

Background – Internet Archive Comparison of Woodland Trust Webpage Quoted in the Purported December 2023 Prior Approval Application

It is sometimes said that nothing is ever truly gone once it is placed online, however in the late 1990's a group was established concerned that as webpages and websites were amended and replaced the older versions would be lost to history, and a potentially historic view of the early internet might be lost for ever.

These concerns led to the creation of:

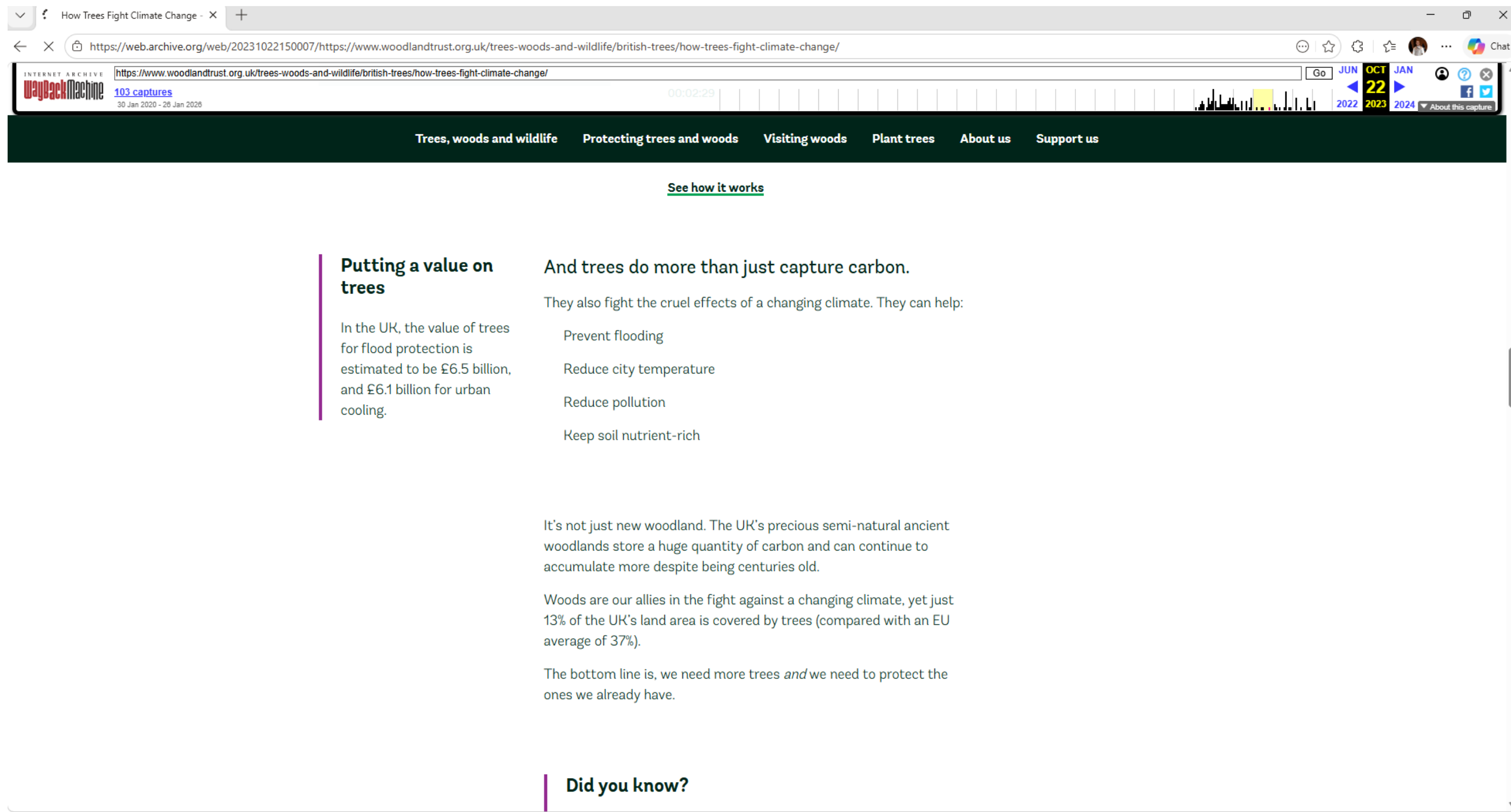
“The Internet Archive”, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Like a paper library, we provide free access to researchers, historians, scholars, people with print disabilities, and the general public. Our mission is to provide Universal Access to All Knowledge.

