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Plant Health Woodland Improvement Grant—Chalara Dieback of Ash

Details of Forestry Commission England’s help towards recently planted ash sites that are in an English Woodland Grant Scheme have now been finalised.

The Chalara Plant Health Woodland Improvement Grant (PHWIG) can help fund and support the removal and disposal of ash and its replacement with alternative species. This is in line with the commitment set out in the [Chalara management plan](#) published on the 26 March 2013.

Eligibility and rates of payment:

The PHWIG will be available to those sites that are, or have been, within an EWGS agreement. The funding will be based on Category areas (see table below). Category B sites are within counties where it is recognised that *Chalara* is in the wider environment and therefore slowing spread is of less value than sites in Category A areas.

Category areas:

Category B	Lincolnshire, Rutland, Norfolk, Suffolk, Buckinghamshire, Greater London, Berkshire, Surrey, Kent, West Sussex, East Sussex
Category A	All other English counties

Funding available:

	Category A	Category B
Removal and disposal payment £1000/ha*	Available on infected sites	Not available
Restocking payment £2000/ha*	Available on infected sites	Available on Infected and un-infected sites

*pro rata according to amount of ash originally planted.

Application and further information:

Applications for this grant are by webform only which is available on our website: [PHWIG Chalara](#)

Full details of eligibility requirements and documentary evidence required to prove your ash is infected can be found in [Operations Note 31](#). For guidance on how Chalara might affect an existing grant or felling licence and for details of how Force Majeure operates please see [Operations Note 30](#).





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Woodland Creation Grant (WCG) and Farm Woodland Payments (FWP):
Good News! Deadline for claiming Farm Woodland Payments has been
extended to September 2015.

As most people are now aware the current RDPE funding round, through which the English Woodland Grant Scheme is part funded, draws to a close at the end of this year (31 December 2013).

We have previously communicated that in order to claim FWP the woodland would have to be planted and the claim submitted by 31 December 2013.

We can now confirm that the deadline for planting WCG schemes and claiming FWP has been extended to **30 September 2015**.

You will still need to have your scheme **approved** by the **31 December 2013**.

Due to the approval deadline and potential budget limitations, time is still of the essence in submitting schemes and we would recommend all potential applicants submit WCG schemes as soon as possible.

Timeline for WCG where it is intended to claim FWP:

