved management plan. This plan will form the basis of sustainability monitoring and will fulfil the requirements of monitoring to comply with certification standards; the campus woodland will be managed to UKWAS requirements with the intention of preparing for certification in the future.

Cost is forestry agent to compile a yearly report covering all items under section 6 of the management plan with a cost of 8hrs/yr over 5yrs x £50/hr = £2000

Total cost of WMG work is £12,200 or £2440/yr

FC grant will be approximately 70% or less of total = £8442 or £1688.40/yr

## GRANT DETAILS

## Woodland Management Grants

Work Item Desc	SubCpt	Payment Profile	Total Area	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	Total
Important UKBAP Woodland	11g, 11b, 11a, 11m, 11h, 6j, 11e, 2c, 10a, 6a, 11o, 6i, 11f, 6c, 10d, 11d, 6d, 11j, 2d, 11l, 11q, 2a, 10b, 11p, 6b, 6e, 3a, 11i, 10c, 10e, 2b, 11n, 6g, 6h, 6k, 6f, 11c, 11k	5 Yearly Instalments	63.91	£1688.40	£1688.40	£1688.40	£1688.40	£1688.40	£8442.00

See general text for the work operations to be undertaken over the next 5 years of this EWGS contract.

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## Woodland Regeneration Grants

### Woodland Regeneration Grant

**Conversion: broadleaved plantation to native species** £1100.00 per hectare

Cpt/ Sub-Cpt	Total Area (Ha)	Area of Work (Ha)	Claim Year	Amount	Natural Regen
10c	0.68	0.10	12/13	£112.20	Yes
1c	1.20	0.40	12/13	£435.60	Yes
2a	1.07	0.43	11/12	£470.80	Yes
3a	1.65	0.41	12/13	£453.75	Yes
6e	0.51	0.10	11/12	£112.20	Yes
8	0.83	0.10	11/12	£109.56	Yes

**Area of Work (Ha) is rounded to two decimal places. Grant Amount is calculated on the un-rounded area, derived from the % of the Work Area grant will be paid on. As a result these two figures may not correspond exactly.**

The felled areas or enrichment areas will be restocked by the encouragement of natural regeneration or planted trees in some areas.

Conditions will be created to encourage natural regeneration of the area concerned with the species mix outlined to achieve at least 1100 established trees per hectare evenly spread across the site within no more than 10 years of payment of grant.

Natural regeneration may be supplemented by direct seeding of heavy seeded species or where suitable seed trees are not appropriately distributed across the site.

If a stocking level of 1100/ha is not achieved, then any gaps greater than 10m diameter will be planted with oak and ash at 3m x 3m spacing in individual rabbit guards within 6 years of any felling or before the end of the plan period (whichever is sooner).

The WRG for natural regeneration will be paid for successfully regenerated areas outwith the remaining tree canopies once the following criteria is met:

- Stocking has achieved 1100/ha.
- Are adequately protected against deer and rabbits.
- Weed control is undertaken to release suppressed regeneration.

Maintenance, including protection against vermin and stock, replacement of failures and adequate weed control by appropriate methods will be carried out as necessary to ensure a full and even stocking of broadleaves of at least 1100/ha by the end of the plan period.

Each WRG coupe plot will be clearly mapped with the final boundaries shown on a map provided with the WRG claim form where only part areas of compartments are being worked.

**Species Mix**

- SubCompartment - 10C, 100% Mixed Native Broadleaves
- SubCompartment - 1C, 100% Mixed Native Broadleaves
- SubCompartment - 2A, 100% Mixed Native Broadleaves
- SubCompartment - 3A, 100% Mixed Native Broadleaves
- SubCompartment - 6E, 100% Mixed Native Broadleaves
- SubCompartment - 8, 100% Mixed Native Broadleaves

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### Woodland Regeneration Grant

Restocking ancient and other semi-natural woodland with native species £1100.00 per hectare

Cpt/ Sub-Cpt	Total Area (Ha)	Area of Work (Ha)	Claim Year	Amount	Natural Regen
10d	1.77	0.44	11/12	£486.75	Yes

Area of Work (Ha) is rounded to two decimal places. Grant Amount is calculated on the un-rounded area, derived from the % of the Work Area grant will be paid on. As a result these two figures may not correspond exactly.

The felled area will be restocked by the encouragement of natural regeneration.

