

Dear Councillor,

Since 2021, we have been providing free trees, hedging and wildflower seed to applicants across the district, where doing so will deliver benefits both to biodiversity and the public. This has led to the planting of hundreds of trees, thousands of metres of hedges and thousands of square metres of wildflower meadows. All this helps us to meet our aims for increasing tree cover and supporting wildlife across the district.

The scheme is continuing and we are able to take applications at any time of year, though of course, delivery of plants and materials to successful applicants will be dictated by the appropriate time of year for planting.

Details on the scheme, the application form and guidance notes can be found here:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/trees-and-wildflowers-scheme>

If you, or any community groups, schools, etc. in your town or parish, is considering a planting scheme to benefit wildlife, ideally on land that is publicly accessible, now is a great time to submit an application to allow planting to take place over the next few months.

Schemes we have supported in the past include:

1. Woodlands
2. Street trees
3. Hedgerows
4. Community orchards
5. Tree planting in parks and other open spaces
6. Wildflower meadow creation and enrichment

We are particularly keen to support schemes that help connect up existing habitat or benefit wildlife in our towns and villages, in more urban settings.

We are happy to work with you or any applicant to provide advice on what might be the best approach for the site. If you are interested in applying and want to find out more, please get in touch, or simply submit an application.