

Case Study Template

Topic	COMMUNITY: Participation
Name of Initiative	Kent Free Trees Scheme
Name of Local Authority / Organisation	Countryside Management Partnerships
Related Topics/Issues	COMMUNITY: Working with Local Business. MANAGEMENT: Ecology/Biodiversity; Environmental Sustainability; Funding; Resource Use
Aims & Objectives	Provision of free trees to local communities throughout Kent based upon a successful funding partnership through Kent County Council, Kent Local Authorities, London Borough of Bexley and Network Rail.
Outcomes & Impacts	Up to 25 native trees, bare root whips, can be applied for. These are available to residents, groups and organisations across Kent and Bexley, for community greenspaces it is possible to make up to 3 applications. People who apply can choose the number and species of tree, based on what kind of landscape they have. There are also additional trees, tree guards and mulch mats available to purchase through the scheme. Planting trees is not only good for local wildlife, it can also help in the fight to reduce our carbon emissions that contribute to global warming. If all 40,000 available trees are planted, they could potentially absorb 280,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide in their lifetime.
Process	Application form to be submitted by 30 October 2009. Application forms can be obtained from the KCC Call Centre on 08458 247600 or go to www.kent.gov.uk and enter Kent Free Trees Scheme to download the order form.
Resources/Funding	Funding is provided by a partnership through Kent County Council, Kent Local Authorities, London Borough of Bexley and Network Rail. The Kent Countryside Management Partnerships deliver this scheme on behalf of the funders.
Timescales	The scheme closes at the end of Oct 2009. Trees will be made ready for collection at the end of November.
Evaluation	An end of scheme report is prepared for funders and trees will be randomly monitored to assess success over the year and future years.
Prospects & Opportunities	The scheme is being supported through a partnership with a commercial printer. This is in its infancy but it is hoped that this will help provide longer term sustainable funding. The scheme contributes to ISO14001
Key Learning/Advice for Others	
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