

Financial Support for Managing Urban Woodlands in Scotland

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

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	£1 300/ha
– heavy	£2 000/ha
– removal from site	£1 050/ha
Chipping and mulching	£1 200/ha
Fences and Gates	
Post and rail fence	£7/m
Stock fence	£5.50/m
March fence	£2.75/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)	£1 265/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	£1 065/ha
Woodland clearance – felling and extraction	£1 400/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 brashing	£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
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How to get started?

- Check your eligibility online
- Contact your Scottish Forestry Woodland Officer at your local Conservancy Office
- Get your WIAT Urban Woodland Management Plan approved
- Apply for the Sustainable Management of Forest and/or Woodland Improvement Grant – WIAT Options

Visit the [Scottish Forestry Website](#) for more information about the Forestry Grant Scheme



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