



Birmingham Airport, in partnership with Solihull Council is promoting the planting of traditional native trees and shrubs, in order that together we can safeguard and enhance the Arden Landscape.

This exciting initiative will help people look after the wildlife and visual beauty of the countryside.

It will also help restore features typical of the wider Arden landscape, creating a strong sense of place and local distinctiveness.

The Arden Landscape

“An historic region of former wood pasture and heath characterised by ancient woodlands, mature hedgerow oaks, amid a dispersed settlement pattern of brick and half timbered farmsteads and wayside cottages.”

Birmingham Airport is committed to reducing its carbon emissions as set out in its carbon management plan.

As well as reviewing all aspects of energy use relating directly to the airport, funding will be allocated for a programme of tree planting within the Borough to further reduce carbon in the atmosphere.

This initiative will have the added benefit of being planned to protect and enhance Solihull’s strong rural character and those features characteristic of the wider Arden landscape.



Solihull’s Countryside Strategy aims to “control and guide future change in Solihull’s countryside in order to protect and enhance its character, natural resources and biodiversity, whilst assisting the sustainable management of a diverse and prosperous rural economy, thereby contributing to the overall quality of life within the Borough”.

When considering applications for funding through the Airport’s initiative we will give priority to projects which link to, or extend existing hedgerows or woodlands. Projects will need to demonstrate the benefits for wildlife or visual amenity in keeping with the Arden landscape guidelines.

We will require assurances that the trees provided will be planted on land with the owner’s permission and that they will be maintained. Guidance notes will be provided to successful applicants.

Applications need to be submitted by early July each year. Plants will be ready for collection by successful applicants in time for the upcoming planting season (November - March).

For further details and to discuss the scheme please contact the Conservation of the Historic Landscape, Landscape Architecture, Ecology and Urban Design Team by email at Landscape@solihull.gov.uk

Who can apply?

This initiative is open to any individuals or groups wishing to create hedgerows or small woodlands on their own land, within the borough of Solihull. Single specimen trees cannot be supplied for gardens but groups of standards may be supplied for wood-pasture creation.

How to apply:

1. Check that your project:
 - is not part of a commercial contract;
 - will not interfere with underground or above ground services;
 - will not conflict with any existing nature conservation site designations such as Local Wildlife Sites;
 - will be completed in one planting season (November – March);
 - does not exceed 0.6 acres (2400m²);
 - is not to fulfil any planning application obligations/conditions;
 - does not conflict with any land use/planning designation; and that
 - you are willing to sign an agreement to care for the trees.
2. Send in a location map along with an annotated plan of your trees and hedging to landscape@solihull.gov.uk no later than 5th July 2024. The species packs listed at the end of this leaflet will help guide your project.

What happens next:

1. Your plan will be considered and reviewed by a Council Officer to ensure you're planting the right trees in the right place. We will let you know the outcome of your application by the end of September.
2. Allocated trees are expected to be available for collection in early December onwards from: Ivy House Farm, Hockley Heath, Solihull, B94 6PR.
3. Depending on demand, we may not be able to supply all of the packs you request, but we will try our best to fulfil your order.
4. You will be responsible for the preparation, planting and maintenance. The trees must be planted at the earliest opportunity after collection to assist the plants establishing successfully.
5. You will be required to provide photographic evidence of the planting via email.



If appropriate, we may also be able to provide other native species including Black poplar, Wild service tree, Yew, Wild pear, Aspen, Buckthorn, Field rose, Dog rose and Elder.

It is important to remember that certain grasslands and wetland areas are important sites for wildlife and some will have been formally notified as Local Wildlife Sites. We will not be able to provide trees for projects which will damage these sites.

Hedgerow Packs

Hedgerow Pack with oak standard

Contains the following mix of 51 trees for every 10 metre section.

Latin Name	Common Name	Size (height)	No.
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	(40-60cm)	5
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	(40-60cm)	6
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Gelder Rose	(40-60cm)	2
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab apple	(40-60cm)	4
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	(40-60cm)	6
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring tree	(40-60cm)	2
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Common hawthorn	(40-60cm)	25
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak	(80-120cm)	1

Accessories	Size	No.
Bamboo canes	0.9m	50
Biodegradable spiral tree guards	0.6m	50
Biodegradable tree tubes	1.2m x 73-105mm	1
Tree stakes	1.5m x 32 x 32mm	1

Hedgerow Pack without oak standard

Contains the following mix of 50 trees for every 10 metre section.

