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Newsflash -

Please remember to give young trees a drink

Good aftercare is essential for new trees to establish and thrive. Young trees have been under pressure with the dry weather during April so please remember to water them regularly now and throughout the summer months. There are great guidelines on the Arboricultural Association website about the best ways to water young trees as part of their [Tree Watering Campaign](#).

PLEASE WATER YOUR TREES!



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Newly-planted trees need to be watered regularly over the summer months if they are going to become established and thrive.

If you have a tree outside your house, or one that you pass on your daily walk, then you can help.

Requirements vary depending on a number of factors such as species and location, but a general rule is that they should receive at least 50 litres of water per week in May, June, July and August:

Please water regularly during dry periods with as much as you can – Every little helps



Watering should ideally be carried out in the early morning or evening.



It is good practice to water trees for the first three years after planting.



If the tree has a watering pipe, then half of the water should be poured down the pipe and the other half on the surface of the tree.
If the tree has a watering bag, then fill that.



Where possible, water should be sustainably sourced. Harvested rainwater is ideal, but bath water, or water which has been used for the washing up, is also suitable.

More information about tree watering can be found in the **London Tree Officers Association (LTOA)** publication *Sustainable water management*, available for free download at www.ltoa.org.uk

General information about trees and tree care can be found at the **Arboricultural Association** website www.trees.org.uk

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Arboricultural Association

www.ltoa.org.uk
London Tree Officer Association

www.ato.org.uk
Association of Tree Officers

www.mtoa.co.uk
Municipal Tree Officers' Association



Forest for Cornwall - Working with Landowners

Welcome to the latest Forest for Cornwall Newsletter where we are focusing on our work with landowners. There has been lots of activity going on during the last year and some inspiring stories to share as we reflect on the past 12 months and look forward to the forthcoming tree planting season. Thank you for subscribing – and please tell your friends about it as we'd like to share our updates with more people across Cornwall.

Well, spring seems to be slowly arriving (despite the cold wind) and the woodlands, trees and hedgerows are filling our countryside and towns with multiple shades of green as new leaves begin another summer of photosynthesis – drawing carbon out of the air and locking it down into the

wood and soil.

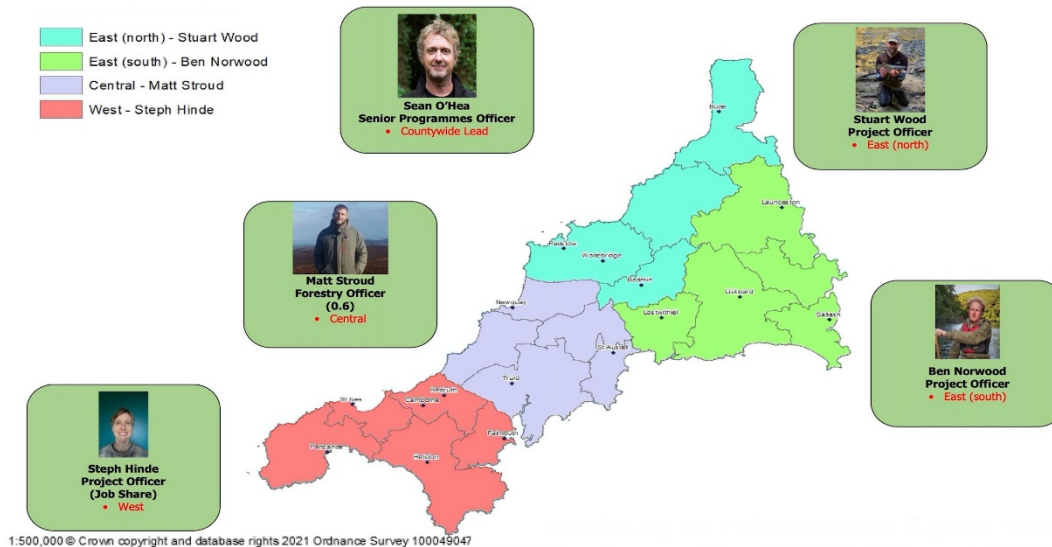
Following the decline in COVID cases here in Cornwall we've re-started visiting landowners who are interested in planting trees as part of our work to enable the Forest for Cornwall to grow to the target of 8000 hectares of new woodland by 2030 (that's nearly 31 square miles!). Planning a new woodland can be a long process: working out what's right for your land and requirements, applying for funding and ensuring regulations are followed. So, if you are looking to be planting this coming winter, work and planning needs to be well underway to catch the next planting window.

