

# Post and Rail Tree Guards

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## Aim

The aim of this item is to protect existing or newly-planted individual trees within ancient wood pasture from damage by livestock with post and rail fencing.

## Eligibility

Any grassland with ancient wood pasture is eligible.

You must combine this capital item with the [Ancient Wood Pasture](#) management option.

## Application requirements

You must mark the location(s) where you propose to protect individual trees on a map.

## Requirements

- the post and rail guard must protect a veteran tree or a newly-planted individual tree from damage by livestock and deer
- the guards must be at least 1.1 metres high
- there must be at least three rails
- rails must be at least 38x87 millimetres sawn timber
- posts must be no more than 1.8 metres apart
- all fencing materials must be new and treated

## Payment

You can claim £7.00 per metre.

## Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of the work
- the post and rail guard protects the veteran tree or a newly-planted individual tree from damage by wild and domestic herbivores
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## Additional guidance

[Supporting guidance is available for this item.](#)

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