



Woodland created and trees planted since 2019

The Great Northumberland Forest was [announced](#) in autumn 2019.

How much tree planting has taken place since then?



Figure 1 – illustrations of the overall data, that is summarised in text below

Since 2019, over 2,570 hectares (or 6,351 acres) of woodland has been created. Which is more than 4,800 football fields! (Or 0.51% of the county).

Plus, over 11 million individual trees or hedge plants in smaller schemes.

Which different funds have contributed to that total?

These totals include tree planting that has been funded in the following ways:

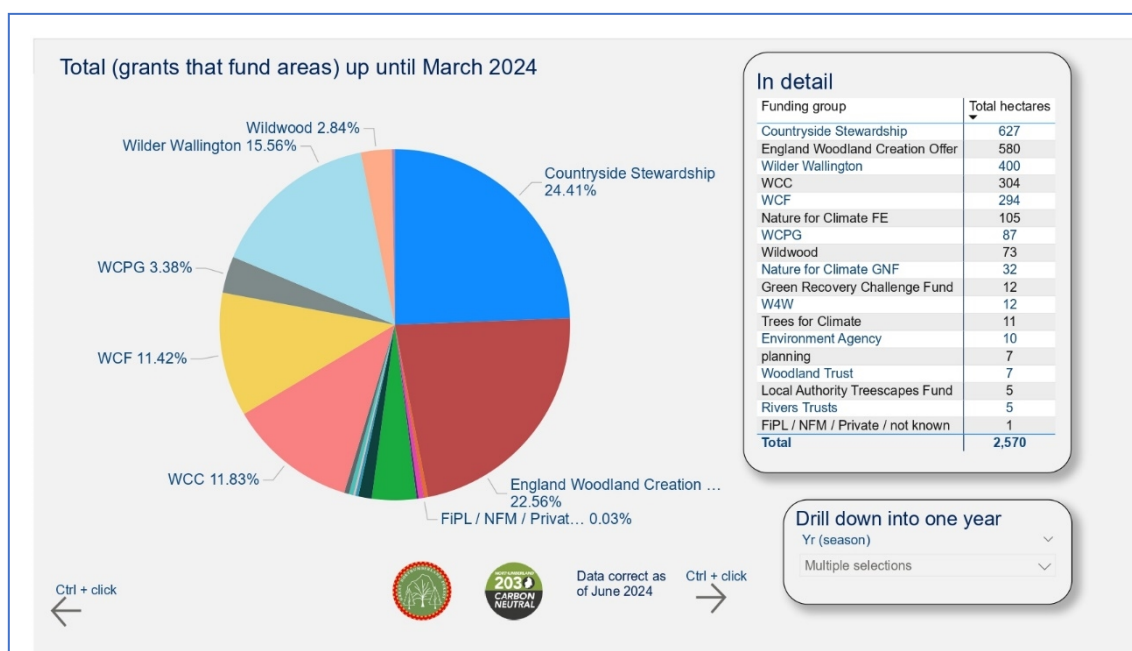


Figure 2 – A pie chart illustrating the various different grants and partnerships that have contributed to the area-based totals seen on page 1. This information is also as a table below.

Funding group	Total hectares
Countryside Stewardship	627
England Woodland Creation Offer	580
Wilder Wallington	400
WCC	304
WCF	294
Nature for Climate FE	105
WCPG	87
Wildwood	73
Nature for Climate GNF	32
Green Recovery Challenge Fund	12
W4W	12
Trees for Climate	11
Environment Agency	10
planning	7
Woodland Trust	7
Local Authority Treescapes Fund	5
Rivers Trusts	5
FiPL / NFM / Private / not known	1

Table 1 - The same information shown in the illustration above, but as a table

What does that look like year by year?

The tree planting activity since 2019 is shown in green in the graphs. Some of the datasets measure woods in area (hectares) and some are individual trees or metres, so two graphs are needed.

