



Forestry England

Growing
the future

together

2026-2031



Caring for the nation's forests is a responsibility measured not in years, but in generations.

By acting now with confidence, partnership and evidence we will ensure they remain one of England's greatest natural assets.



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Photo: Wild Neroche, a collaboration to restore and transform landscapes

We are Forestry England

We care for more land and trees than any other organisation in England. We use our scale, expertise and evidence to strengthen forests and all the other habitats in our care, growing them to withstand shocks, adapt to change and continue to deliver clean air and water. They also provide sustainable timber, carbon storage, support wildlife and thriving habitats and provide extraordinary places for people to treasure.

England's forests face unprecedented pressure. Climate change is intensifying storms and drought, increasing wildfire risk, and bringing new pests and diseases. The choices we make now will determine whether these landscapes endure and continue to deliver positive benefits for people, nature and the economy.

We can't do this alone. The challenge is too great, and the opportunity too important.

We have the scale, reach and influence to succeed. With partners like you, we can create impact on a level few others can match.

Over the next five years, we will act with urgency, ambition and in partnership to create and secure forests that are resilient, nature-rich and accessible to all; forests that improve lives today and protect the wellbeing of generations to come.



Mike Seddon,
Forestry England
Chief Executive



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AND COMMUNITIES



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Forests forever

Resilient, productive forests are the cornerstone of a thriving future.

When forests can recover from, and adapt to, storms, fires and climate change, they can produce sustainable homegrown timber, safeguard biodiversity, be wonderful places to enjoy and help secure a healthy environment.

“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is now.”

Chinese proverb



We are leading England's largest woodland creation programme, pledging to create 5,000 hectares of new, climate-resilient woodland by 2031.



1.1
million m³
high-quality
timber p/a

7.5
million trees
planted
in new woodlands

3
seed orchards
of future species

7.5 million trees will be planted in new woodlands over the next 5 years to guarantee future sustainable timber, boost biodiversity and enhance human health and wellbeing.

We will diversify tree species, improve air and water quality, increase carbon storage and future-proof the nation's forests so they can thrive through uncertainty and continue to serve society.

We are making all our forests more resilient to extreme weather, pests and disease by increasing the diversity of the species we plant. We will support this by creating 3 new seed orchards to supply genetically diverse trees from climate-resilient species.

We will invest in the skills and expertise needed to care for and expand our forests, treating them as strategic national infrastructure that delivers critical benefits for people, the economy and the environment.



Photo: Viewing saplings for tomorrow's forests with AstraZeneca colleagues at Forestry England's seed processing centre.

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Forests for nature

Fully-functioning ecosystems are critical for a thriving country and healthy society.

When large, connected forests flourish, they sustain life, balance nature and power a future where clean air, fresh water and climate resilience are secured.



Our vision is for the nation's forests to host the most valuable places in the country for wildlife to thrive. Over the next 5 years, we will shift from fragmented nature recovery to landscape-scale restoration.

This means we will create 15,000 hectares of connected nature networks to enable wildlife to move freely, improve soil health and agriculture, restore waterways and strengthen ecosystems.

In figures

15,000 hectares	100,000 hectares	100% increase	38,000 hectares
of nature networks	of pine marten range	in PAWS restoration	following wilding principles

We will have more influential species. We will expand pine marten range to over 100,000 hectares across our estate – an ambitious increase of close to 70% – and reintroduce beavers to half our catchments, helping restore ecological balance and resilience.

We will build on our success to create a larger network of wilder areas. We will establish 38,000 hectares of wild areas where nature is given space to thrive across entire landscapes.

We will double the rate of restoring plantations on ancient woodland sites (PAWS), restoring over 2,000 hectares of ancient woodland over the next five years. These are places of cultural and historical significance, that are some of our richest landscapes for biodiversity.

Our approach is bold and agile while being rooted in science, data and technological innovation. We are using environmental DNA (eDNA), bioacoustic technology, camera traps and innovative mapping approaches to establish robust baselines, from which we will measure and report on our impact. Our reporting is setting a global benchmark for environmental accountability.

Photo: The team from Forest Holidays meeting tawny owls at Wild Kielder with a Forestry England ornithologist.



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Forests for all

Being connected to nature is fundamental for a healthy, resilient society. Time spent in the natural world restores us, reduces stress and strengthens our sense of belonging.

Modern life is placing intensifying pressure on people's health and wellbeing, and our relationship with the natural world is weakening.



“No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced.”

David Attenborough



A lack of access to nature is negatively impacting our communities, causing health issues, and deepening inequalities. This is particularly true for young people and the most vulnerable.

