

# Opportunity to Purchase Pending Issuance Units

## Bellingham in Northumberland

### Project Highlights

- Proposed woodland is 6.2 hectares of native mixed broadleaf trees.
- The woodland is expected to sequester 3,798 tons/CO<sub>2</sub>e over the next 100 years.
- Part of the Kielder Forest Red Squirrel Zone.

# Project Background

The Estate surrounding the proposed woodland was bought by one of the UK's oldest Charities in 2016. Having previously been managed as a traditional upland sheep farm, the Charities Trustees are now working with the farm occupier to enhance the ecology and biodiversity across the whole Estate.

This requires new approaches to managing the land. It is now farmed less intensively with native bred livestock becoming the mainstay. There is a greater emphasis on working towards a better farmed environment focusing on conserving and enhancing the riches of nature and the landscape. An estate scale program is underway to improve the woodland management replacing commercial timber plantations with traditional species, native to the area as well and providing new woodland parcels to achieve an enhanced mosaic of habitat.

*Projected Carbon Sequestration Volumes over Project's Life Cycle*

Verification: years since start date	Vintage start date	Vintage end date	Total PIUs in vintage to be listed	PIUs to Buffer	PIUs to Project
5	01 April 2021	31 March 2026	42	8	34
15	01 April 2026	31 March 2036	720	144	576
25	01 April 2036	31 March 2046	1277	256	1021
35	01 April 2046	31 March 2056	1051	210	841
45	01 April 2056	31 March 2066	594	119	475
55	01 April 2066	31 March 2076	349	70	279
65	01 April 2076	31 March 2086	234	46	188
75	01 April 2086	31 March 2096	167	34	133
85	01 April 2096	31 March 2106	152	30	122
95	01 April 2106	31 March 2116	113	23	90
100	01 April 2116	31 March 2121	49	10	39
<b>Total</b>			<b>4748</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>3798</b>



## Basic Details of the Planting Scheme

The proposed planting scheme fits neatly around these wider objectives. In total, 6.2 hectares of woodland will be planted across five parcels, ranging in size from 0.4 hectares up to 2.82 hectares. Some of the parcels will replace upland grazed pasture (see photographs) others will flank the Broomhope Burn a major tributary of the River Rede as a buffer to support infiltration, reduce the flow of water run-off hence reduce flood, erosion and nitrates entering the River which runs the western boundary of the Estate.

The tree species have been carefully chosen to reflect those native to the area. Accordingly, alder, which thrives in damp, riverside settings will be planted on the burnside. By providing shade to the water, this stabilises the water temperature, improving the habitat for spawning migratory fish such as Salmon and Sea Trout.

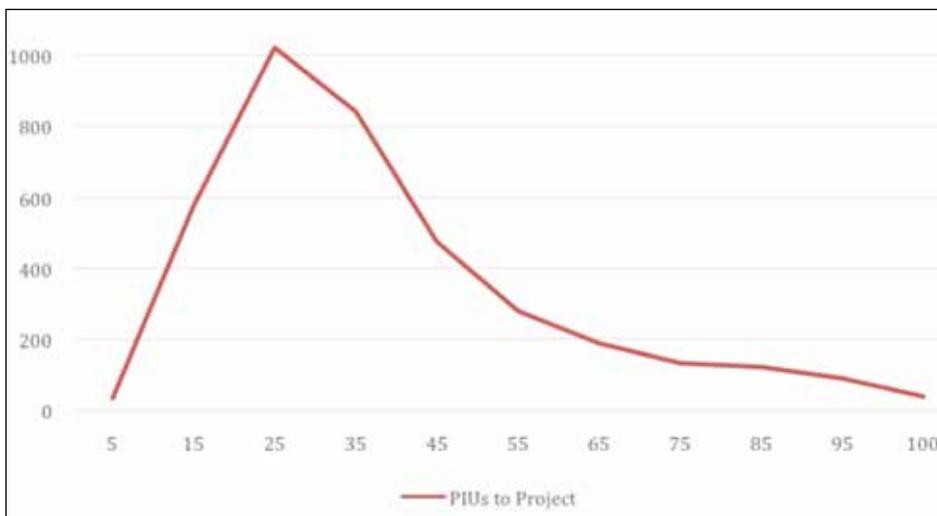
In the other parcels, Birch, Rowan and Oak have been chosen to reflect species which are native to upland Northumberland. The Estate forms part of Kielder Forest Red Squirrel Zone and these small-seeded broadleaves will provide both the ideal food and habitat for this threatened indigenous mammal.



**The proposed woodland will improve the habitat of spawning salmon.**

## Carbon Sequestration Capacity

Once the young trees are properly established, the charity intends to let nature takes its course, through a “light touch” management regime. With the local ground being medium-grade yield class, the trees are expected to sequester 3,798 tons/CO<sub>2</sub>e over the next 100 years (see table opposite). For those conscious of a timeline for achieving net zero, 84% of these units will be sequestered within the next 55 years.



Graph shows the timing for delivery of Woodland Carbon Units from the Proposed Scheme



## Accessibility and the Scheme's Location

The Estate is deep in the Northumbrian countryside, just north of Hadrian's Wall and due east of Kielder Forest (see *map below*). Despite its rural location, it is highly accessible being 30 miles from Newcastle, 70 miles from Edinburgh and just 3 hours, by train, from London. The charity would by appointment welcome investors of the scheme to enjoy and appreciate their ecological improvements.

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