Latin Name	Common Name	Size (height)	No.
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	(40-60cm)	5
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	(40-60cm)	6
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Gelder Rose	(40-60cm)	2
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab apple	(40-60cm)	4
<i>Rosa canina</i>	Dog Rose	(40-60cm)	6
<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	Wayfaring tree	(40-60cm)	2
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Common hawthorn	(40-60cm)	25

Accessories	Size	No.
Bamboo canes	0.9m	50
Biodegradable spiral tree guards	0.6m	50

Thornless Hedgerow Pack

Contains the following mix of 50 trees for every 10 metre section.

Latin Name	Common Name	Size (height)	No.
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	(40-60cm)	10
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	(40-60cm)	10
<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	Gelder Rose	(40-60cm)	6
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab apple	(40-60cm)	6
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle	(40-60cm)	7
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field maple	(40-60cm)	10
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak	(80-120cm)	1

Accessories	Size	No.
Bamboo canes	0.9m	49
Biodegradable spiral tree guards	0.6m	49
Biodegradable tree tubes	1.2m x 73-105mm	1
Tree stakes	1.5m x 32 x 32mm	1

Single Species Hedgerow Pack

Contains 50 trees for every 10 metre section from one of the following.

Latin Name	Common Name	Size (height)	No.
<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Common beech	(40-60cm)	50
<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Hornbeam	(40-60cm)	50
<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	Holly	(40-60cm)	50

Accessories	Size	No.
Bamboo canes	0.9m	50
Biodegradable spiral tree guards	0.6m	50
Or mesh shrub guard (holly only)	0.6m	50

Woodland Creation Packs

Woodland Pack (Field corner planting)

Contains the following mix of 35 trees spaced at 1.5m apart, covering an area of 50sq. metres.

Latin Name	Common Name	Size (height)	No.
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small leaved lime	(80-120cm)	1
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild cherry	(80-120cm)	2
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Hazel	(80-120cm)	6
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Field maple Wild	(80-120cm)	2
<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	service tree	(80-120cm)	2
<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	Buckthorn	(80-120cm)	4
<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	Dogwood	(80-120cm)	4
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat willow	(80-120cm)	1
<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Common hawthorn	(80-120cm)	7
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver birch	(80-120cm)	3
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak	(80-120cm)	3

Accessories	Size	No.
Biodegradable tree tubes	1.2m x 73-105mm	35
Tree stakes	1.5m x 32 x 32mm	35

Tree Pack (In hedgerows and / or field corners)

Contains the following mix of 15 trees spaced at 1.5m apart, covering an area of 10sq. metres.

Latin Name	Common Name	Size (height)	No.
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Small leaved lime	(80-120cm)	2
<i>Prunus avium</i>	Wild cherry	(80-120cm)	2
<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>	Wild service tree	(80-120cm)	2
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat willow	(80-120cm)	3
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab apple	(80-120cm)	2
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Silver birch	(80-120cm)	1
<i>Quercus robur</i>	English Oak	(80-120cm)	3

Accessories	Size	No.
Biodegradable tree tubes	1.2m x 73-105mm	15
Tree stakes	1.5m x 32 x 32mm	15

Native Fruit Tree Pack

Contains the following mix of 6 trees spaced at 3m apart, covering an area of 18sq. metres.

Latin Name	Common Name	Size (height)	No.
<i>Pyrus communis</i>	Pear - Conference	(150cm)	1
<i>Prunus domestica</i>	Plum - Victoria	(150cm)	1
<i>Malus domestica</i>	Apple - Cox self fertile	(150cm)	3
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crab apple	(175-200cm)	1

Accessories	Size	No.
Tree stakes	1.5m x 50mm	6
Soft buckle tree ties	0.6m	6
Biodegradable spiral tree guards	0.6m	6

Wet Woodland / Riparian Pack (Damp field corners or adjacent to a watercourse)

Contains the following mix of 20 trees spaced at 1.5m apart, covering an area 30sq. metres.

Latin Name	Common Name	Size (height)	No.
<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	Alder	(80-120cm)	5
<i>Betula pubescens</i>	Downy birch	(80-120cm)	5
<i>Salix fragilis</i>	Crack willow	(80-120cm)	1
<i>Salix caprea</i>	Goat willow	(80-120cm)	4
<i>Populus nigra</i>	Native Black poplar	(80-120cm)	2
<i>Frangula alnus</i>	Alder buckthorn	(80-120cm)	3

Accessories	Size	No.
Biodegradable tree tubes	1.2m x 73-105mm	20
Tree stakes	1.5m x 32 x 32mm	20