This issue of our newsletter is aimed at those thinking of planting on their land, with information and case studies to help when thinking of establishing trees and woodland. If you don't have land of your own to plant, please pass this newsletter on to those who do – we can come out to give some free initial advice before passing landowners on to the most appropriate funding scheme or woodland professional to help them to get those trees in the ground!

Seán O'Hea

Forest for Cornwall Senior Programme Officer

Meet the Forest for Cornwall team members working with landowners in your area



Some funding options to explore

If you are a private landowner there are a number of funding opportunities to explore to support your tree planting project. You can find the latest information and support on woodland creation in England, including funding to create woodland, legal requirements and best practice for sustainability, on the [Forestry Commission](#) website. If your scheme meets certain criteria you can also earn regular income by [selling carbon credits](#).

The Forestry Commission are about to announce a number of new grants and you can sign up to receive [Forestry Commission e-alerts](#) for all the latest funding news.

Applications for the Woodland Trust's [MOREwoods](#) and [MOREhedges](#) schemes

are now live. The MOREwoods scheme is for landowners who want to plant 500+ trees as woodland on at least half a hectare. The MOREhedges scheme includes saplings, advice and funding for new hedging projects more than 100 metres long.



The Benefits of Trees on Farms

Trees in the farmed landscape can provide all sorts of benefits for the farmer's business, and the wider environment including water quality and carbon storage. We've produced a [factsheet](#) exploring some of the benefits with links to further information.

Tree planting doesn't need to be taxing....

John Keast, Chartered Survey with Jeffreys, gives some guidance about the tax advantages of owning woodland*

- Income from timber sales is tax free whether the woodland is held personally or in a company name.

- 100% Agricultural Property Relief is available from Inheritance Tax where woodlands are occupied along with agricultural land and the occupation of the woodlands is 'ancillary' to it.
- Larger blocks of commercially managed woodland are eligible for Business Property Relief from Inheritance Tax once you have owned it for more than two years.
- Woodland gives the possibility of using the roll-over provision of the Capital Gains Tax (CGT) system. This means that if you have sold a business and made a capital gain and you use the money to buy a woodland, you defer (indefinitely) the CGT you would have paid on the sale of the business.
- If you do end up paying Capital Gains Tax it is at least reduced because when you sell a woodland you only pay tax on the gain in the value of the land and not on the increase in value of the timber.
- There are generally no property taxes (business rates etc) on woodland.
- Woodland Grant Scheme income is not taxed as it is spent directly on woodland management.

*Please note that this is guidance only and you should check with a professional (accountant, lawyer etc) before making any transaction that is dependent on the taxation consequences.



Could the Woodland Trust's MOREhedges and MOREwoods schemes work for you?

The team have been making contact with landowners who are keen to help contribute to the Forest for Cornwall and following up on a few a year on, to find out what's been done.

We ran a landowner workshop back in March 2020 with the Woodland Trust to promote the project and funding sources and a year on it's been great to hear so many people accessing trees and advice via the [MOREwoods](#) and [MOREhedges](#) schemes. One such landowner with a site near Penzance spoke to us about his plans for the 5 streamside fields (3 ha) site he owns.

'The last few years have been spent improving the matrix of woodland, wetland, Cornish hedges and open field space around our home. With support from the Forest for Cornwall and Woodland Trust and the hard work of various family members, we planted 550 trees and 100 metres of new hedgerow in December 2020 - a mix of native species including oak, beech,

birch, rowan, crab apple, willow and alder. Once established these trees will help to link other areas of woodland along the valley, creating a valuable wildlife corridor’.

Alongside this tree planting, 200m of new Cornish hedges have been created, and there are future plans for a pond, wildflower meadow and small fruit and nut orchard also in the pipeline. Trees are just part of the picture for this landowner, whose legacy will capture carbon, benefit wildlife and enhance his local landscape for years to come. Inspiring stuff!