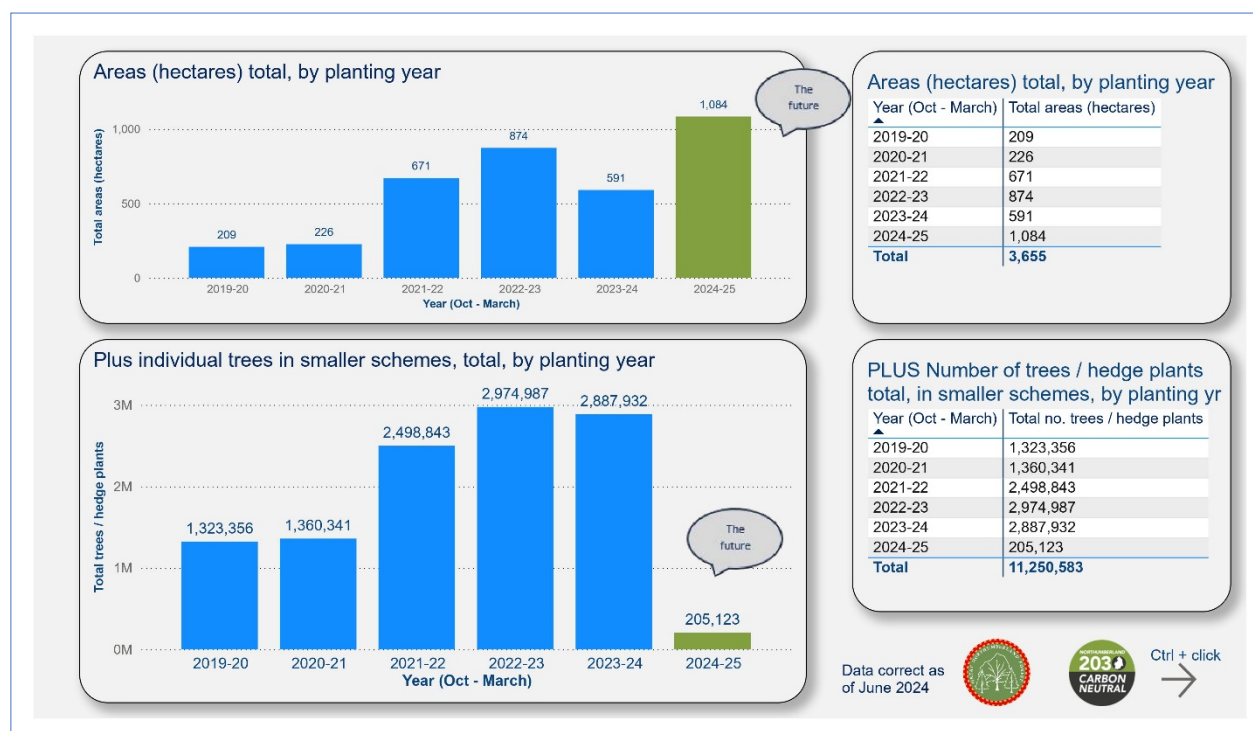


Figure 3 - Two graphs showing the hectares, or the individual trees planted since 2019, year by year. This info is also in a table below

For some of the datasets, we know what is planned for the 2024-25 planting season, which is the green bar, to show it is the future.

Year (Oct - March)	Total areas (hectares)	Total no. trees / hedge plants
2019-20	209	1,323,356
2020-21	226	1,360,341
2021-22	671	2,498,843
2022-23	874	2,974,987
2023-24	591	2,887,932
2024-25	1,084	205,123

Table 2 – A table illustrating the graphs above

A closer look at Countryside Stewardship

Under Countryside Stewardship (this scheme has run since 2016 onwards) a range of planting types can be funded. They include hedgerow planting, standard trees in hedgerows or parkland, the creation of wood pasture and livestock exclusion.

