

Free Trees, Hedging and Wildflower Scheme



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Dear Parish / Town Clerk,

Since 2021, Babergh District Council has provided free trees, hedging and wildflower seed to applicants with projects that benefit both biodiversity and the public. To date, we have given away:

- Nearly 800 trees
- Over 16,000 small trees and hedgerow plants
- Enough wildflower seed to cover over 16,000m2

The scheme remains open to applications, for landowners such as town and parish councils, community groups and charities.

Details on the scheme, including the application form and guidance notes, can be found here: <https://www.babergh.gov.uk/w/trees-and-wildflowers-scheme>

We are open to applications at any time and there is no deadline. However, the main planting season for trees and hedging is between November and March, and the ideal times for sowing wildflower seed are in the autumn and spring, so if you have possible projects in mind, now is a good time to think about applying.

Possible schemes could include:

- Woodland creation
- Trees in open spaces
- Hedge planting
- Wildflower meadow creation and enrichment
- Orchard planting

If you have a scheme, you are welcome to contact us ahead of applying to discuss. We are happy to work with you to help make your application successful.

If for any reason we are unable to support your scheme, we may well be able to find other sources of trees and hedging for which you may be eligible. We can also provide advice on managing your new planting to help ensure it establishes.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, want to check eligibility or need advice.

Kind regards,

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