Conditions will be created to encourage natural regeneration of the area concerned with the species mix outlined to achieve at least 1100 established trees per hectare evenly spread across the site within no more than 10 years of payment of grant.

Natural regeneration may be supplemented by direct seeding of heavy seeded species or where suitable seed trees are not appropriately distributed across the site.

If a stocking level of 1100/ha is not achieved, then any gaps greater than 10m diameter will be planted with oak and ash at 3m x 3m spacing in individual rabbit guards within 6 years of any felling or before the end of the plan period (whichever is sooner).

The WRG for natural regeneration will be paid for successfully regenerated areas outwith the remaining tree canopies once the following criteria is met:

- Stocking has achieved 1100/ha.
- Are adequately protected against deer and rabbits.
- Weed control is undertaken to release suppressed regeneration.

Maintenance, including protection against vermin and stock, replacement of failures and adequate weed control by appropriate methods will be carried out as necessary to ensure a full and even stocking of broadleaves of at least 1100/ha by the end of the plan period.

Each WRG coupe plot will be clearly mapped with the final boundaries shown on a map provided with the WRG claim form where only part areas of compartments are being worked.

**Species Mix** SubCompartment - 10D, 100% Mixed Native Broadleaves

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### Woodland Regeneration Grant

Conversion: broadleaved plantation on an AWS to native species £1760.00 per hectare

Cpt/ Sub-Cpt	Total Area (Ha)	Area of Work (Ha)	Claim Year	Amount	Natural Regen
11k	1.22	1.22	11/12	£2147.20	Yes

Area of Work (Ha) is rounded to two decimal places. Grant Amount is calculated on the un-rounded area, derived from the % of the Work Area grant will be paid on. As a result these two figures may not correspond exactly.

The felled areas will be restocked by the encouragement of natural regeneration.

Conditions will be created to encourage natural regeneration of the area concerned with the species mix outlined to achieve at least 1100 established trees per hectare evenly spread across the site within no more than 10 years of payment of grant.

Natural regeneration may be supplemented by direct seeding of heavy seeded species or where suitable seed trees are not appropriately distributed across the site.

If a stocking level of 1100/ha is not achieved, then any gaps greater than 10m diameter will be planted with oak and ash at 3m x 3m spacing in individual rabbit guards within 6 years of any felling or before the end of the plan period (whichever is sooner).

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Each WRG coupe plot will be clearly mapped with the final boundaries shown on a map provided with the WRG claim form where only part areas of compartments are being worked.

**Species Mix** SubCompartment - 11K, 100% Mixed Native Broadleaves



### Felling

<b>Clear Felling</b>				
<b>Cpt/ Sub-Cpt</b>	<b>Total Area (Ha)</b>	<b>Area of Work (Ha)</b>	<b>Conditional/ Unconditional</b>	<b>End of Felling Approval</b>
1c	1.20	0.40	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
2a	1.07	0.43	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
3a	1.65	0.41	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
6e	0.51	0.10	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
10d	1.77	0.44	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11k	1.22	1.22	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
<p>Felling proposals:</p> <p>1. Clearfelling &amp; restocking conditions:</p> <p>Cpt 1c = fell broadleaf and replant with 100% Native broadleaf natural regeneration at 1100t/ha or 3m tree spacing</p> <p>Cpt 2a = fell broadleaf and replant with 100% Native broadleaf natural regeneration at 1100t/ha or 3m tree spacing</p> <p>Cpt 3a = fell broadleaf and replant with 100% Native broadleaf natural regeneration at 1100t/ha or 3m tree spacing</p> <p>Cpt 6e = fell broadleaf and replant with 100% Native broadleaf natural regeneration at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing</p> <p>Cpt 10d = fell broadleaf and replant with 100% Native broadleaf natural regeneration at 1100t/ha or 3m tree spacing</p> <p>Cpt 11k = fell broadleaf and replant with 100% Native broadleaf natural regeneration at 1100t/ha or 3m tree spacing</p> <p>Maintenance, including protection against deer, vermin and stock, replacement of failures and adequate weed control by appropriate methods will be carried out as necessary to ensure a full and even stocking of broadleaves of at least 1100t/ha by the end of the plan period.</p> <p>European Protected Species guidelines will be followed at all times under the forestry Habitat Regulations.</p>				
<b>Cpt/ Sub-Cpt</b>	<b>Total Area (Ha)</b>	<b>Area of Work (Ha)</b>	<b>Conditional/ Unconditional</b>	<b>End of Felling Approval</b>
6a	1.06	1.06	Conditional	14/Apr/2021

