



Essex landowners can now apply for funding to plant trees along rivers and waterways. The Woodland Trust in partnership with the Chelmer and Blackwater Catchment Partnership and Essex Rivers Hub, is currently offering grants and advice to landowners interested in benefiting from extra tree cover by rivers.

The grant, which covers 100% of the cost of trees and protection, is available to landowners within the Chelmer and Blackwater catchment area (see overleaf).

New planting near rivers and waterways can:

- Create cooling shade along the banks, important for fish and invertebrates.
- Stabilise the bank and hold sediment in place, preventing washout into the river channel.
- Act as a buffer from surrounding land, preventing spray, drift and dust from arable land and urban pollutants entering the water.
- Replace ageing and veteran trees .
- Help reduce flood risk.
- Boost declining wet woodland habitats.

What we ask:

All projects must plant a mix of native species and where possible incorporate the rare native black poplar.

**If you want to plant trees or woodland call 0845 293 5689
or email plant@woodlandtrust.org.uk**

Chelmer & Blackwater

Catchment Partnership

Catchment area