We began in 1996 by archiving the Internet itself, a medium that was just beginning to grow in use. Like newspapers, the content published on the web was ephemeral - but unlike newspapers, no one was saving it. Today we have 30 years of web history accessible through the [Wayback Machine](#) and we work with 1,400+ library and other partners through our [Archive-It](#) program to identify important web pages.

As our web archive grew, so did our commitment to providing digital versions of other published works. Today our archive contains:

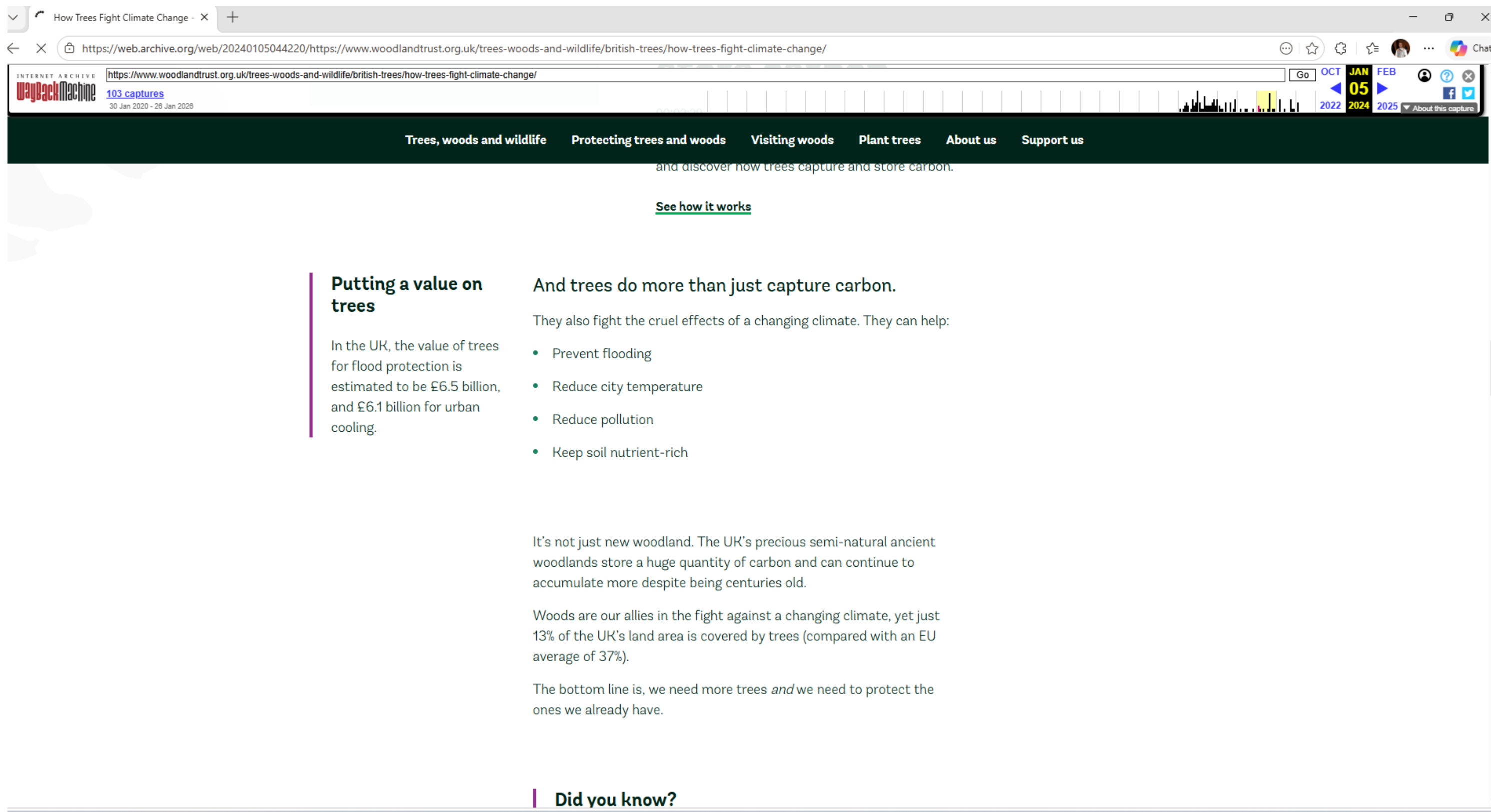
- 1 trillion [web pages](#)
- 56 million [books and texts](#)
- 13 million [audio recordings](#) (including 280,000 live concerts)
- 15 million [videos](#) (including 3.3 million [Television News programs](#))
- 5.3 million [images](#)
- 1.3 million [software programs](#)

