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## **EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL, SUFFOLK**

East Suffolk Council is encouraging all local (parish and town) councils to plant trees in their communities to tackle climate change. Since declaring climate change in 2019, East Suffolk created an Environment Task Group which meets quarterly to understand the necessary actions to become carbon neutral by 2030.

One of the groups first initiatives is to encourage local councils to plant trees in their area. As trees help absorb carbon; reduce pollution; create habitats for local wildlife; is significant for mental health and, prevent flooding. As trees require specific care and locations, it is essential that tree planting is well-planned to give the tree the best chance of survival.

Any local council in Suffolk that wishes to plant trees should contact their district councillor to determine whether there is any East Suffolk-owned land which would be suitable for planting. If the land is not suitable for tree planting, it may be possible for it to be allocated for rewilding or to become a wildflower meadow.

Tree planting schemes can be supported through East Suffolk councillors' individual Enabling Communities Budgets, with trees available through third-party organisations.

Has your council done something similar? If so, please email [Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk)

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