



Landscape & Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme

For the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Landscape Areas and Suitable Projects

Wrotham, Trottiscliffe, Addington and Ryarsh Kemsing Vale

The Kemsing Vale runs along the foot of the downs between Sevenoaks and Ryarsh.

It is a landscape of large arable fields with trimmed hedges that has been threatened by the removal of hedgerows and hedgerow trees. On the scarp slope to the north is a patchwork of woodland and chalk grassland that supports a range of wildlife.

Target projects:

- Tree and hedgerow planting
- Fencing to protect new areas of planting
- Replacing fences with hedges
- Reinstating management of chalk grassland (on scarp slope)
- Planting small woodlands
- Planting hedgerow or standard trees to break up landscape
- Planting to soften the impact of the M20 and M26 motorways – thick shaws and hedges or woodlands

Snodland, Halling, Cuxton, Birling, Wouldham, Burham, Aylesford Medway Valley

The landscape of the scarp slope of the Medway Valley is put under pressure by the proximity of urban development and industry. It is a complex landscape with many competing pressures.

Target projects:

- Linking up existing hedgerows with planting
- Tree and hedge planting along the urban edges (inc. protective fencing)
- Fencing to protect new areas of planting
- Small woodland shaws
- Pond creation

Ightham and Plaxtol

Ightham Greensand Ridge

Around Ightham and Plaxtol is a landscape of small pastures, woodland, orchards and the occasional cobnut platt.

Target projects:

- Planting to retain the wooded character of the area
- Hedgerow or tree planting
- Fencing to protect new areas of planting
- Restoration work in historic orchards or cobnut platts
- Non-native tree felling
- Pond creation

Hildenborough and Shipbourne The Eastern Low Weald

This is a landscape of gently undulating farmland, with pasture surrounded by trimmed hedges or thick shaws.

Target projects:

- Tree and hedgerow planting
- Fencing to protect new areas of planting
- Hedge management
- Woodland planting
- Pond creation

Use these descriptions of landscape areas and suggestions for potential projects to guide you in planning your landscape improvement project.

The partnership team can help with your plans in more detail and may be able to provide a free site visit before you make an application, please give us a call.

Return your application form to:

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Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Landscape Scheme

Project Application

Site name:	
Applicants details	Site Details
Name	Name
Address	Address
Telephone	
Fax	
e-mail	Grid reference

Outline of Project

Please outline your project below. Give details of how your project will enhance the landscape of the area and what wildlife benefits it will bring.

Expected Results of the Project

Please quantify what your project will achieve, for example give details of the length of hedge to be planted or managed, number of hedgerow trees or hedging plants to be planted or the area of chalk downland cleared.

The maximum that can be contributed to a single project is £1,500 and will be awarded at the discretion of MVCP. A maximum of 50% payment is available to be matched by funding from the applicant. Funds are limited and are judged on their landscape and biodiversity benefit.

Plan
Please include a sketch or plan of your project on the enclosed sheet.

Give expected completion date (work must be completed and copies of invoices received). Only one application per individual per year.


Are you VAT registered? Yes . No .
(if so please give your number)
Can you reclaim the VAT?
 VAT can be included in the costs if you cannot reclaim the VAT and this can be shown.

	Item	Number	Cost
Materials			
Labour			

Total cost of scheme £

Amount applied for (50% of total cost of scheme) £

Does this include VAT?

Signed _____
 Print name _____
 I agree to this information being held by the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership for the purposes of this scheme

Date received:	
Meets criteria?	
Amount to be awarded?	