6b	0.76	0.76	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
6c	1.26	1.26	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
6d	0.85	0.85	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
6f	0.37	0.37	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
6h	1.22	1.22	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11b	0.80	0.80	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11c	0.87	0.87	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11m	3.36	3.36	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11n	3.37	3.37	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11o	1.86	1.86	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11p	2.32	2.32	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11q	2.31	2.31	Conditional	14/Apr/2021

Felling proposals:

1. First 5 years some clearfell Cpts will be thinned and then felled in the second 5 year period:

The thinning operation will not remove more than 40% of the existing high canopy space or 30% of the standing volume per hectare and be evenly distributed across the area in any one operation.

2. Clearfelling & restocking conditions:

Cpt 6a = fell conifer and replant with 100% DF at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 6b = fell conifer and replant with 100% DF at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 6c = fell conifer and replant with 100% DF at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 6d = fell conifer and replant with 100% DF at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 6f = fell conifer and replant with 100% DF at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 6h = fell conifer and replant with 100% DF at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 11b = fell conifer and replant with 100% Native broadleaf species at 1100t/ha or 3m tree spacing

Cpt 11c = fell conifer and replant with 100% Native broadleaf species at 1100t/ha or 3m tree spacing

Cpt 11m = fell conifer and replant with 100% NS at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 11n = fell conifer and replant with 100% NS at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 11o = fell conifer and replant with 100% NS at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 11p = fell conifer and replant with 100% NS at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Cpt 11q = fell conifer and replant with 100% NS at 2500t/ha or 2m tree spacing

Maintenance, including protection against deer, vermin and stock, replacement of failures and adequate weed control by appropriate methods will be carried out as necessary to ensure a full and even stocking of broadleaves of at least 1100t/ha or conifers of at least 2250t/ha by the end of the plan period.

For both thinning and clearfell, European Protected Species guidelines will be followed at all times under the forestry Habitat Regulations.

**Felling Coppice**

Cpt/ Sub-Cpt	Total Area (Ha)	Area of Work (Ha)	Conditional/ Unconditional	End of Felling Approval
11d	0.80	0.64	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11e	0.84	0.84	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11f	0.82	0.66	Conditional	14/Apr/2021
11g	0.79	0.63	Conditional	14/Apr/2021

Fell coppice working:

Fell coppice will be restocked by coppice stools being allowed to regenerate. In the event that regeneration fails to occur within three years of cutting, all gaps greater than 10m diameter will be restocked with adequately protected with native species, of local origin, at 3m x 3m spacing or 1100/ha.

Should deer browsing prevent the coppice from regrowing to an average height of 1.0 m, 2 years after cutting, steps will be taken to either reduce the deer numbers or exclude them from the site. All coppicing will cease until the problem has been remedied.

European Protected Species guidelines will be followed at all times under the forestry Habitat Regulations.

## Thinning

Cpt/ Sub-Cpt	Total Area (Ha)	Area of Work (Ha)	Conditional/ Unconditional	End of Felling Approval
1a	0.37	0.37	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
1b	0.50	0.50	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
1c	1.20	0.80	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
2a	1.07	0.64	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
2b	1.59	1.59	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
2d	1.19	1.19	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
2e	0.82	0.82	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
2f	1.01	1.01	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
3a	1.65	1.24	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
4a	1.31	1.31	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
4b	0.94	0.94	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
6g	0.64	0.64	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
6i	0.34	0.34	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
9b	0.65	0.65	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
10a	1.55	1.55	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
10b	1.09	1.09	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
10d	1.77	1.33	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021

10e	2.68	2.68	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
11a	0.81	0.81	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
11d	0.80	0.16	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
11f	0.82	0.16	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
11g	0.79	0.16	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
11h	0.66	0.66	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
11i	1.36	1.36	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
11j	4.85	4.85	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021

**Thinning ops:**

The thinning operation will not remove more than 40% of the existing high canopy space or 30% of the standing volume per hectare and be evenly distributed across the area in any one operation.

European Protected Species guidelines will be followed at all times under the forestry Habitat Regulations.

