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## Cornwall Council launches Forest for Cornwall as phase one of Climate Change Action Plan delivery

Dear Resident,

A while ago you took part in our Climate Change survey. The information you provided helped us form our Climate Action Plan. We now have exciting news about the first project we are delivering as part of the Council's trailblazing Carbon Neutral Cornwall programme.

[Forest for Cornwall](#) - a programme to cover 8,000 hectares of land across Cornwall with carbon-absorbing woodlands and forests - will be officially launched this month during [National Tree Week](#). The programme is being supported by the Woodland Trust and other partners.

The Forest for Cornwall will significantly increase the number of trees across woods, parks, farmland, towns, villages and gardens. Once complete, it will extend canopy cover over an additional 2% of Cornwall's total land area, capturing 38,000 tons of carbon dioxide a year. This is about 1% of Cornwall's current greenhouse gas emissions.

The Forest for Cornwall program will also support biodiversity, provide additional shade, absorb pollution - and of course, look beautiful.

As well as several large areas of woodland and forests on public and private land, there will be many smaller copses and individual trees, with connecting corridors in the form of hedgerows, and trees along rivers, trails, cycle routes and in our towns. The programme will also strengthen the protection of existing trees, woodlands and hedges.

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We are at the start of our journey to create the Forest for Cornwall - and we are acting faster than the Government and other local authorities in putting our plans to tackle climate change into action - but we need all our residents' help in driving this vital project forward.

## Get involved

Whether you are part of a community group keen to plant trees for the Forest for Cornwall; a member of a town or parish council or scout or guide group wanting to increase tree cover in and around your premises; or a residents association with ideas for more street trees to enhance your local area and improve air quality – we'd love you to get involved. [Click here to find a list of organisations already running schemes near you.](#)

We run the [Grow Nature Seed Fund](#) which supports small-scale projects that create space for nature in towns and villages. Up to £1,000 is available for each eligible project and there is the opportunity to double this amount through Crowdfund Cornwall. All Cornwall-based and recognised 'not for profit' organisations are eligible to apply.

The [Woodland Trust](#) also offer 'free tree' schemes for schools and communities and support for landowners to plant trees.

We'll be in touch again soon to keep you updated on the latest news about the delivery of our Carbon Neutral Cornwall Programme. Thank you for taking positive climate change action.

Kind regards,

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