

Supporting information: A guide to the Forestry Grant Scheme support for Urban Woodland Management

Financial Support for Managing Urban Woodlands in Scotland

Under the Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS) Woodland Improvement Grant – Woods In and Around Towns option – the following capital grant operations can be applied for.

What type of operations can be funded?

Clearance	
Day rate – clearance costs	£120/day
Remove infrastructure – linear features	£2.50/m
Scrape path to original surface	£0.60/m
Remove redundant tree shelters	£0.27 each
Scrub/woody vegetation eradication	
– light	£900/ha
– intermediate	£1300/ha
– heavy	£2000/ha
– removal from site	£1050/ha
Chipping and mulching	£1200/ha
Fences and gates	
Post and rail fence	£7/m
Stock fence	£5.50/m
Building/restoring drystone or flagstone dykes	£33/m ²
Self-closing gate	£350/each
Collapsible bollards	£400/each
Vehicle barrier	£688/each
Boardwalks and paths	
Path bridge (over 1 m, steel beam)	£1265/m
Timber or recycled plastic boardwalk	£91/m ²
Timber board and aggregate steps	£150/m
New path – unbound surface	£18.20/m ²
New path – semi-bound surface	£28.15/m ²
Upgrade path	£6.20/m ²
Excavate 'U' ditch	£1.88/m
Piped culvert (300 mm)	£143.38/each
Piped culvert (450 mm)	£395.29/each
Gabion basket retaining wall for path	£100/m

Outdoor furniture and signage	
Timber bench	£350/each
Perch seat	£200/each
Timber picnic bench	£700/each
Fingerpost	£170/each
A3 interpretative sign	£262/each
Waymarker post	£29/each
Threshold sign	£692/each
Primary sign	£270/each
Secondary sign	£188/each
A1 interpretative sign	£992/each
Woodland management	
Woodland thinning	£380/ha
Woodland clearance – felling only	£1065/ha
Woodland clearance – felling and extraction	£1400/ha
Fell large individual tree	£290/tree
Fell and extract large individual tree	£541/tree
Prune trees along path corridor	£2.18/m
Make safe hazardous mature tree	£113/tree
Tree safety survey	£33/ha
Cleaning	£600/ha
Small-scale tree and shrub planting	£3/plant and shelter
Replacement or new single standard tree	£100/tree
Manual brushing	£1.09/m

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Sustainable Management of Forest – Public Access – Woods In and Around Towns

- Carrying out annual tree and path safety inspections
- Keeping access routes free of litter and tree debris
- Keeping paths and signs and recreational facilities up to an acceptable standard
- £100 per hectare per year for the first 10 hectares and then £10 per hectare per year for any additional areas
- Annual payments for up to a maximum of five years

Woods In and Around Towns – Urban Woodland Management Plan

- £1000 for eligible areas up to 10 hectares
- £25 per eligible hectare thereafter

How to get started?

1. Check your eligibility online
2. Contact your Forestry Commission Scotland Woodland Officer at your local Conservancy Office
3. Get your WIAT Urban Woodland Management Plan approved
4. Apply for the Sustainable Management of Forest and/or Woodland Improvement Grant – WIAT Options

For more information about the Forestry Grant Scheme and the WIAT options, visit www.forestry.gov.uk/scotlandgrants or call your local Forestry Commission Scotland Conservancy Office.

