

Trees on Farms 2025 – 2030:

Agroforestry and sustainable management of farm woodland

Investment: £2 million (£400,000/year)

Goal: To double the area of UK farms with woodland, hedgerows, and in-field trees by 2050—with 50% of farms actively managing these systems by 2030.



The need

Over 70% of UK land is farmland, holding one-third of the nation's woodland and 500,000 miles of hedgerows.

However, much of this farm woodland is neglected or mismanaged and there remain swathes of land that are bereft of trees and the benefits they bring. The way we farm and manage trees on farms can have a massive impact on the climate and biodiversity crises facing the UK and the world today; trees can sequester carbon, reduce flood risk, improve animal welfare and provide vital habitats for nature. In this way, they can transform landscapes

and livelihoods—but high upfront costs, lack of understanding and tailored advice, and fragmented support stall progress. The Soil Association offers an integrated approach—bridging forestry and farming to make trees accessible and productive. This programme will empower farmers to manage existing woodlands and hedgerows sustainably, adopt agroforestry systems, and unlock their environmental and economic benefits.

Why we're best placed

The Soil Association has directly influenced national policy, built a cross-sector team of experts in farming, forestry and agroforestry and established connections across the sector from farmers and foresters to policymakers and supply chain actors.

From publishing the **Agroforestry Handbook** (which has been downloaded over 6,000 times since its launch) to co-hosting the UK's first **Agroforestry Show** and piloting the **Whole Farm Treescape** project, we've helped shift the national conversation from *why* to *how*. Trusted by farmers and partners, we have the tools, networks and vision to lead this next phase of transformational change across the UK's farmed landscape.



Project activities

Knowledge dissemination through webinars, written guides and panel events to

10,000 farmers.



Promotion of, and advocacy for, agroforestry, including through case studies, Agroforestry Shows, ambassador network.



20

local learning
networks reaching
~400 farmers.

How you can help

A gift of:

£10,000 could support a group of 20 farmers to form a local learning network to share knowledge and support for a specific topic.

£12,000 could support our knowledge exchange programme including train-the-trainer for wider reach .

£60,000 could fund an Agroforestry Advisor to provide bespoke support to 100 farmers as well as run events to promote the benefits of trees on farms.



Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal. For more information please get in touch on **0117 914 2442** or email **development@soilassociation.org**
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