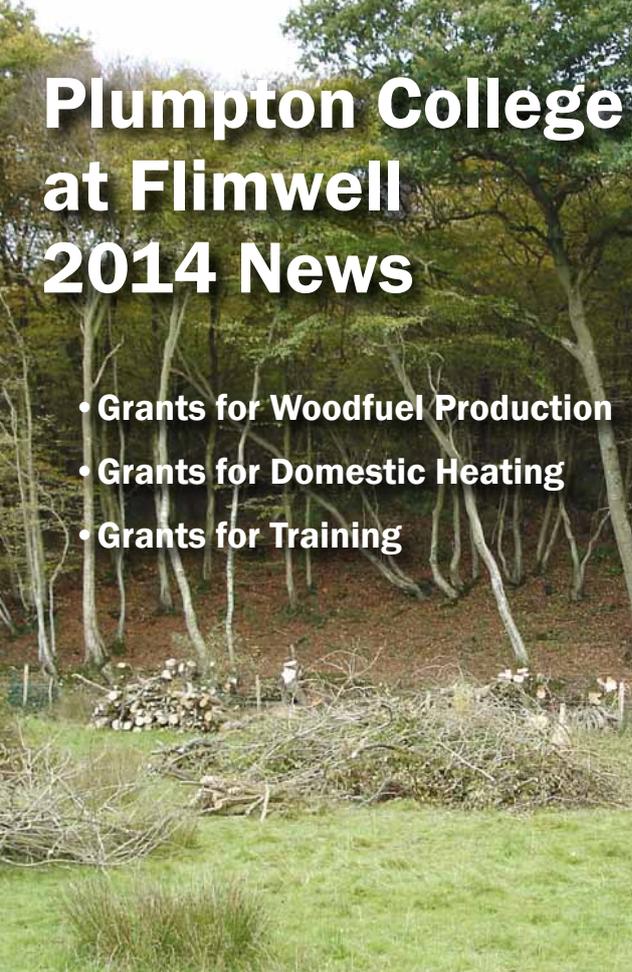


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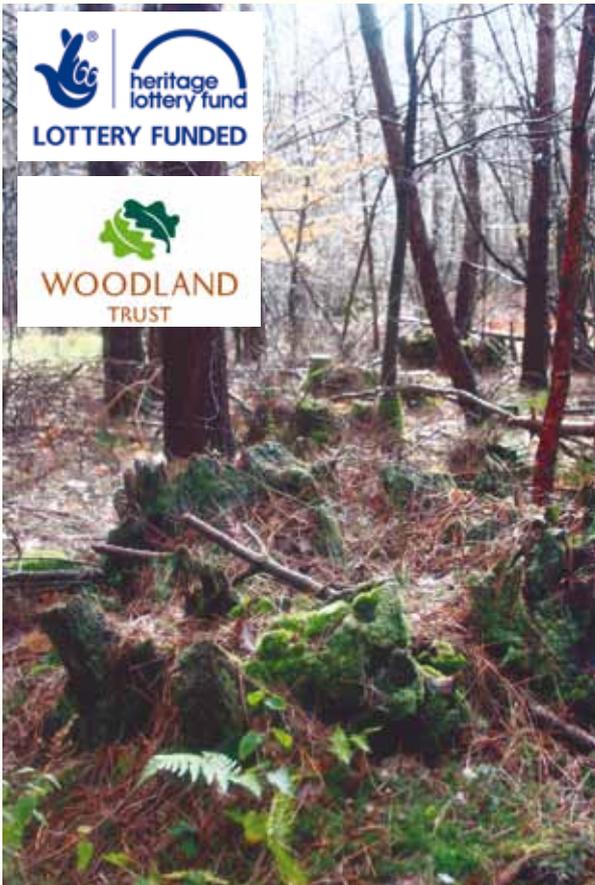


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Heritage Lottery Supports Ambitious New Project

Jim Smith-Wright,
Woodland Trust



Ancient Woodland Restoration

We have already lost the vast majority of our ancient woodland: just 2 per cent, and falling, of our landscape is now covered by it. What remains is often compromised, either by direct damage, or by more subtle changes. In many cases this has included the replacement of some or all of the native broad-leaved trees with plantation trees, usually conifers. In some areas such as the Low Weald, plantations can also include broad-leaves such as sweet chestnut¹, which can dominate woodland and reduce its value for wildlife.