Steph Hinde

The value of trees on a farmed site

Trees are very much part of the business plan at one market garden site in St Agnes, supplying fresh veg to their local area and beyond. We spoke to one grower about the importance of trees to their business.

‘Number one for us is wind protection for our crops – a mix of salads, herbs and leafy greens grown in-field and at the mercy of the south westerlies as our fields are just a mile from the coast. We’re an organic site and we want to encourage diverse habitats for a balanced ecosystem. And these trees are another crop for us too, giving the soil what it needs to support our veg - we’ll compost the willow woodchip and after it’s broken down add it to the soil to improve soil structure, water retention and add nutrients’.

Tree planting on site so far includes; Hedge trees to fill the gaps along the top of the Cornish hedges, as well as allowing natural regeneration adjacent to the hedge to thicken the hedge, improve the habitat and increase wind

protection; Mixed native hedge species planted winter 2019-20 has created a new hedgerow. The team have also planned their cropping area to incorporate rows of in-field trees including apple trees for an extra crop and fast growing and salt tolerant Italian alders for shelter. A double row of willow has also been planted along some field edges to increase wind protection and be coppiced to produce woodchip.

Please get in touch if you're a farm business and want to find out more about the benefits of trees on your farm – we'll be organising events to promote and advise in the coming months so watch this space.

Steph Hinde



Importance of using UK and Ireland sourced and grown (UKISG) or Plant Healthy tree and shrub stock

As we are all too aware, the world is facing a climate crisis. With temperatures set to increase, together with adverse weather events and the potential increase of pests and diseases reaching our shores, it is essential to select the correct planting stock.



It is critical that tree health continues to be co-ordinated on a UK basis. Wherever possible trees should have been grown in and sourced from within the UK in order to prevent further introductions of damaging pests and diseases. Notable cases have contributed to the introduction and spread of Chestnut Blight, Ash Dieback, Dutch Elm Disease and Red Band Needle Blight to name a few.

The Forest for Cornwall initiative is actively encouraging and aiming to enable everyone wishing to plant trees, to have knowledge of available nurseries within Cornwall to have access to UKISG or [Plant Healthy](#) planting stock. You can find a list of [Cornish based nurseries](#) that currently supply accredited planting stock on the Forest for Cornwall website. As you read this, there are more nurseries in Cornwall starting the process of achieving

UKISG and Plant Healthy accreditation and we commend them for striving towards keeping UK trees, both young and old, biosecure for future generations to enjoy!

Stuart Wood

Agroforestry event

Agroforestry is where trees are integrated into the farmed landscape to provide benefits to the farm business, including shade for livestock, shelter for livestock and crops and additional revenue from products such as timber and fruits, for example. It's an exciting area with some successful examples of where people have used it to enhance their business, and we're planning an event for landowners to explore the subject further in the coming months. Details yet to be confirmed but if this event is of interest to please get in touch via our [contact form](#) to express your interest, or keep an eye on the [Forest for Cornwall](#) website for an announcement.



Tell us about your tree planting

137,000 trees have been planted so far, an increase of 78,000 over the winter planting season.

Congratulations to all involved!

Any trees planted in Cornwall since 1st September 2019, anywhere and by anyone, can count towards the Forest for Cornwall. The Forest for Cornwall aims to deliver a net gain in canopy cover over and above any replacement of lost trees.

Please get in touch via the [online contact form](#) to let us know about any trees going in the ground which you are happy to be counted towards the Forest for Cornwall.

Contact us

If you have an enquiry, would like to let us know if you have planted any trees, would like to help grow the Forest for Cornwall by providing land, trees or volunteering to help plant trees, or need support for a planting project -

please [get in touch](#). Please let us know what you are doing or planning to do to contribute to the Forest for Cornwall. We look forward to hearing from you.



We hope you have found the latest edition of our newsletter interesting and helpful. If you have received this newsletter from another source and would like to keep up to date with the latest news, please sign up for the [Forest for Cornwall newsletter](#).

Kind regards,

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