

# Free advice and support for tree planting and woodland management

The Woodland Trust Scotland is offering free advice and support to crofters, common grazings and the wider crofting community, to create new, mixed woodland and shelterbelts or improve the management of existing native woodland. This includes:

- a site visit from a woodland adviser
- follow up information including a site report, map and outline budget/cashflow
- help with funding and grant applications.

We are working in partnership with a range of organisations to assist crofters with a range of diversify through tree planting and woodland management on both in-bye land and common grazings.



For more information on planting trees or managing woodland on your croft, please contact your local croft woodland adviser.

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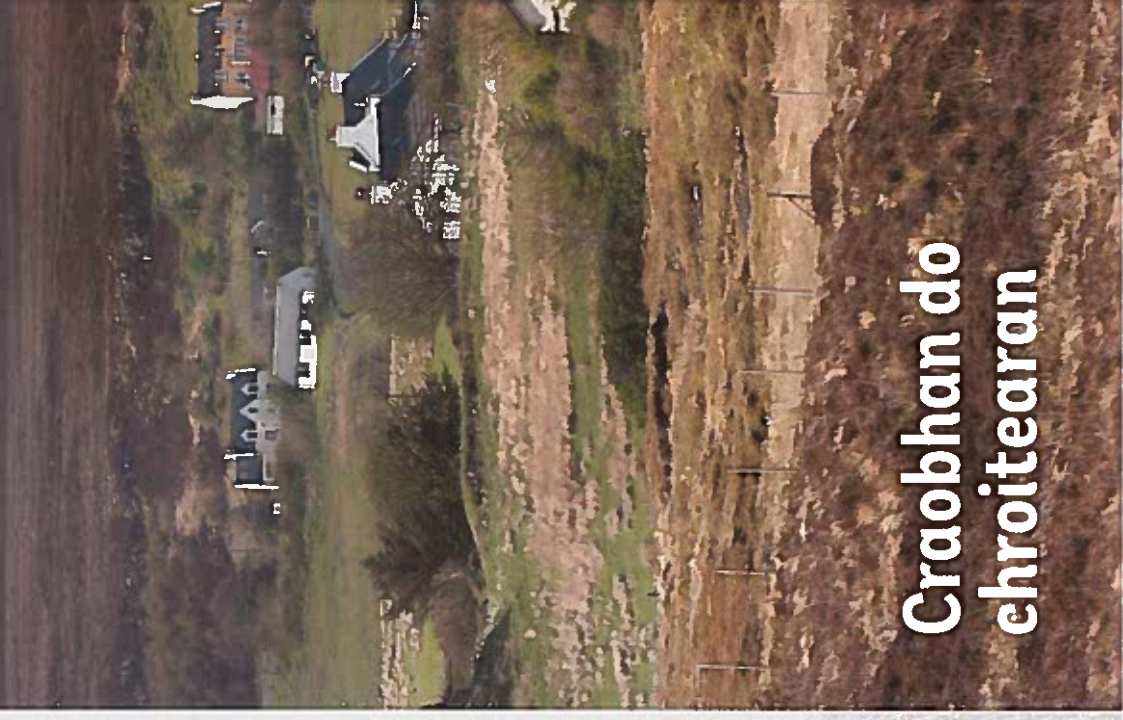
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# Trees for the crofting community

# Craobhan do chroitearan





# The benefits of trees

Planting trees can directly benefit your croft and the wider environment in a number of ways, provided the right species are planted in the right place. For example, a well-sited shelterbelt can increase lambing percentages, screen buildings and reduce heating bills.



Managing woodland to create a sustainable source of products such as firewood and timber can both reduce living costs and provide income.

## Trees can...

- provide essential shelter, improving livestock performance
- help reduce incidences of animal health issues such as hypothermia and liver fluke
- protect soils from wind and water erosion and improve water quality
- boost crop growth by reducing wind speeds
- attract pollinators
- create natural insulation around houses and outbuildings
- supply a sustainable source of firewood
- enhance the environment for people and wildlife.



## Crofter Sandy Murray

Sandy Murray from Auchumore in northern Sutherland has been planting trees on his croft since 1992. He has combined native woodland planting with shelterbelts, timber and



Christmas trees. The woodlands not only provide shelter for sheep and a sustainable source of woodfuel, but have also led to an increase in wildlife.



Now that trees are well established, Sandy is managing the woods for firewood and is considering thinning work to increase the amount of shelter available for livestock.

Thig iomadh feum don chroit agus don àrainneachd gu leir bho craobhan a chur. Mar eisimpleir, bheir bann-fasgaidh àrdachadh air àireamh uain, dìon do thaighean agus bith cosgais teasachaidh nas isle.

