

Becoming an NHS Forest tree sponsor

By becoming a tree sponsor you are helping to...

- Transform NHS green spaces
- Increase benefits to health, wellbeing and biodiversity
- Encourage engagement with nature.



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We receive your request to sponsor a tree, which we will donate to a healthcare site in the UK, free of charge. These sites plant trees on or near to their own NHS land. While we can never guarantee exactly where a sponsored tree will be placed, we do guarantee it will be planted as part of the NHS Forest.



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Each year we invite NHS sites across the country to register their interest in receiving free saplings. Our team works with these sites to develop bespoke planting plans, choose the right tree species and make sure every NHS Forest tree is given the best possible start in life.



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We consider the site and best planting options. Planting ranges from a couple of trees to large-scale projects featuring thousands of saplings. Some sites are hospitals with their own vast woodlands, others are tiny, urban GP surgeries. They might plant avenues, single feature trees, orchards, hedgerows or more.



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We select the best species for the location and vision. Native species are chosen as they are better suited to our environment and climate. We aim to always source trees grown in the UK and Ireland to prevent importation of pests and diseases. Species selection is based on unique environmental conditions (soil type, shade, climate...) and is adapted to fit each site's planting vision.



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The healthcare sites plant the trees, often with help from volunteers. Tree planting takes place from November-March – keep an eye out for our tree planting roundup each April to get a flavour of the sites where our trees have taken root, from quiet memorial gardens to blossoming rooftop oases.

We plant the right tree, in the right place, and for the right reason.