Though their web page at <https://web.archive.org/> it is possible to look up any other webpage on the internet and then look through archived versions of that webpage from the past to see how its content and style has changed over time.



The “Way Back Machine” Web Archive .org – Version of Woodland Trust “How Trees Fight Climate Change Page from October 22nd 2023 (see calendar icon in top right of image)

Note – Statistics on percentage woodland coverage of the UK and the comparison for the EU average are given as 13% and 37%



The “Way Back Machine” Web Archive .org – Version of Woodland Trust “How Trees Fight Climate Change Page from January 5th 2024 (see calendar icon in top right of image)

Note – Statistics on percentage woodland coverage of the UK and the comparison for the EU average are given as 13% and 37% and remain the same as in October 2023 – they do not match the 13.5% and 38% quoted in the prior approval application which the appellant states was submitted in December of 2023

How Trees Fight Climate Change - X

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See how it works

Putting a value on trees

In the UK, the value of trees for flood protection is estimated to be £6.5 billion, and £6.1 billion for urban cooling.

And trees do more than just capture carbon.

They also fight the cruel effects of a changing climate. They can help:

- Prevent flooding
- Reduce city temperature
- Reduce pollution
- Keep soil nutrient-rich

It's not just new woodland. The UK's precious semi-natural ancient woodlands store a huge quantity of carbon and can continue to accumulate more despite being centuries old.

