

Introducing...

Midlands Forest Network (MFN)

What is it?

In July 2021 Midlands Engine Published the Ten Point Plan for Green Growth. Two key focus areas are Nature's Recovery and Blue-Green Places. The Nature's Recovery workstream, led by Toby Bancroft of the Woodland Trust, has led to the creation of the Midlands Forest Network.

<https://midlandsendengine.org/home-green-growth/midlands-forest-network/>

MFN is a Heritage Lottery Funded initiative

- By creating a Network of organisations, communities and landowners map project ideas that have woodland creation at their heart
- Develop feasibility around the delivery of ideas and involve investors.

Why we need it?

The Network will help with Nature Recovery by:

- Joining up Woodland habitats
- Help exchange good practice and learning
- Give funders secure propositions to invest in



Who is involved?

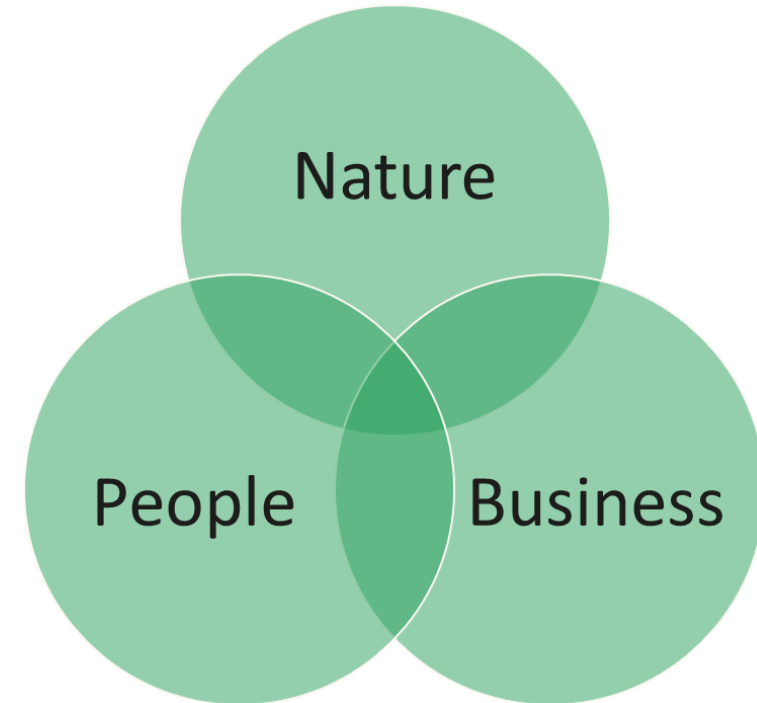
Key Partners: Woodland Trust, National Forest Company, Midlands Engine, DEFRA and National Heritage Lottery

Stakeholders include:
Leicestershire County Council and
Harborough Woodland



What do we hope to achieve?

- More trees planted in the Landscape of Leicestershire-green corridors and stepping stones
- Right trees in the right places
- Trees and Woodlands that are well maintained and serve people



What MFN might do for Communities?

- Support projects that need financial and knowledge-based support to develop
- Connect communities to investors
- Connect individual groups to a network of learning and resources



How to get involved?

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