



**CLA South West
Training Events**

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT FOR BIOMASS

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In association with Duchy College and the South West of England Regional Development Agency

25 November

Clinton Devon Estates
Rolle Estate Office
Bicton Arena
East Budleigh
EX07BL

26 November

Charborough Park
The Estate Office
Wareham
BH20 7EN

COURSE OUTLINE

Increasing concern about climate change and the impact of CO² in the atmosphere is driving the resurgence in the use of woodfuel. The opportunities for woodland owners are significant and are not restricted to professionally managed large forest or woodland areas. Nor are the opportunities restricted to those with access to markets. The supply chain is expanding and there is room in the market for the small scale grower.

The course will provide an overview of Government Policy and renewable energy targets as well as practical guidance on woodfuel production and storage and the grants available to assist producers. In the afternoon there will be visits led by experienced foresters to woodlands that are both managed and unmanaged for the production of woodfuel.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The course is intended for farmers and landowners with under utilised woodlands – irrespective of size – who wish to learn more about how the expanding market for woodfuel creates realistic opportunities for them to generate income and profit.



PROGRAMME

- 9.00 am **Registration**
- 9.15 am **CLA professional development courses**
John Hambly, CLA Training Coordinator
- 9.30 am **Introduction**
Chairman, Mike Seville, CLA
Forestry and
Woodlands Advisor
- 9.40 am **Government policy, targets and initiatives**
Mark Prior, Forestry Commission
- 10.10 am **Woodfuel production & storage**
Sam Watmore, Forest Fuels Ltd
- 10.50 am **Coffee**
- 11.10 am **Funding for woodland Management, biomass and timber processing**
Jez Ralph, Woodland Renaissance or
Michele Kerry, Woodland Renaissance
- 11.30 am **Managing woods for fuel in the Blackdown Hills**
John Greenshields, Chairman of the Blackdown
& East Devon Woodland Association
- 12.00 **Deer Management and population dynamics**
Norman Healy, The Deer Initiative

Clinton Devon Estates

- 12.30 pm **Introduction to the Estate workings on Clinton Devon Estates**
John Wilding
- 1.00 pm **Sandwich Lunch**
- 1.30 pm **Visit to woodland and forestry sites**
- 4.00 pm **Depart**

Charborough Park

- 12.30 pm **The role of woods for fuel in Dorset ANOB**
Tom Munroe, Dorset AONB
- 1.00 pm **Introduction to the Estate workings at Charborough Park**
Eddie Cruikshank
- 1.15 pm **Sandwich Lunch**
- 1.45 pm **Visit to woodland and forestry sites**
- 4.00 pm **Depart**

BIOGRAPHIES

Mike Seville is the CLA's Forestry and Woodland Adviser. His experience covers all aspects of forestry and woodland management including grants, regulation, marketing and utilisation, timber transport, non-timber forest products, wood fuel, biodiversity, carbon sequestration, plant health, deer and squirrels.

Sam Whatmore was an early adopter of biomass technology installing a miniature district heating system, burning woodchip, heating his farmhouse, holiday cottages and offices. He has travelled and studied extensively throughout Europe and North America where biomass use is long-established. From an early role in South West Woodfuels he went on to establish *Forest Fuels Ltd* – the largest dedicated woodfuel supply company now delivering 7000 tonnes pa to the public and private sectors, and *Woodfuel Solutions* which provides a specialist fuel storage & handling design service as well as a range of training and consultancy services.

Mark Prior has over 20 years experience in all aspects of forest management, recreation and community woodlands in both southern England and Wales. For the last five years he has been developing his interest in wood energy and currently runs the SW Bioheat Programme and co-ordinates the implementation of the England Woodfuel Strategy in the South West.

Jez Ralph has worked in forestry in the south west for 10 years after completing an Msc in Forest management from Aberdeen University and previously in Cumbria. He specialises in funding for forestry and timber businesses, regional level timber supply strategies and timber architecture. He has been working on investments for woodfuel supply for the past five years throughout the south west with both woodland owners, suppliers and end users.

Michele Kerry graduated in forestry in 1987 and years has since worked in a number of roles within the forestry and environmental management sectors. Michele's main area of expertise has been in the field of farm forestry, working with farmers to maximise both the environmental and economic benefits of their woodlands.

John Greenshields

John Greenshields has farmed in the Blackdowns all his working life and currently farms 350 acres of grass and arable. He has also brought back in management 150 acres of his own woodland, extracting logs for wood fuel, while managing and advising other woodland owners on sustainable wood fuel extraction and wildlife management. The farm also has a wind turbine and produces its own bio diesel for the forestry machinery and road vehicles.

Norman Healy is South West Deer Liaison Officer for the Deer Initiative, on secondment from the Forestry Commission where he was a Chief Wildlife Ranger. Norman has worked as a professional deer/wildlife manager in both the private and public sector for the last 25 years. His duties include support for existing deer management groups, advising landowners on all aspects of deer issues such as stalker selection and forest design.

COSTS

The events cost just £35 including a sandwich lunch, refreshments and course notes. Payment by cheque or card must accompany booking.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR AGRICULTURAL HOLDING NUMBER ON THE BOOKING FORM

CLA SOUTH WEST TRAINING EVENTS

The CLA is working in association with Duchy College and the South West of England Development Agency to deliver tailor-made training and skills development opportunities for rural businesses.

The courses are supported under the Rural Development Programme for England by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

Our courses are open to all. However, attendees will need evidence that they are working in or dependent on agriculture or forestry, or are a diversified rural business, in order to receive benefit of RDPE support. An Agricultural Holding Number is the best means of doing this.

These events are supported by Duchy College's Rural Business School and partners under the Vocational Training Scheme, a Rural Development Programme for England funded initiative

HOW TO BOOK

Book on-line at:

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By telephone:
01249 700281

Or by returning the booking form to:

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CLA South West
Hartham Park
CORSHAM
SN13 0RP**



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Please complete and return your booking form to: FREEPOST RLXX-SZBH-KZYH, CLA South West, Hartham Park, CORSHAM, SN13 0RP
Confirmation, directions and tickets will be sent out on receipt of your payment.

Name (inc initials): Title:

Membership No: Address:

Postcode: Tel No: Email Address:

Agricultural holding number: (mandatory field for registered holdings)

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Do you have any special dietary requirements relevant to any events you are attending?

Any other requirements we need to know about?