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Native Woodland Establishment

Guide to services

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“In today’s rapidly changing climate it’s important to ensure new woodlands are robust to not only provide good carbon sequestration, but meet local wildlife and conservation priorities as well. Working with the needs of local wildlife not only brings added value, but underpins successful establishment and client satisfaction. ”

Site Assessment

Assessing local climate and soil conditions, landscape naturalness and the extent of the local woodland resource, are the key for a successful scheme design. Ensuring the scale of proposals meets the client’s needs and fits with the carrying capacity of the landscape also puts a sustainable context to the brief.

A Site Assessment Report (SAR) includes:-

- Searches of natural and historical data
- Outline of local conditions including soil and NVC’s and grazing issues
- Proposals of scale, location and type of new woodland
- Access requirements and issues
- Factors effecting carbon sequestration
- Establishment issues as well as key opportunities for biodiversity improvement
- List of government grants available

Scheme Design

The speed of establishment is dependent on good scheme design, from the type, proportion and provenance of species to location, density and mix of NVC groups really makes the difference between slow uptake and fast tracking towards first-seed stage.

Scheme design includes:-

- Full accurate to-scale plans of design
- Species list, species group interactions, densities and locations
- Implementation guidance & after care notes
- Access, open areas and landscape requirements
- Scheme protection requirements
- Full scheme costs and grants including grant implications
- List of possible material procurement and contractors for implementation

Scheme implementation

Quality of planting and protection save the client money and ensure quick establishment. With robust, industry standard protocols and good management even the most challenging of sites and designs can be realised.

Scheme Implementation includes:-

- Acting as land agent for grants
- Sourcing of materials
- Management of contractors
- Delivery of CSR events
- Validation of scheme through independent certification

After-Care

The most essential part of planting is the looking after. Sensitivity in management as the site changes brings valuable results for the schemes objectives, local biodiversity and client satisfaction.

After care includes:-

- Management of Contractors
- 15yr management plan
- Problem solving
- CSR events
- Biodiversity surveys & carbon sequestration monitoring

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