Biosecurity guidelines

The alarming rise of tree diseases in recent years reinforces the need for careful and intelligent sourcing of trees. The trees and hedging for your project must be UK sourced and grown.

Remember that the best way to ensure that trees are healthy (even in winter) is to check them yourself extremely closely. Is there discolouration of the bark? Do the buds look healthy? Are the roots a good colour? If in doubt, find another tree.

We suggest that you source trees from a local nursery that you know and trust and go in person to collect the trees. When you go to choose your trees you should ask the nursery where they buy their trees from.

When you have planted your trees remember to check them regularly for the signs of pests and diseases. A list of the pests and diseases you may encounter and how to recognise them can be found here.

How do I know what is a good nursery?

Whilst we don’t recommend particular nurseries, over the page is a list of 26 nurseries who are signed up to the voluntary initiative for forest nurseries, the UK and Ireland Sourced and Grown Assurance scheme (UKISG). For more information about this scheme, and sourcing, please see The Woodland Trust.
Scotland

- Alba Trees, East Lothian
- Christie-Elite Nurseries, Moray
- Little Assynt Tree Nursery, Highlands
- Taynuilt Trees, Argyll
- Dukeswood Nursery, Angus

Wales

- Hafod Walled Garden Nursery, Ceredigion
- Maelor Forest Nurseries, Wrexham

England

North

- Cheviot Trees, Northumberland
- Trees Please, Northumberland
- J A Jones & Sons, Merseyside
- Marsh Road Trees, Preston
- Thorpe Trees, North Yorkshire

Midlands

- Aveland Trees, Lincolnshire
- British Hardwood Tree Nursery, Lincolnshire
- Crowders Nurseries, Lincolnshire
- Heathwood Nurseries, Shropshire
- Prees Heath Forest Nurseries, Shropshire
- J & A Growers, Warwickshire
- Wyevale Nurseries, Herefordshire

South West

- Perrie Hale Nurseries, Devon
- Exmoor Trees, Somerset
- WeeTree Nurseries, Somerset
- Moor Trees, South Brent

South East

- Oakover Nurseries, Kent
- Botanica, Suffolk
- Hillier Trees, Hampshire