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Gloucestershire

**Cotswolds and Vale
Ash Dieback Forum**

NEW TREES IN THE LANDSCAPE TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF ASH DIEBACK

FUNDING AVAILABLE TO PARISH COUNCILS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE EAST OF THE RIVER SEVERN

Ash dieback, caused by a fungus, is now widespread across the Cotswolds and in the Vale of Gloucester. Ash dieback cannot be cured and it is feared that a high proportion of ash trees will be lost over time. Ash is not only important in woodland it is also an important tree in hedgerows, fields, parks and open spaces.

Gloucestershire east of the River Severn is the focus for this scheme as this is the area of the county where ash is most predominant in the landscape.

Funding for this project is from the CPRE, public donations to the Ash Fund, and the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

Working with the Cotswolds and Vale Ash Dieback Forum, guidance is available on suitable trees to mitigate the impact of ash dieback and must be followed in developing project proposals.

Parish Councils and community groups can apply for funding to meet the full costs of the trees, stakes and protection, but a cash contribution would be welcome.

Tree planting is a great socially distanced outdoor activity during the Covid-19 pandemic but you will need to follow social distancing rules and any other guidance in force at the time.

For further details and application form go to www.cpreglos.org.uk