**Project overview**

The aim of this project is to deliver a legacy to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. We are inviting local communities to plant trees across the county and want to encourage schools, community groups and organisations to participate in the initiative.

Whilst 10,000 soldiers from Wiltshire lost their lives during the war, many more came home and carried on with their lives. The aim is to create a legacy to remember everyone that served during the war and plant as many trees as possible.

**Frequently asked questions**

**How many trees can each group have?**

We do not want to be constrained to planting 10,000 trees; the aim is to plant as many trees as possible to create a legacy to remember everyone that served during the war.

Local groups can request as many trees as they like, but they will need to have sufficient land to plant them on. The table below gives an approximate idea of the size of land required for tree planting. Groups will need to ensure the landowner has given permission for the trees to be planted. **How big does the site for tree planting need to be?**

The approximate amount of land needed for planting is:

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| Number of trees | Approximate size | Size in square feet/meters |
| 30 trees | = one tennis court | (2,106sqft /196sqm) |
| 100 trees | = four tennis courts | (8,424sqft /784sqm) |
| 420 trees | = a football pitch | (13,000sqyds /10,800sqm) |
| A woodland - between seven to eight hectares |

**Where will the trees be planted?**

We are asking local community groups and organisations to identify suitable sites for planting in their area. The sites need to be accessible to the public/community.

This can include school grounds. While trees planted on school ground will not be accessible to the general public, they will be accessible to the community they serve – children, parents, grandparents and visitors to the school.

Community groups / organisations will need to obtain permission form the landowner before they putting a site forward for tree planting.

**Location of site to be planted**

To assist the Woodland Trust in assessing the suitability of the site for tree planting and the species of tree that would be suitable, please ask groups/organisations to supply a map and photograph of the proposed planting site.

**Who will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the trees after they have been planted?**

Local groups and organisations will be responsible of the care and maintenance of the trees after they have been planted.

**How much will the trees cost?**

The Woodland Trust has agreed to donate trees free of charge to all community areas in Wiltshire and has offered to provide support and advice about planting and maintenance.

**What information do you need from community groups / organisations?**

The following information is mandatory and required from all groups /organisations before a bid can be submitted to the Woodland Trust:

* Location where trees will be planted, with map and photograph (a map from Google maps would be sufficient)
* The size of the proposed site to be planted
* Soil type – clay, sandy, silty, peaty, chalky and loamy (see guidance on soil type under second tab of spreadsheet)
* Number of trees each group/organisation would like to plant
* Name of the group/organisation that will be responsible for caring and maintaining the trees after they are planted
* Proposed date to plant
* Organisation/group contact details