



**FOREST
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Go carbon neutral with new woodlands in Scotland

How?

There is now a government assured and completely transparent way of making your business carbon neutral with woodland creation in the UK. The Woodland Carbon Code – developed by the Forestry Commission at its Edinburgh HQ and launched in 2011 – provides you with the assurances you need:

- The right trees have been planted in the right way and the right place
- The carbon calculations for the new woodland are backed by the best science
- The trees are protected by strong, long term contracts
- The trees were demonstrably only planted because of your intervention.

Once a new woodland project is certified by its independent Woodland Carbon Code auditors it will be able to issue unique, serially numbered carbon credits that will be listed on the Markit Environmental Registry – the world's leading register of credits from climate change and green projects. Listing credits on Markit in this way means:

- Public availability of all documents about the new woodland
- Transparency about ownership of individual credits, and therefore complete independent support for a credit owner's green statements

The arrival of the Code and the Registry now means that businesses of all shapes and sizes can make themselves carbon neutral by purchasing and taking possession of as few or as many credits as are required – all arising from real new woodlands in the UK; and all backed by the government's quality assurance standard and transparent credit ownership registry.

Why?

Climate Change is upon us – we're all aware of strange weather patterns and flooding right across the UK. It makes good sense for Scottish business to play its part by making itself carbon neutral with new woodlands in Scotland. Wherever the trees are in the world they capture the same amount of CO₂, but:

- Trees planted locally will help mitigate the effects of climate change locally, for example by reducing flooding;
- Trees also act as pollutant scrubbers – removing harmful particles from the local atmosphere as well as carbon dioxide;
- Woodlands enhance and protect local biodiversity and habitat;
- Woodlands act as places for local recreation;
- Scottish woodlands contribute to the Scottish economy.



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Where can I buy my carbon credits?

Contact Forest Carbon, the UK's leading developer of new carbon woodlands:

- Over **65 new woodlands** created in the UK since 2006 (**50+** in Scotland)
- Some **5,875 acres** covered in the UK (**4,970 acres** in Scotland)
- Over **3.6 million trees** planted in the UK (**3.3 million** in Scotland)
- Over **864,000 tonnes CO2** being captured in the UK (**719,000** in Scotland)
- As at May 2013 Forest Carbon accounts for **37 out of the 39** projects certified under the Woodland Carbon Code (**31** in Scotland)
- Forest Carbon expects to be the **first company to deliver woodland carbon credits** to buyers and investors **via the Markit Environmental Registry**, in July 2013.
- Forest Carbon has developed a **carbon footprint calculator**, based on government scientific data and **available free to anyone**

Case Studies

You'll be in good company: the following businesses are some of those that have gone carbon neutral with Woodland Carbon Code certified Scottish trees.

Business	Carbon footprint	Trees planted	Woodland locations	Why they did it
Stagecoach	22,279 tonnes	139,266	Dumfries & Galloway, West Lothian	Bus journeys from Ferrytoll Park & Ride
Green Insurance	404,218 tonnes	2,143,796	Dumfries & Galloway, West Lothian, Borders, Highlands	Car journeys via insurance policies
Green Investment Bank	130 tonnes	455	West Lothian	Headquarters operations
BWOC	7,940 tonnes	67,916	Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway, West Lothian	Travel via fuel cards
M&S	3,024 tonnes	10,175	Dumfries & Galloway	Home furniture deliveries
Sofa.Com	2,859 tonnes	16,800	Aberdeenshire	Home furniture deliveries
Parkers Chauffeurs	82 tonnes	676	Dumfries & Galloway	Car journeys