

# Central Scotland Green Network Contribution

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## Aim

The Central Scotland Green Network is a development within the National Planning Framework. It aims to restore and transform the landscape, whilst making a significant contribution to Scotland's sustainable economic development.

The Central Scotland Green Network Contribution is a capital item that offers a capital payment in addition to the woodland creation initial planting payment.

The capital payment recognises the additional costs of establishment where your application supports the delivery of the relevant forest and woodland strategy.

## Grant support

The CSGN Core Area Contribution (£2,500/ha) capital item is now available to all woodland creation proposals within the Central Scotland Green Network Contribution Area. The contribution is eligible on up to 40 hectares per application. The Outer Core Area Contribution (£1,500) is now available throughout the rest of Scotland on eligible Woodland Creation options. You can check whether you are eligible for this rate using the [Scottish Forestry Map Viewer](#).

Capital grants are also available for operations such as fencing and tree protection.

- Basic Payment Scheme entitlements will still apply on eligible afforested land

Payment rates can be found in the tables below.

Woodland Creation option*	Payment rates in standard area						
	Initial planting payment rate (£/ha)	Core payment rate (up to 40ha) (£/ha)	Annual maintenance payment rate (£/ha/year) for five years **	Establishment Operations Phase 1 capital item (£/ha)**	Establishment Operations Phase 2 capital item (£/ha)**	Total payment rate excluding Core (£/ha)	Total payment rate including Core (£/ha)
<a href="#">Conifer</a>	1920	2500	208	832	208	2960	5460
<a href="#">Diverse Conifer</a>	2160	2500	336	1344	336	3840	6340

Broadleaves	2880	2500	336	1344	336	3840	6340
Native Upland Birch	1840	2500	128	512	128	2480	4980
Native Broadleaves	1840	2500	272	1088	272	3200	5700
Small or Farm Woodland	2400	2500	400	1600	400	4400	6900

Table 1 – Payment rates for woodland creation in standard areas

Woodland Creation option*	Payment rates in target areas						
	Initial planting payment rate (£/ha)	Core payment rate (up to 40ha) (£/ha)	Annual maintenance payment rate (£/ha/year) for five years **	Establishment Operations Phase 1 capital item (£/ha)**	Establishment Operations Phase 2 capital item (£/ha)**	Total payment rate excluding Core (£/ha)	Total payment rate including Core (£/ha)
Conifer	2160	2500	234	936	234	3330	5830
Diverse Conifer	2430	2500	378	1512	378	4320	6820
Broadleaves	3240	2500	594	2376	594	6210	8710
Native Upland Birch	2070	2500	144	576	144	2790	5290
Native Broadleaves	2070	2500	306	1224	306	3600	6100
Small or Farm Woodland	2700	2500	450	1800	450	4950	7450

Table 2 – Payment rates for woodland creation in target areas

\*Only Woodland Creation Options listed in the tables above are eligible

\*\*Applicants can choose Annual maintenance for 5 years or Establishment operations phase 1 and 2, but not both

As part of the online application process, applicants will be required to select the core rate for each eligible option as a capital item from the list of capital grant operations as detailed in the [Capital grant options table](#) on the Woodland Creation page.

## Eligibility criteria

For each woodland creation option to be eligible for the Central Scotland Green Network Core Area Contribution, over 50 per cent of that option's area must sit within the Central Scotland Green Network Contribution Area. You can check if you are eligible for this rate using the [Scottish Forestry Map Viewer](#).

Scottish Forestry staff will assess applications to ensure that no two applications have been artificially sub-divided.

Where your proposed planting overlaps the Contribution Area boundaries, the type of Central Scotland Green Network Contribution Area (Core or Outer Core) that you apply for, per woodland creation option, will be the area where the majority (50 per cent or more) of that woodland creation option is located.

If the boundary of your woodland creation proposal overlaps a Contribution Area boundary, use the PDF below to work out which Central Scotland Green Network Contribution rate will apply.



[Guidance on boundary overlap \(PDF, Size: 269.7 kB\)](#)

doc\_external\_url: <https://www.ruralpaymentsandservices.org/media/resources/0026---guidance-on-boundary-overlap---SF.pdf> Guidance on boundary overlap

To be eligible for the Central Scotland Green Network Contribution, your application must support the type of woodland expansion identified in your local authority's forestry and woodland strategy:

- [Glasgow and Clyde Valley \(PDF, Size: 4.1 MB\)](#)
- [Edinburgh and Lothians \(PDF, Size: 4.4 MB\)](#)
- [Fife \(PDF, Size: 3.8 MB\)](#)
- [Stirling and Clackmannanshire \(PDF, Size: 3.7 MB\)](#)
- [Ayrshire and Arran](#)
- [Falkirk \(PDF, Size: 5.7 MB\)](#)
- [List of Local Authority Woodland Strategies \(PDF, Size: 64.3 kB\)](#)

Proposed Woodland Creation planting option	Must meet local forestry and woodland strategy objectives for:
Conifer	Softwood expansion
Diverse Conifer	Softwood or mixed woodland expansion
Broadleaves	Mixed woodland expansion
Native Upland Birch	Native woodland expansion
Native Broadleaves	Native woodland expansion
Small or Farm Woodland	Mixed woodland expansion

You can use the Central Scotland Green Network FWS data layer in the FGS Target and Eligibility Areas folder on the [Scottish Forestry Map Viewer](#) to help locate your proposal within a forestry and woodland strategy area.

## [Further information](#)

The [Central Scotland Green Network website](#) gives more information on the initiative, and its key themes and priorities.

## [Recent changes](#)

Section	New text
<a href="#">Factsheet</a>	Factsheet document has been updated
<a href="#">Grant support</a>	Outer core area contribution added to table
<a href="#">Central Scotland Green Network Contribution supporting statement</a>	Template has been updated
Whole page	Contribution boundaries have been expanded and factsheet and supporting statement requirement removed

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