

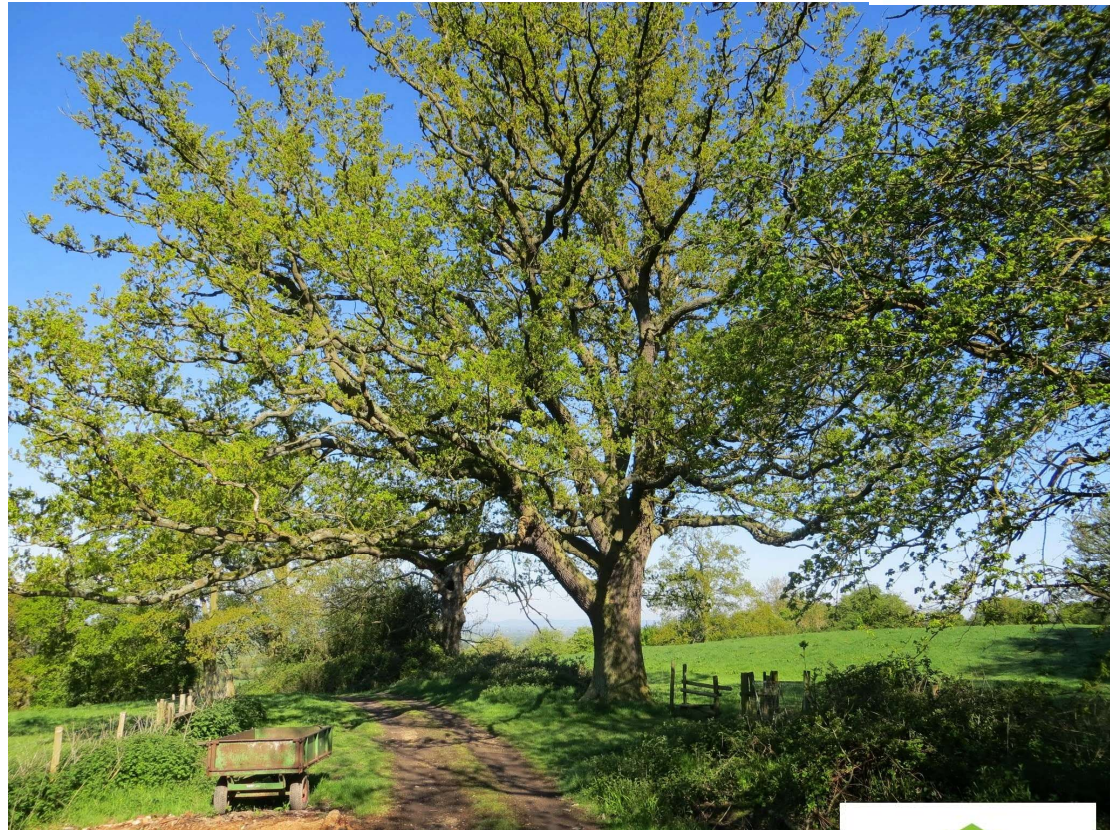


Don't forget the trees outside the woodland

Managing trees outside of woods



- Aim to ensure a resilient landscape
- One which can cope with current and future threats while remaining attractive, functional and rich in wildlife.
- 73 million hedgerow and park trees in Great Britain.



Trees outside of woods work well in the uplands too



Benefits of Trees outside of Woods



- Landscape
- Carbon Storage
- Shelter and Shade
- Infiltration (soil, pollution and water management)
- Wildlife
- Encourage pollinators
- Fuel and Fodder



Resilience



- 40% of tree should be young (less than 20cm diameter at breast height)
- Right tree right place
- Diversity

Why decline in hedgerow trees?



- Tree diseases – Dutch elm disease & ash dieback.
- Flailing hedges too often
- Felled because of perceived or actual risk to public safety.



Tree safety



- One in 10 million (deaths)
- 55 per year (A&E)
- Common Sense Risk Management of trees
- <http://ntsgroup.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/FCMS025.pdf>
- Zoning
- Tree inspection: assessing obvious tree defects - record
- Managing risk at an acceptable level: identifying, prioritising and undertaking safety work according to level of risk - record

Dealing with ash dieback



- Felling Permission
- **Ancient trees** and those with veteran features like hollows and rot holes are especially important for wildlife.
- Have a plan



Managing Trees Outside of Woods



- Act now
- 3/2/1/: at least 3 new trees for loss of a large tree, 2 for a medium tree and 1 tree for a small tree
- Mark windings for retention
- Reassess hedge trimming regime
- Grow the right trees in the right places in the right ways, and give them the right aftercare
- Link with wildlife strips/water margins
- Encourage a diverse range of trees to develop a resilient landscape
- Consider pollarding

Funding



- AECS
- MoreHedges

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/large-scale-planting/morehedges-faqs/>

- Local Grants e.g. Borders Tree Planting Grant (Tweed Forum)

<https://tweedforum.org/our-work/borders-tree-planting-grant/#:~:text=The%20Borders%20Tree%20Planting%20Grant%20can%20offer%20financial,those%20eligible%20within%20the%20Scottish%20Rural%20Development%20Programme>

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