

Tree Strategy Delivery Community Projects

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A reminder of what we're trying to achieve (over the next ten years!)

1. Create a wood culture
2. Ensure trees and woodland are resilient and adaptable
3. Expand tree, woodland and canopy cover
4. Create wood services and products
5. Create a sustainable and flexible governance



Current Work Streams

Its not just about getting 'trees in the ground'!

- **Community action**
 - Creation of Information Hub
 - Support Schools and Community groups to plant trees
- **Growing our own**
 - Support and enable development of community tree nurseries
- **Getting trees in the ground**
 - Creating and developing ideas and opportunities within Somerset Council
 - Working with private landowners
- **Building capacity**
 - Collaborating with partner organisations
 - Develop Somerset Tree Planting Register
- **Unlocking funding**
 - Utilise national and local funding opportunities as well as private financing



We need you help...

To promote and directly support

- FREE trees for schools and community groups
- Somerset Tree Planting Register



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FREE trees for schools and community groups

Somerset Council and the Woodland Trust can help and support tree and hedgerow planting within school grounds and open green spaces across the county.

Tree Planting has many benefits:

- For people,
- For nature,
- For the climate.

It's easy to do and a great way to take positive action and learn about our natural world.

Planning to plant trees and need FREE expert advice? Contact our Woodland Creation team at woodlandcreation@somerset.gov.uk

To apply for FREE trees visit:
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities

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Whitehall Primary School Planting, DEFRA 11th of December 2010. Photo by Richard Faulks.



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Root for Somerset Make your trees count

Are you an amazing Somerset resident, group, landowner, school or business doing great work to plant trees? Celebrate your efforts and make your tree planting count.

Can we count on you?

Register them on the Somerset Tree Planting register.
It's easy to do and takes less than five minutes.

The Somerset Tree Planting Register is part of the Somerset Tree Strategy - a 10 year plan to enhance and protect Somerset trees and woodland.

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Find out more at www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset-tree-strategy

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FREE trees for schools and community groups

- In collaboration with the **Woodland Trust**
- Provide support to plan and plant whips to grow into small woodlands or hedgerows
- Woodland Trust provide the whips and we provide the guidance and support
- Open to all schools and any group who wish to plant on publicly accessible land



Somerset Tree Planting Register

- One single quantifiable metric within the Somerset Tree Strategy – to plant **240ha. new woodland every year for ten years**
- We know trees are being planted by many small, medium and large groups, organisations and companies but **we do not know how many, where and why**
- The Register aims to collate this unique data to help inform and guide future plans, schemes and effort
- ‘Self-service’ questionnaire open to all



The poster features a green background with a map of Somerset in orange, dotted with small tree icons. A yellow location pin with an oak leaf is positioned over the map. Text is arranged in yellow and white boxes on the left side.

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Logos at the bottom include: Somerset Council, Environment Agency, Naturally Somerset, EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK, Somerset National Landscape, Forestry Commission, and WOODLAND TRUST.

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[Free Trees for Schools and Communities - Woodland Trust](#)

[Somerset Tree Planting Register - Somerset Council - Citizen Space](#)