Since 2019, and including agreements that started in January 2024, the following tree planting has taken place:

Stewardship Option	totals	units
BN11 - Planting new hedges	380	km
BN7 - Hedgerow Gapping	108	km
TE1 - Planting Standard Hedgerow Tree	2,298	trees
TE2 - Planting Standard Parkland Tree	193	trees
TE4A - Woodland Tree Planting - Biodiversity	41,441	trees
TE4B - Woodland Tree Planting - Improving water quality or reducing flood risk	24,436	trees
TE4D - Woodland Tree Planting - Hedges and clumps	19,860	trees
WD12 - Creation of upland wood pasture	28	hectares
WD3 - Woodland edges on arable land	2.8	hectares
WD6 - Creation of wood pasture	189	hectares
WD8 - Creation of successional areas and scrub	239	hectares
WD9 - Livestock exclusion supplement - scrub and successional areas	169	hectares

Table 3 - the figures for the several types of stewardship options, Jan 2019 – Jan 2024

This totals over **470 km of hedges**, over **88,000** individual trees and **627 hectares** of woodland creation / tree planting.

For hedges, 6 plants are planted per metre, and we can assume for hedge gapping, 3 plants per metre. So, this equals at least 2.6 million hedge plants.

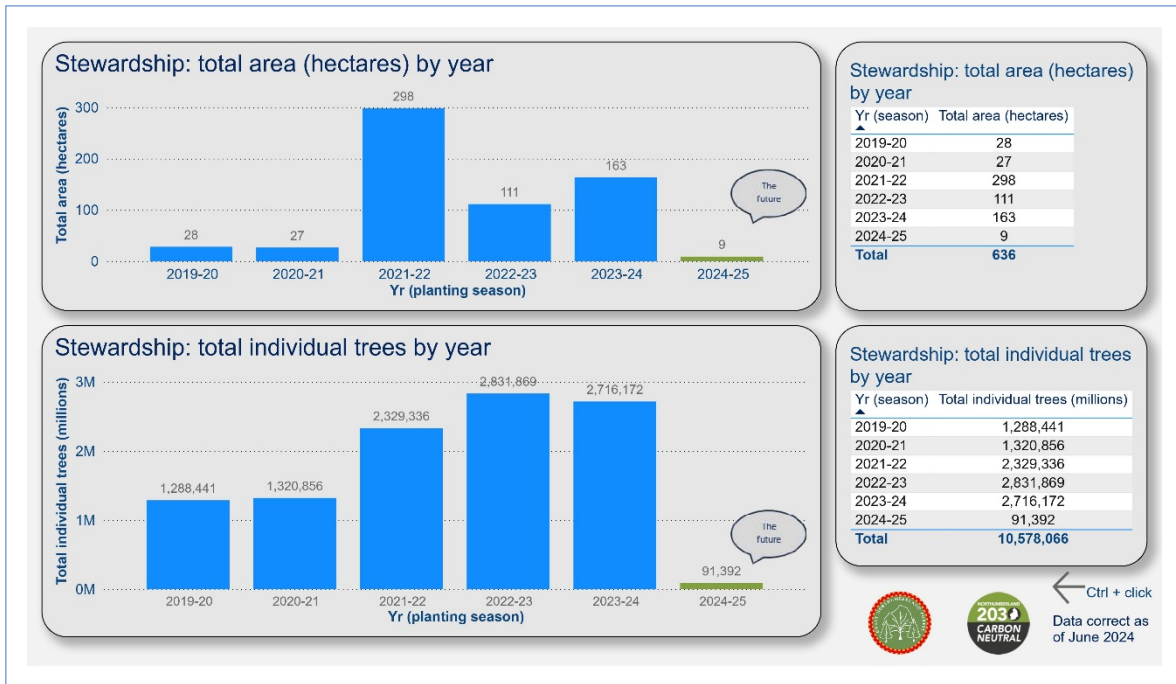


Figure 4 - Two graphs showing: at the top the hectares, and underneath the individual trees planted since 2019, year by year, under the stewardship scheme. This info is also in a table below. The future is the green bar.

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Yr (season)	Total area (hectares)	Total individual trees (millions)
2019-20	28	1,288,441
2020-21	27	1,320,856
2021-22	298	2,329,336
2022-23	111	2,831,869
2023-24	163	2,716,172
2024-25	9	91,392

Table 4 - the areas and the number of trees / hedge plants funded through stewardship since 2019 (agreements start in January)

The next update of this data / report will be in summer 2025.