



e-News August 2009

Hi there, and welcome to the regular Yorwoods e-Newsletter. We like to keep you updated with what we're doing, what projects we're working on, and how we can help you with your forestry or woodland business. We're always happy to take your queries and to advise, so if you've any questions about anything in this mailout, give us a call on 01765 609 355 or email on info@yorwoods.org.uk. So, without further ado...

Funding for Training: LandSkills Forestry Training Programme

LandSkills Autumn Programme

Under the LandSkills banner, we've provided a wide range of courses so far this year, from Charcoal to Chainsaw, and from Woodland Management to Woodfuel Production. We're now preparing our Autumn programme of courses, as shown below, and taking bookings. Eligibility for LandSkills funding is judged on a case-by-case basis, but if you're a member of a business, organisation or social enterprise which works in forestry or woodland products, you could access funding of up to 70% for any relevant training.

We're trying to stay flexible with our course provision, so if there's any courses you're looking for that *aren't* on our list, please [get in touch](#) and we'll see what we can do.

Our current programme looks like this (*Click on course name for details*):

Date	Course	Location	Cost
2nd Sept	Appointed Persons First Aid	Duncombe Park	TBC
25th Sept	Basic Tree Inspection	Fountains Abbey	£55
29th Sept	BCT Arboriculture & Bats	Bewerley Park	COURSE FULL
7th-9th Oct	Ignite: Woodfuel Production & Supply	Market Weighton	£100
23rd Oct	Basic Tree Inspection	Fountains Abbey	£55
12th Nov	Ignite: Woodfuel Quality Standards	Denton Park	£35
28th Nov	Coppice Management & Produce*	Hetchell Woods, Thorer	£15
10th Dec	Managing Woodlands for Woodfuel*	Otley Chevin	£35
Dec - TBC	Ignite: Woodfuel for Farms and Estates	TBC	£35

*(Courses marked * are being run jointly through the West Yorkshire Working Woodlands and LandSkills programmes)*

We're also running an on-demand cycle of technical training courses, including First Aid courses, Forestry Machine Operators Certificate (FMOC) and NPTC Chainsaw modules. See the [Training page](#) for information and enrolment forms.

For bookings on any of these courses, [contact Carrick](#).

The Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme

Another success through Yorwoods Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme!

North Yorkshire forestry contracting firm Joblings have been successful with their application for funding through the Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme. The scheme was able to provide 40% grant funding towards a Valtra M130 which will be involved with the handling and movement of wood for the biomass market. Have a look at the Yorwoods [News Item](#) for more info on Joblings success.

National Park on track to reduce CO2 levels

Work has started on the installation of a 85kW Froling woodchip boiler at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authorities office at Grassington. This project is a major element in the way the National Park Authority intends to meet its carbon reduction targets, and it is estimated that the new installation will reduce their CO2 levels by 25 tonnes per year, compared to their present heating system. The project was successful in securing funding through the Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme, to develop the National Parks on-site woodfuel handling facility.

For more information on the Woodfuel Infrastructure Programme in general, see [the WIP page](#) or contact [Andrew Kitching](#).

West Yorkshire Working Woodlands

West Yorkshire Working Woodlands Project brings WMDC into forest certification.

More than 700ha of woodland owned or managed by Wakefield Metropolitan District Council have been brought into forest certification under the Forest Stewardship Council with help from the West Yorkshire Working Woodlands project being run by Yorwoods.

West Yorkshire Working Woodlands is part of the Green Infrastructure Programme being delivered by partners of the White Rose Forest, through funding from Yorkshire Forward. The Green Infrastructure Programme aims to demonstrate the benefits of enhancing green spaces and as part of this West Yorkshire Working Woodlands is advising upon and helping to develop management plans for council-owned woodland in West Yorkshire. For WMDC achieving forest certification demonstrates that their woodlands meet a global standard, addressing the economic, environmental and social aspects of forest management.

The FSC certificate is due to be awarded to WMDC at Anglers Country Park, Winterset, on a date to be confirmed. This will coincide with FSC Friday, which aims to promote and highlight awareness of forest certification. More details from [Ben Scotting](#), or see the [West Yorkshire Working Woodlands page](#).

Other News

Great Yorkshire Show

One of last month's great successes for Yorwoods was the Great Yorkshire Show. Yorwoods manage the Forestry Events Arena for the show, as well as manning our own stand in the Forestry Information Centre. Whether answering your questions and promoting our projects, attempting an 80-foot poleclimb or marshalling the movements of a £285,000 John Deere harvester, we had a great three days. Have a look at our [News item](#) and [Gallery](#).

Wild About Wood

The next social event on our calendar is Wild About Wood, held on the 12th and 13th of September at Castle Howard. Yorwoods will be on hand to advise woodland owners, managers or those simply with an interest in trees and woods about management, grant availability and woodfuel opportunities. More info on the event is available on the [Wild About Wood website](#)