



A GUIDE FOR DEVELOPERS

MEET BIODIVERSITY AND CARBON TARGETS

Natural Capital Futures provides developers positive impacts for climate adaptation, biodiversity and sustainable living.



We provide the link between land owners and developers who need to offset their environmental impact. We ensure the development as well as the monitoring of projects measures positive impacts, while also managing risks.

Our experience of land management and farming gives us insight into how to tailor a project whatever the scale. We provide developers positive impacts for climate adaptation, biodiversity and sustainable living. We ensure any project complies with environmental regulations and agri-environment scheme conditions.

WE BELIEVE IN PARTNERSHIPS

We partner with developers and land owners to create new habitats, help meet carbon targets and publicise ecosystem investments. With years of experience delivering planting schemes for a range of partners, our team of ecology, forestry and marketing experts will ensure your Natural Capital solution meets the highest standards and gives the best return for people and environment.



Sourced and Grown Assurance

We adhere to the UK and Ireland Sourced and Grown Assurance Scheme set up by the Woodland Trust. It assures that trees have been raised from seed sourced and grown solely within the UK. The scheme minimises the risk of importing tree diseases into the UK.



Woodland Carbon Code

Before investing in projects our customers can be assured that the projects will deliver the carbon savings that they claim. The Woodland Carbon Code provides this reassurance.

HOW OUR EXPERTISE CAN HELP YOU



Biodiversity gain

From rewilding to river restoration our in-house expertise guarantees successful outcomes based on ecological understanding and practical experience



Working with landowners

We build long-term relationships with British landowners to create wildlife habitats, plant woodlands and connect nature networks



Go carbon neutral

If you want to offset carbon or create new woodland we can help every step of the way from finding suitable land to tree planting



50% of British wildlife has been lost since 1970. Our projects deliver measurable benefits, improving lives, livelihoods and landscapes for communities

HOW WE SIMPLIFY THE BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN PROCESS

Developers will soon be required not simply to replace wildlife and countryside lost through construction, but to provide a 10% increase in habitat, known as Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG). Many Local Planning Authorities (LPA) already require BNG for developments in their district. We can help you to get ahead of the curve by identifying local land for offsite habitat creation or restoration, planning offset schemes and arranging agreements with land owners.



Our team's expertise in biodiversity net gain and carbon offset enables us to provide certification on completion to prove the work has met all statutory requirements.

1. We assess or produce your ecology report

We can assess or produce your ecology report to work out whether your project needs offsite mitigation to reach the requirements. You may have already calculated the number of biodiversity units (BUs) you require and established that offsite offsetting will be necessary. In this case, let us know how many additional BUs you need.

2. We find the right site for your scheme

We will then search our database of landowners who can provide sites for habitat creation or restoration. We will locate a suitable site nearby your development project and liaise with the land owner.

3. Design your habitat creation scheme

Next we will work with the landowner to design the most cost effective and efficient habitat creation scheme to provide the offset you require and seek approval from the LPA on your behalf.

4. Purchase Biodiversity Units

Once a conservation project has been located, designed and approved by you and the LPA and the necessary agreements have been drawn up and signed, you can make a one-off payment for the BUs generated. This will ensure your development adheres to the new regulations.

OUR EXPERTISE

With a wealth of experience, our senior team has worked on high profile and local projects

- National Trust
- HS2 - Habitat Creation
- Highways England - Habitat Creation
- Ecology
- Forestry
- Land Management
- Environmental Consultancy
- Conservation Policy
- Designing and implementing plans
- Environmental marketing and communications



Why do we partner with Landowners?

If we are to reach our ambitious national tree planting targets, businesses and private individuals will need to work alongside Government and conservation organisations. Part of our unique expertise is to connect conservation-minded landowners who are happy for woodland to be created on their land with businesses looking to reduce their carbon footprint.

What makes British woodland so special?

Unlike other forms of carbon offsetting, planting woodland has the additional benefit of restoring British wildlife of which 50% has been lost since 1970. We specialise in British tree species planting woodland which is richer in biodiversity than commercial forestry. As well as the trees themselves, woods support a wide range of mammals, birds, insects and plants. Woodlands also reduce flooding and offer recreational opportunities of benefit to mental and physical well-being, providing a valuable asset for future generations.

How can we help you be carbon neutral?

Tree planting is an essential part of the solution to tackling the climate crisis. The beauty of trees is they go further than cutting emissions by actually sucking carbon out of the atmosphere. It is estimated that a hectare of mature woodland can absorb up to 300 tonnes of carbon so your project will count towards your business reaching carbon neutral status.

We have connected developers with land owners to help meet biodiversity and carbon targets with great results



WOODLAND PLANTATION

Land Size: 32 Acres

Species: Hazel, English oak, Holm oak, Hornbeam

This 17,500-tree mixed native woodland plantation was in hilly farmland bordered by Dartmoor on one side and the South Devon coast on the other. It was divided into four blocks designed to blend in and enhance the landscape by connecting with existing treelines and copses and will deliver several ecosystem services including carbon sequestration, restoring soil and preventing erosion and flooding.

[Find out more on our website.](#)

GET IN TOUCH

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