<b>Cpt/ Sub-Cpt</b>	<b>Total Area (Ha)</b>	<b>Area of Work (Ha)</b>	<b>Conditional/ Unconditional</b>	<b>End of Felling Approval</b>
6j	0.33	0.33	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021
6k	6.10	6.10	Unconditional	14/Apr/2021

**Thinning Ops:**

All thinning operations will not remove more than 30% of the standing volume per ha. in any one operation.

European Protected Species guidelines will be followed at all times under the forestry Habitat Regulations.

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Only the first seven years of grants will be shown but totals will be correct.

Fund	Work Item Desc.	SubCpt	Parcel Ref	Payment	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	Total
Felling License Application	Clear Felling	11b, 11m, 10d,	SO5434.0141,							
		6c, 6a, 11o,	SO5434.9565,							
		6d, 11q, 2a,	SO5534.3958,							
		6b, 11p, 6e,	SO5534.2560,							
		3a, 6h, 6f,	SO5535.1487,							
		11n, 11k, 1c,	SO5534.4645,							
		11c	SO5535.6433,							
			SO5634.0137,							
			SO5436.7924							
Felling License Application	Felling Coppice	11g, 11e, 11f,	SO5434.0141							
		11d								
Felling License Application	Thinning	2e, 11g, 11a,	SO5535.0683,							
		2f, 9b, 11h, 6j,	SO5535.0691,							
		6i, 11f, 10d,	SO5535.0988,							
		4a, 10a, 11j,	SO5434.0141,							
		2d, 11d, 1b,	SO5535.0170,							
		10b, 2a, 11i,	SO5535.0374,							
		3a, 10e, 6g,	SO5435.9760,							
		2b, 4b, 6k, 1c,	SO5435.9966,							
		1a	SO5534.1730,							
			SO5634.0137,							
			SO5434.9565,							
			SO5635.0142,							
			SO5434.6731,							
			SO5535.1487,							
			SO5436.7924,							
			SO5434.5631,							
			SO5535.6433,							
			SO5434.9655,							
			SO5434.9751,							
			SO5536.4703,							
			SO5635.0318,							
			SO5436.6133							

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Fund	Work Item Desc.	SubCpt	Parcel Ref	Payment	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	Total
Woodland Management Grant	Important UKBAP Woodland	11g, 11b, 11a, 11m, 11h, 6j, 11e, 2c, 10a, 6a, 11o, 6i, 11f, 6c, 10d, 11d, 6d, 11j, 2d, 11l, 11q, 2a, 10b, 11p, 6b, 6e, 3a, 11i, 10c, 10e, 2b, 11n, 6g, 6h, 6k, 6f, 11c, 11k	SO5434.0141, SO5634.0137, SO5536.4703, SO5434.6731, SO5534.2560, SO5534.3958, SO5434.9565, SO5535.1487, SO5434.5631, SO5534.4645, SO5535.6433, SO5434.8857, SO5434.9655, SO5434.9751	5 Yearly Instalments	£1688.40	£1688.40	£1688.40	£1688.40	£1688.40	<b>8442.00</b>



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Fund	Work Item Desc.	SubCpt	Parcel Ref	Payment	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	Total
Woodland Regeneration Grant	Conversion: broadleaved plantation on an AWS to native species	11k	SO5434.0141	Single Payment	£2147.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>2147.20</b>
Woodland Regeneration Grant	Conversion: broadleaved plantation to native species	10c	SO5434.8857	Single Payment	£0.00	£112.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>112.20</b>
		1c	SO5436.7924	Single Payment	£0.00	£435.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>435.60</b>
		2a	SO5535.1487	Single Payment	£470.80	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>470.80</b>
		3a	SO5535.6433	Single Payment	£0.00	£453.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>453.75</b>
		6e	SO5534.4645	Single Payment	£112.20	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>112.20</b>
		8	SO5534.5116	Single Payment	£109.56	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>109.56</b>
Woodland Regeneration Grant	Restocking ancient and other semi-natural woodland with native species	10d	SO5434.9565	Single Payment	£486.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	<b>486.75</b>
<b>Annual Totals</b>					<b>5014.91</b>	<b>2689.95</b>	<b>1688.40</b>	<b>1688.40</b>	<b>1688.40</b>	<b>12770.06</b>







