



REMEDIAL TREE SURGERY GRANT CGS3

Guidance Notes

The Dartmoor National Park Authority (NPA) may offer grants for remedial tree surgery in special circumstances.

1 What are special circumstances?

- (i) Trees protected by Tree Preservation Order.
- (ii) Trees standing in a Conservation Area.
- (iii) Individual mature trees considered by the NPA to play an essential role in the local landscape.

2 What works are eligible?

- (i) Remedial tree surgery work that will increase the tree's life expectancy. For example crown thinning, crown lifting, reshaping, balancing and other accepted arboricultural practices as specified in British Standard 3998:1989 *Recommendations for Tree Works*.

3 What tree surgery will not be eligible for aid?

- (i) Dismantling and felling.

4 Rates of Grant

The amount of grant offered will vary from 25-75% depending on:

- (i) The location.
- (ii) The age and anticipated life expectancy.
- (iii) The degree of public benefit.

5 Applications for Grant Aid

Applications must be submitted on the attached application form and be accompanied by a location plan.

6 Allocation of Grant

The award of any grant is discretionary. The scheme may become oversubscribed in any one year. Early applications are recommended.

7 Conditions of Grant Payment

- (i) All operations must be clearly specified and approved by the NPA prior to undertaking the work.
- (ii) The grant payment will be based on the lowest of 3 competitive quotations submitted by suitably qualified tree surgeons.
- (iii) The grant will only be paid after completion of the works and following a site inspection by an officer of the NPA and presentation of a receipted invoice.
- (iv) All work must be carried out in accordance with British Standard 3998: 1989 *Recommendations for Tree Works*.

PLEASE NOTE: Approval must be obtained from the NPA prior to carrying out work on trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order or standing within a designated Conservation Area.

Charter for Conservation Grant Applications

- 1 The Dartmoor National Park Authority will provide guidance notes/details of assessment criteria and application forms, free of charge and upon request, covering all its discretionary Conservation Grants.
- 2 Conservation Grant applications will be acknowledged in writing within 10 working days of receipt. Where a site visit is required, the relevant officer will contact you, within 20 working days of receiving your application, to make an appointment. Where Conservation Grant funds are oversubscribed it may be necessary to delay the offer of a grant to the following financial year. Your acknowledgement will indicate if this is the case and tell you when a visit is likely to be arranged.
- 3 The officer will normally be able to determine your eligibility for grant at a site visit. We will make a formal offer of grant as quickly as possible but some grant applications may have to be referred to a committee meeting of the National Park Authority for decision. We will tell you if this is the case and let you know when the application will be considered.
- 4 If your submitted application is unsuccessful we will explain why in writing and attempt to direct you towards any other appropriate schemes.
- 5 We ask you to provide us with clear and full information to enable us to assess your application; to comply with any conditions to which the grant may be subject; and to support the National Park purposes of conserving the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of Dartmoor and promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities by the public.

