



Birmingham Airport, in partnership with Solihull Council is promoting the planting of traditional native trees, 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 to the urban 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.



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

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 the end of August each year. Plants will be delivered to successful applicants in time for the start of the planting season the same year.

Arden tree and shrub species

Who can apply?

Trees	Woodlands		Hedges and Hedgerow Trees	Wet areas and river edges
	Clay Loams	Sandy Soils		
Field Maple	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Common Alder	<input type="checkbox"/>			■
Silver Birch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Downy Birch	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Holly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Crab Apple	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Aspen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Wild Cherry	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Sessile Oak		■	■	
Pedunculate Oak	■	■	■	
White Willow				■
Crack Willow				■
Rowan		<input type="checkbox"/>		
Small Leaved Lime	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Shrubs				
Field Maple			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dogwood	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hazel	■		■	
Midland Hawthorn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hawthorn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	■	
Holly			<input type="checkbox"/>	
Wild Privet	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Blackthorn	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Goat Willow	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
Guelder Rose	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

■ Dominant species

Other appropriate species

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.

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:

- Check that your project:
 - is not part of a commercial contract
 - will not interfere with underground or above ground services.
 - will not conflict with existing Local Wildlife Site designations
 - 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.
- Send in a location map and sketch plan of your project with a species list before the end of August. The tree list opposite will help guide your choice of trees for your project. You may wish to add your own wildflower seed mixes to increase wildlife interest to your project.

What happens next?

- Your plan will be looked at and discussed with you on site by a Solihull Council Officer and if necessary adapted.
- Proposed projects will be taken forward for selection in September.
- If your project is approved then the trees and materials (appropriate stakes, guards and mulch mats) will be delivered to site, then it's over to you. You will be responsible for the preparation of the ground, planting and maintenance in the spirit of the agreement. The trees must be planted at the earliest opportunity after delivery to maximise the chances of the trees establishing successfully.
- A Council Officer will arrange a site visit, to ensure that the project has been carried out in accordance with the plan and that the trees are being cared for.