




Tree Planting Authentication & Audit

Make it Wild has a long-established track record of woodland creation that spans more than 12 years and over 60,000 trees planted. We operate closely with several third parties who, via the provision of written and photographic evidence and on-the-ground inspection, verify the trees that we plant and, therefore, the carbon we offset.

Make it Wild enters into contracts prior to undertaking large scale planting projects. There are tight specifications laid down by Forestry Commission, Natural England and the Woodland Trust to ensure the planting meets the necessary standards. The plantations are then subject to inspection and validation across the life of the agreements (typically 10 -12 years). For instance, if we are undertaking woodland creation under the Countryside Stewardship Schemes these are audited by the Rural Payments Agency, part of the government’s Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Key Partnerships & Contractual Commitments

 <p>Forestry Commission</p> <p>Forestry Commission Yorkshire and Northeast Area Foss House, Kings Pool 1-2 Peasholme Green, York YO1 7PX Tel. 0300 067 4900 e. yne@forestrycommission.gov.uk</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs).</p> <p>EIAs are mandatory for all tree planting projects over two hectares in area.</p> <p>EIAs cover existing land usage, water courses and drainage, soils, existing flora and fauna and archaeology.</p>
 <p>Countryside Stewardship Agreement</p> <p>Countryside Stewardship Delivery Services Apex Court, City Link Nottingham NG2 4LA Tel. 03000 200 301 e. ts.nottingham@naturalengland.org.uk w. www.gov.uk/natural-england</p>	<p>Woodland Creation</p> <p>Countryside Steward Schemes are administered by Natural England. They detail exactly what is required to meet the planting specification.</p> <p>This covers everything that must be achieved over the 10-year life of the scheme including ground preparation, numbers and species of native trees, planting areas, clearings, stockproof fencing, tree protection from mammal browsing (deer/hare/rabbit/vole), removing competition for water and nutrients by maintenance of vigorous vegetation growth in the immediate vicinity of the trees, ensuring a beneficial impact on biodiversity, reducing flood risk, reducing soil erosion, landscape enhancement to ensure the woodland that is created is resilient to climate change.</p> <p>The contract sets out the Control & Verification checklist – a list of evidence and records that must be compiled and submitted during the life of the agreement.</p>
 <p>MOREwoods</p> <p>Woodland Trust, Kempton Way, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6LL Tel. 0330 333 3300 e. plant@woodlandtrust.org.uk w. https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/</p>	<p>MOREwoods Planting & Maintenance Contract</p> <p>This contract governs the works to be carried out at the site by the planting contractor and obligations on both the contractor and site owner.</p> <p>It details the requirements for access, site preparation, vegetation control, materials delivery, handling & storage, planning & layout of the scheme, insurance, quality of the tree stock, working conditions, site safety, 3-years of fixed contractor maintenance, on-going owner maintenance and condition of the woodland at 12 years after planting.</p>

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