However there is hope

The Woodland Trust has secured funding from the Heritage Lottery fund and private donors for an ambitious new project. We are offering *free* advice and guidance to help private landowners around the country bring these woodlands back towards a more natural state, through a gradual process of restoration. This can also provide a valuable timber crop and other wood products.

How do I find out more?

If you would like more information on this exciting new project, or own plantation on ancient woodland within the Low Weald area, and would like advice on how to restore it, please contact Jim Smith-Wright, the Woodland Trust's Ancient Woodland Restoration Officer for the Low Weald: jimsmith-wright@woodlandtrust.org.uk telephone 07768 506664.

Plumpton College is well placed to provide training in the

maintenance of ancient woodland; there are one day courses with highly experienced tutors to help you, such as

- [Applying for Felling Licences and Forming Management Plans](#)
- [Generating Income from Coppice Woodland](#)
- [Saw-milling in the Woodland](#) and [Woodland Archaeology](#). For dates please see page 4.

¹ Sweet chestnut was planted as coppice in the 19th Century to provide hop poles for the beer industry.

Sussex Breakfast - we need you to get involved

Although originally launched some 6 years ago the scheme is available once more and is now an initiative of the Sussex Destinations and Plumpton College at Flimwell Centre for Sustainable Food Farming and Forestry.

• Producers:-

If you produce bacon, sausages, milk, cheese, yoghurt and butter from low intensive herds, free range eggs, mushrooms and tomatoes, bake bread and make preserves then we would like to add you to our providers guide



for the re-launch of Sussex Breakfast.

• [Do you serve Breakfast](#) and would you like

to be part of the Sussex Breakfast scheme? Providing you can fulfil the serving criteria of at least 60% local and ethically reared produce, and for a nominal annual fee, you



will become an accredited provider. Please contact Rebecca Butler, butlerr@plumpton.ac.uk "Every £1 invested in Local Food returns £7 to society in the form of social and economic outcomes

including health and well-being, training and skills." Big Lottery Local Food Projects 2014

Nothing says "I'm on holiday" better than a cooked breakfast; imagine how much nicer it tastes knowing you are eating the finest local ingredients.



Open Day Plumpton College at Flimwell 28th June 2014

- Tree climbing age 6 – 60 come and have a go under the guidance of our expert tutors (restrictions may apply)
- Nature trail and accompanied woodland walk, with resident arboriculturalist, David Kavanagh Spall 11.00 a.m and 2.00 p.m
- Jim Smith Wright from the Woodland Trust will give an illustrated presentation on preserving ancient woodland and the grants available at 12.30 p.m
- Woodfuel machinery demonstrations
- Children's treasure hunt
- Bring the family and a picnic
- Experts on hand to advise on Grants Training Apprenticeships Qualifications in agriculture horticulture and forestry
- Woodfuel machinery demonstrations

Entry is free and we look forward to seeing you between 10.00 a.m and 2.30 p.m

Agricultural Buildings to Residential - new use class introduced by the Government

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The Government has introduced a new use class with permitted development rights to allow the change of use of agricultural buildings to residential use from 6th April 2014.

The Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment & Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014 (SI 2014/564) will introduce a new use class (MB) for a change of use from an agricultural building and any land within its curtilage to class C3 (dwelling houses) together with building operations reasonably necessary to convert the building.

The permitted development rights exclude Listed Buildings, Article 1 (5) Land (which includes National Parks, AONBs, Conservation Areas, World Heritage Sites and The Broads), Scheduled Monuments and Sites of Special Scientific Interest. Interestingly, there is no reference in the Order to redundant or under-used buildings, or any time limit on the new rights. Whilst there is also no reference in the Order to any particular type of construction (it therefore appears that all agricultural buildings would be eligible), the prior approval requirement as part of the permitted development will require the Local Authority to be satisfied on matters such as location and siting, design

and external appearance, transport and highways, noise, contaminated land and flood risk.

The paper issued by the Department for Local Communities & Local Government in March 2014 explains that the Government considers that the prior approval with regard to siting and design provides sufficient safeguards to ensure that development only takes place in sustainable locations and any physical works are appropriate to the surrounding area.

