



FORESTRY GRANTS BUDGET AVAILABILITY IN 2016

This is to let you know that there is still FGS capital grant available for the 2016 claim year. We are therefore taking a number of measures to encourage capital grant spend in 2016:

- **Applicants/owners with approved or pending applications with a 2017 claim year**

We would like you to bring forward and claim your capital works in 2016 (by March 2017).

If you are able to take up this offer then please contact your local Conservancy to discuss. If you are yet to get your application approved (ie: pending application), please **do not** start any works.

- **Threshold Score change from 16th September 2016**

The threshold score for Woodland Improvement Grant- Restructuring Regeneration and Woodland Improvement Grant - Habitats & Species/Liss has decreased from 4 to 2 for claim year 2016. The scoring threshold for Woodland Improvement Grant - Habitats & Species/Liss has increased from 2 to 4 for applications with a 2017 claim year.

Threshold scores for Forest Infrastructure and Co-operation have decreased from 2 to 1 for claim year 2016.

- **Applicants with approved applications with a 2016 claim year**

We would also encourage applicants who have an approved contract containing a claim year(s) of 2016 to carry out all this work and not to delay as variations into 2017 may not be possible.

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