Without meaningful access to nature, things will get worse. This is not just a public health challenge, it is a societal one. And Forestry England has a key role to play in reconnecting people with nature.

In figures

750,000
supporters

300 million
visits p/a

26 million
targeted active visits

1 million
volunteer hours

Our forests are a vast public health resource. We are the country's largest dedicated provider of access to nature and green spaces, welcoming 300 million visits to our forests each year. We will make them welcoming, inclusive and accessible to deliver lasting benefits for people, places and communities.

Our forests will be known for their unforgettable experiences: landscapes alive with play, adventure and discovery. From family days out to immersive overnight stays and magical events, we will create moments that spark joy and draw people back again and again.

We will inspire a community of forest supporters; people who do more than visit the nation's forests. They will champion them. Care for them. Invest in them. And be proud of them. Because the forests we grow today will shape the health, happiness and resilience of generations to come.

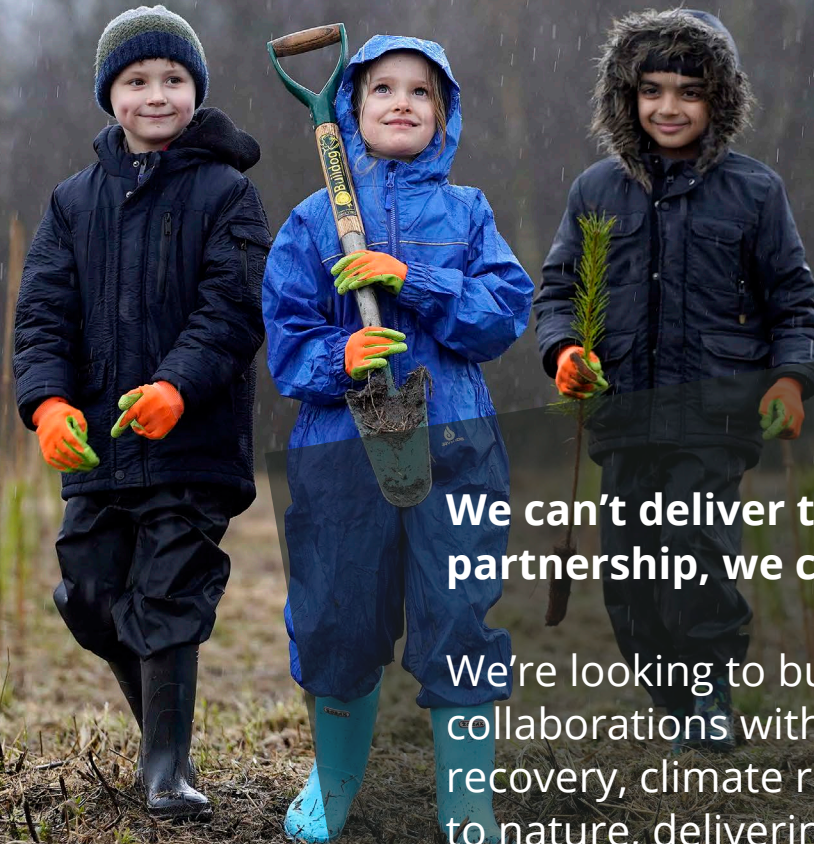
By 2031, our volunteers will have delivered a further 1 million volunteer hours helping people connect with nature, care for forests and strengthen community resilience.



Photo: Ringing osprey at Kielder Forest with a team from British Airways.



Partnerships with Forestry England



We can't deliver this alone. By working in partnership, we can do so much more.

We're looking to build ambitious, values-led collaborations with businesses to accelerate nature recovery, climate resilience and people's connection to nature, delivering more impact than any of us could achieve alone.





Forestry England offers large-scale partnerships that can help you meet commercial, social and sustainability objectives.

We create packages that combine the power of our tree planting, woodland restoration, wildlife conservation and people-focussed work.



We build partnerships that grow over time and are shaped around shared outcomes with like-motivated businesses.



Your investment may include:

- Supporting priority programmes for wildlife, climate and people.
- Co-creating solutions that combine our land management expertise with your innovation, technology or skills.
- Working together to reach new audiences and inspire wider support for nature.

We can offer you:

- Access to one of Europe's most significant national forest estates.
- A trusted, publicly-accountable organisation with long-term stewardship at its core.
- Opportunities to demonstrate authentic, measurable impact aligned to evolving frameworks such as TNFD.
- Reach into communities and audiences that already value and trust our work.
- Unique volunteering sessions in nature, providing the opportunity to collaborate outside of the office and boost wellbeing.



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