The building must have been used solely for agricultural use on 20 March 2013 or solely as agricultural use when it was last used (prior to 20 March 2013), and the change of use relate to the following:

- Change of use of existing agricultural buildings and land within the curtilage up to a maximum of 450m² cumulative floor space and a maximum of 3 dwellings.
- The external dimensions of the building must not extend beyond the external dimensions of the existing building at any point.
- The permitted development is limited to building operations comprising the installation or replacement of windows, doors, roofs or exterior walls and services (water, gas, drainage, electricity or other services). Partial demolition is also permitted.



This is a brief overview of the development order but it is not a complete summary, and professional advice is strongly recommended. **If you think you may have a suitable building, then simply email us a photograph and state the postcode and we will carry out an initial study.**

Please contact Chris Tipping MRICS FAAV c.tipping@batchellermonkhouse.com or 01892 509280 for more information.

Training Dates

Butchery

Hands-on Practical

Sausage Making – July 18th

Lamb Butchery – September 9th/10th

Pork Butchery – October 15th/16th

Bacon/Gammon Curing - November 7th

Venison Butchery – November 17th

Demonstrations

Pork Butchery - September 16th

Beef Butchery - September 23rd

Lamb Butchery - November 4th

Woodland Management

Tree Inspection for the Woodland Owner – May 20th

Applying for Felling Licences and

forming Management Plans – May 22nd

Domestic Chainsaw - June 5th

Felling Small Trees - June 6th

Sawmilling in the Woodland – June 12th

Greenwood working - September 9th

Generating Income from Coppice

Woodland - October 30th

Woodland Archaeology -
December 5th

Legislation

Lifetime Food Hygiene – July
14th/15th/16th (this course
only runs once a year)

Livestock Transport – June
26th

HSE Emergency First Aid at
Work - June 12th

ECP Emergency Outdoor First
Aid - July 4th

Crafts

Charcoal Making – June 21st

Cleft Wood Hurdles - June 23rd

Oak Timber Framing; work as a team
and construct a bespoke usable
oak timber framed structure in 5
days. The frame is then available to
purchase - July 7th – 11th

Walking Stick Making - July 12th

Make a Traditional Trug in a day and



take it home with you for years of
future use - September 12th

Livestock

Poultry Processing - September 9th

Free Range Poultry - September 27th

Half Day Micro Training Sessions

in a wide variety of woodland
management, machinery use and
care £25 per session, please ask
for details. This is only a selection of
courses and dates, please enquire
for a full list.

RDPE and other sources of grant funding available for training, please contact us for details. Telephone 01580 879547 Email: gammonc@plumpton.ac.uk

Woodfuel – what's new



Woodfuel Woodland Improvement Grant (WIG)

Offers a 60% grant towards the cost to assist the extraction of timber from woodland and its sustainable production.

A Woodland Management Plan must provide evidence of under-management or a barrier to sustainable harvesting. For more

information contact
Ngage Solutions ,
telephone 01494
568970 www.
forestry.gov.uk/
ewgs-wigwoodfuel

Renewable Heat Initiative (RHI)

The RHI is the world's first long-term financial support programme for renewable heat it provides financial support to renewable

heat generators. The RHI pays participants of the scheme that generate and use renewable energy to heat their buildings. By increasing the generation of heat from renewable energy sources (instead of fossil fuels), the RHI helps the UK reduce greenhouse gas emissions

and meet targets for reducing the effects of climate change.

www.gov.uk

There are two parts to the RHI:

- Domestic RHI – launched April 2014 and open to homeowners, private landlords, social landlords and self-builders
- Non-domestic RHI – launched in November 2011 to provide payments to industry, businesses and public sector organisations.

Associated training:

- Saw-milling in the woodland June 12th
- Applying for felling licences and forming management plans July 17th
- Optimising the value of wood October 3rd

For more details telephone
01580 879547

Main College: Plumpton College, Ditchling Road, Plumpton, BN7 3AE. Telephone 01273 890454

Email: pd@plumpton.ac.uk or visit www.plumpton.ac.uk

Plumpton College at Flimwell, Sustainable Food Farming and Forestry: The Woodland Enterprise Centre, Flimwell TN5 7PR

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