

Charnwood Forest Small Grant Scheme Guidance & Information

This grant is run by Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust as part of the Charnwood Forest Living Landscape Scheme. The grant is aimed at any farmers or land managers within Charnwood Forest who are looking to improve the wildlife value of the land.

The boundary of the Charnwood Forest takes the shape of an inverted triangle the northern boundary runs from Thringstone to Mountsorrel, whilst taking in Shepshed and part of Loughborough. The southern point meets at the village of Botcheston.

For more information please contact Katie Field at Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust on 0116 272 8859 or email kfield@lrwt.org.uk

Who can apply?

The grant is open to landowners, farmers, not for profit groups and businesses.

Criteria

The scheme will consider projects which enhance the nature conservation value of sites in Charnwood Forest. Applications which will enhance remaining good sites or link good habitats in the landscape will be prioritised.

Possible projects could include:

- Hedgerow planting/laying
- Pond management
- Scrub removal on wildflower rich grassland
- Fencing to allow grazing
- Woodland coppicing

What the grant covers

If the application is accepted the grant will cover a percentage of the projects costs. The percentage covered will be discussed with the applicant and will vary depending on the project. A total fund of £6,000 is available per year, which will be split into grants of roughly £500-£1000, but smaller grants can be provided and larger applications will be considered if they show high nature conservation benefits.

Application

There will be a rolling programme of applications, therefore applications can be made at any time and will be assessed as they arrive.

Claim

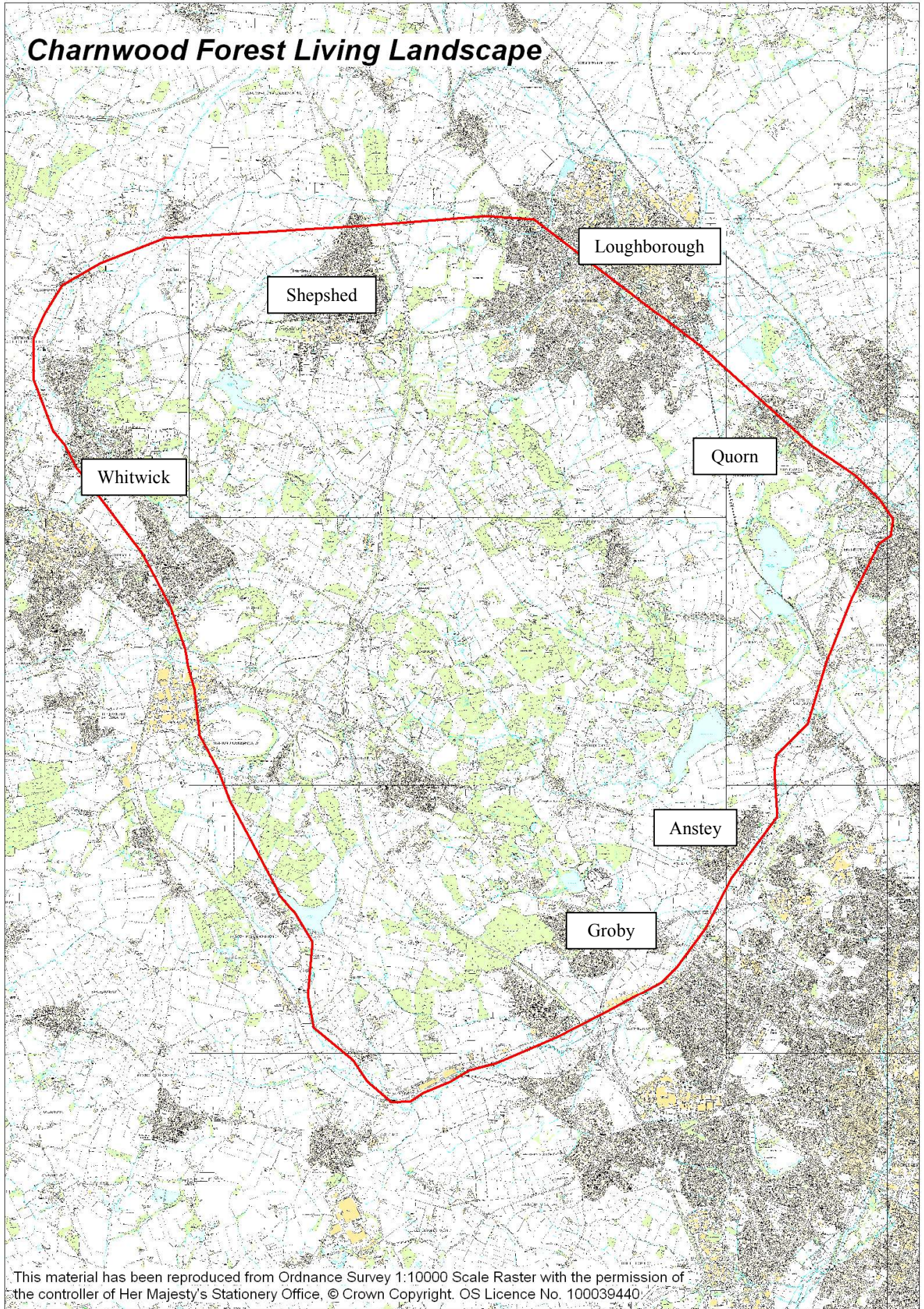
All claims must be supported by a breakdown of expenses with invoices and/or receipts showing proof of expenditure. Claims must be made by the end of the financial year in which they are made (31st March).

The Trust may produce grant conditions prior to the applicant accepting the grant, i.e. use of local provenance plants if planting a hedge.

Conditions

- The Trust reserves the right to vary the terms of the grant.
- The Trust must be consulted in advance on any proposed change to the project.
- All permissions necessary to enable the work to go ahead must have been obtained by the applicant from the relevant authorities.
- Any works done before a formal grant offer is received is always done at the applicants own risk as a grant offer cannot be guaranteed.

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Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Site Name:

Applicants Status:

Owner

Tenant/Licensee

Agent/Consultant

If you do not own the land, will the project need landowner's permission?

Yes

No

If, yes please provide a signed agreement from the landowner.

Briefly, but completely, describe what the project involves.

Please include a map or plan of the site with location of intended works.

How will this improve the wildlife value of the site?

Total project cost:	£
Amount requested:	£
Are you able to reclaim VAT:	

Break down of costs (include materials, contractors, machinery hire, etc.)

Quantity	Description	Cost (inc. VAT if not reclaimable)

Which, if any, parts of the project are you intending to carry out yourself?

How will you ensure the long term success of the project, i.e. maintenance, monitoring.

When is the project to be carried out?

Signature:

Date:

Please return the application form to: Katie Field, Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust,
Brocks Hill Environment Centre, Washbrook Lane, Oadby, Leics. LE2 5JJ

To discuss the application please don't hesitate to contact:

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