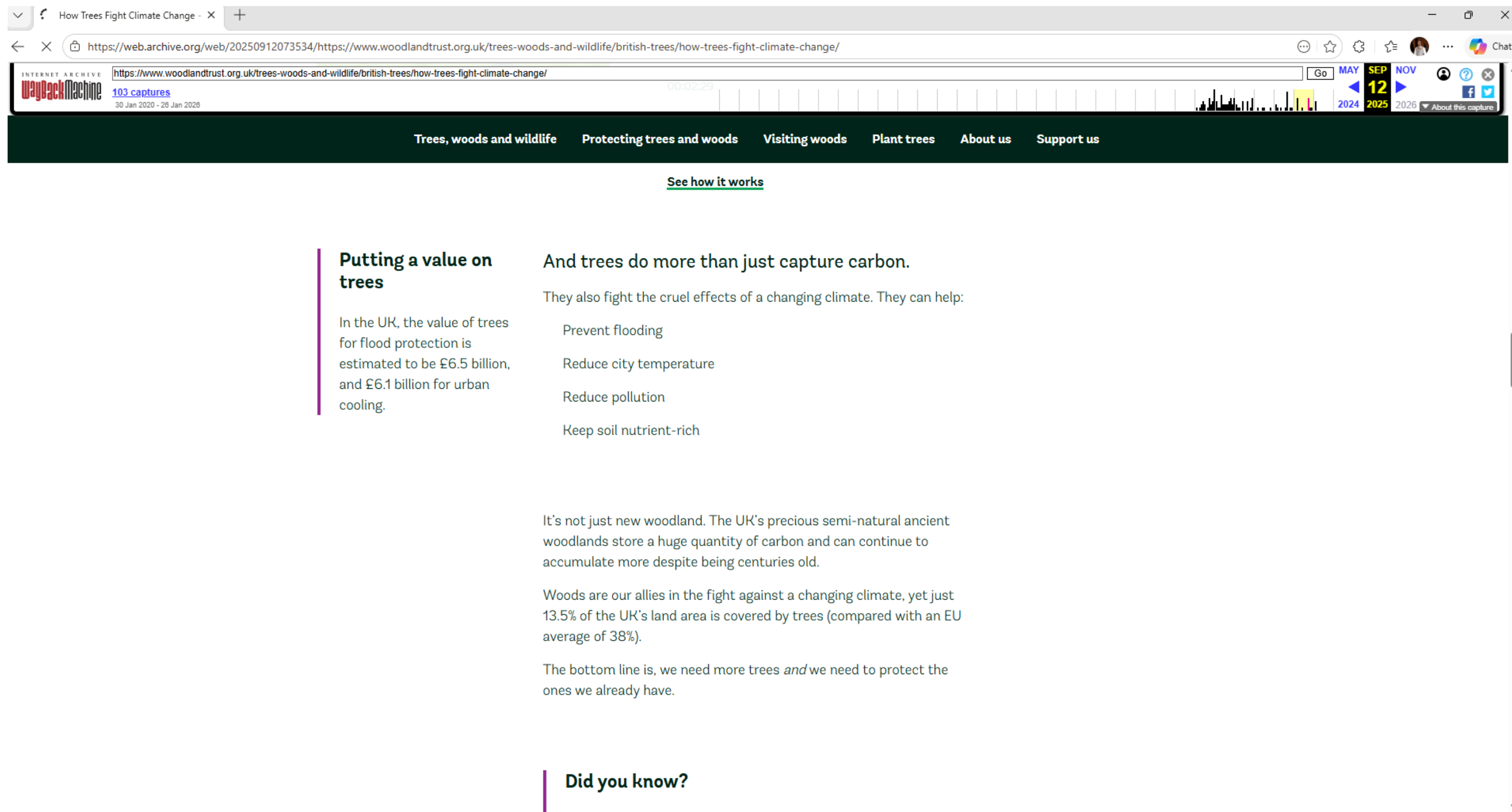
Woods are our allies in the fight against a changing climate, yet just 13% of the UK's land area is covered by trees (compared with an EU average of 37%).

The bottom line is, we need more trees *and* we need to protect the ones we already have.

Did you know?

The “Way Back Machine” Web Archive .org – Version of Woodland Trust “How Trees Fight Climate Change Page from May 24th 2025 (see calendar icon in top right of image)

Note – Whilst there are further archived versions between January 2024 and May 2025 we have skipped to May 2025 as it is the last time the archived version shows the figures as 13% and 37%



The “Way Back Machine” Web Archive .org – Version of Woodland Trust “How Trees Fight Climate Change Page from September 12th 2025 (see calendar icon in top right of image)

Note – This is the next archived version of the page after 24th May 2025 and shows the figures quoted in the purported 2023 prior approval application (13.5% and 38%) for the first time, and these are the figures which the webpage still shows as of today (April 8 2026). Any quote claiming to be from this website giving the figures 13.5% and 38% respectively cannot, as a point of fact, have been produced before 25th May 2025 at the absolute earliest. It is simply incompatible with reality that these figures could have been quoted in an application submitted to the council in December of 2023.

There are no versions of this webpage going back to its first publication c. January 2020 which give the 13.5% and 38% figures before September 2025 and that version of the webpage was created sometime after the previous archived version from May 25th 2025.