

Tree Planting Initiative

Kniveton Parish Council is reaching out to the community to organise the planting of trees to help mitigate climate change and improve biodiversity.

There are several sources that can support us in this – see below.

The schemes do not seem to be open for formal applications until the Spring, for planting from 1st November onwards, so we have a bit of time to think about this.

- 1 **The Tree Council:** the only fund which would be relevant is the Branching Out Fund, which must involve young people up to the age of 21.
- 2 **Woodland Trust:** see <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/schools-and-communities/> Relevant points:
 - “If you’re applying as a community group, the land needs to be accessible to the public. You should also make sure your local community are aware of your plans to plant and are happy for you to go ahead. The community involvement needs to be more than just being in sight of a public footpath or an annual open day. We are unlikely to award trees which will be planted on private land such as large gardens or paddocks, unless there is genuine public access”
 - The trees can be planted as copses, groves, avenues, shelter belts, hedgerows and many other ways. The amount of space you need will differ depending on how you plant your trees; a 30 sapling pack will cover around one tennis court; a 105 sapling pack will cover 4 tennis courts; a 420 sapling pack will cover a football pitch.
- 3 **Tree Appeal: non-school groups** - <https://www.treeappeal.com/Schools.html>

Please can you let the Parish clerk or any of the Parish Councillors know if are interested in any of these schemes?

Details of the location and size of the available land, and an acknowledgement that public access would be allowed, would be needed.