



Institute of
Chartered
Foresters

Trees for People, Place and Nature: A Call to Action

Growing Trees for Tomorrow's Needs

We call on the next government to commit to working with the forestry profession to unlock the potential of our trees, woods and forests, in support of delivering against the timber, biodiversity, and climate crises.

As the Royal Chartered body for professionals working with trees in the public, private and third sectors, the Institute of Chartered Foresters represents a broad range of those working in trees including foresters, arboriculturists, environmentalists, and in research.

We therefore seek to work with government to:

CHAMPION



Champion the critical role that trees, woodlands and forests play in delivering multiple economic, environmental and social benefits to the UK. The provision of equitable grants and funding will provide adequate support for the management of existing - and creation of additional - trees, woodlands and forests within the context of wider land-use policy. This in turn will see those numerous benefits realised, including meeting net zero targets and a thriving timber industry in the UK.

PRIORITISE



Prioritise the education, training and development of those working with trees at a technical and professional level. Develop consistent messaging around professionalism and competence. Continue supporting vital skills development, short courses, apprenticeships, higher education and research to enable the next generation to care for and make the most of our trees, woods and forests.

PROMOTE



Promote professionalism. The long-term benefits of trees in the urban and rural environments will only be seen if trees, woodlands and forests are planted and managed by qualified, professional foresters, arboriculturists and environmentalists. Forestry in all its forms requires long-term planning and future vision, underpinned by specialist research, to see lasting environmental, social and economic benefits.

INVEST



Invest for a lasting impact. In particular to ensure the long-term resilience and survival of Britain's trees, woods and forests by focusing on nursery capacity and research into tree breeding, pest and disease development and the implications of a changing climate, allowing the forestry and affiliate sectors in the UK to work towards the common goal of achieving net zero and meet our ambitious environmental targets.

More information

Our 2022 - 2026 Strategy: [A Strong Future - Taking us into our Second Century](#)
Our priorities: [Policy strategy and areas of focus](#)

Enquiries

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