



Garden Forest Scheme

Welcome to the Garden Forest Scheme.



As part of our ambition to reduce our emissions and become a net zero carbon borough, our Garden Forest Scheme invites residents to get involved by planting one or more trees in their garden.

Trees contribute to carbon sequestration, a process during which they remove and store excess carbon from the atmosphere.

Here is how to get involved.

How can I apply?

We will have expression of interest windows at key points in the year that coincide with the planting season. You will need to fill in an online expression of interest form, which asks questions such as where in the borough the garden is and the size of the garden.

Who is eligible?

All residents with their own garden are eligible to apply for one or more trees to plant. The garden must be within the borough.

I rent my house, can I apply?

You must have permission from the freeholder to plant a tree in their garden.

I don't have a garden; can I have a houseplant or inside tree?

Unfortunately, the scheme is only open to those with outdoor garden space.

How many trees can I apply for?

Each expression of interest is for one tree, however if you have space for more and would like more, please let us know on your expression of interest and if there are enough available for allocation, we will let you know.



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How will you choose who gets a tree?

If you are deemed eligible to receive a tree, we will be allocating on a first come first served basis.

What if I'm not successful this time?

In the unlikely event that we do not have enough trees for allocation this time round, please indicate on your expression of interest form if you want to be put on a waiting list to receive a tree in the next allocation window.

Who will care for the tree?

The resident will be responsible for the full care of the tree, including planting, watering and maintenance.

How many trees are available?

The Garden Forest Scheme has an allocation of several thousand trees to be distributed during planting season (October to March) over the next two years.

How are the trees funded?

The trees are part of our £300,000 grant from the Woodland Trust.

Can I choose which tree?

We will have a selection of native trees available for you to choose from, based on supplier availability. We will offer advice on what size tree is appropriate for your garden.



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What size tree will I get?

We are looking to supply bareroot saplings between 60cm to 1m. Exact sizes will be determined by supplier availability and level of interest in the scheme.

How do I redeem a tree?

If you are successful, we will send you a confirmation email, including the details of where you can collect your tree.

Can I have a tree delivered?

Unfortunately we are not able to arrange individual deliveries at this time and anticipate that people will need to collect their tree, either from a participating outlet or from a community location. Details on collection will be provided on allocation.



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