



Management Planner Bulletin: Issue 26 September 2010

Glastir Woodland Creation project officers

All application forms to become a Glastir woodland creation project officer need to be sent to Brenda Langworthy, FCW, Cantref Court, Brecon Road, Abergavenny Monmouthshire, NP7 7AX **before 30th September. Any received after that date will be returned unprocessed.** Once you have sent in your application you may register for a place at the Glastir training sessions at Llanwrst, Llandinam, or Llandeilo. **You will not be allowed to attend the training session unless your application has been received before the deadline.** If you are not already on our contractor database, or if your public liability insurance is out of date, you will receive a request for information and proof of PLI from our finance department in Aberystwyth. Please complete and return as soon as possible. **We cannot issue you with a contract until this has been done and we will not be able to pay you for your work.**

Developing Glastir woodland management

Kevin Taylor and Patrick Green are working with the Welsh Assembly Government to develop the scheme design and method of delivering woodland management in Glastir. The Glastir woodland management options will seek to deliver the outcomes in Woodlands for Wales, WAG's woodland strategy, that can be funded through Axis 2 of the Rural Development Plan. Particular emphasis will be placed on management of Plantations on Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS), conversion to Low Impact Silvicultural Systems (LISS) and bringing considerably more farm woodlands into positive management. Options for re-stocking, using diverse species mixtures, are also being considered.

Transitional arrangement update –meeting closure deadlines

Information note IN15 will be published in the [BWW reference library](#) by Friday 1st October. It will provide you and your clients with an understanding of how G&R staff will be prioritising casework in order to meet the BWW closure deadlines. IN15 will tell you how we are working to reduce the quantity of BWW cases which move back and forth between FCW and Management Planners and speed up the process from application to approval. **Read this carefully in order to get your plans to the BWW stages before the deadlines.**

Please also remember that the technical services team have a particularly heavy workload at the moment, so please be patient.



Changes to the agreed claim year for work approved for 2010/11

The deadline for amendment submission for change of claim year is 31 October 2010. This applies to WIG, restocking and new planting operations.

Severance fees

Following a recent severance fee dispute case, we would advise planners that at foundation plan, they should check that the owner wishes to proceed to management plan. Foundation plans are now automatically processed to management plan unless the planner informs FCW. For protection, planners should always ensure that they have a contract in place with their owner - this is the responsibility of the Management Planner and not FCW.

Launch of the carbon code of good practice

The potential of woodlands to soak up CO₂ from the atmosphere while providing a host of other benefits for society and biodiversity is becoming increasingly recognised, and many individuals and businesses wish to contribute to tree planting to help society soak up the carbon it emits. But before investing in such projects people want to know that schemes will actually deliver the carbon savings that they claim.

The Woodland Carbon Code will provide that reassurance. The voluntary code will encourage a consistent approach to woodland carbon projects, and offer clarity and transparency to customers about the carbon savings that their contributions may realistically achieve. To read more about this please see: www.forestry.gov.uk/carboncode

Phytophthora ramorum update

Applications from planners to provide services relating to the treatment of areas affected by Phytophthora are now being processed. A list will be published shortly on the FCW web page www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-85TDX6 This page contains the latest information on Phytophthora ramorum in Wales.

A reminder to planners, FCW will not approve or fund any larch planting in BWW plans from now on or in Glastir Woodland Creation schemes once these have been launched. For more details please go to information note IN14 in the [BWW reference library](#)

Staff Changes

After 38 years at the Clawdd Newydd office Carol Jones, technical services team leader, will be retiring at the end of October. Carol has been a valuable member of the G&R team

and we will miss her, and her extensive knowledge of grant schemes, processes and how FC operates.

BWW statistics at the end of August

BWW Case Status - All Management Planners

Current Status	Number of cases
Incomplete Application (Wales)	143
Wales Application Submitted	73
Wales Foundation Plan	256
Wales Foundation Plan Received	23
Wales Foundation Report Signing	33
Wales Management Plan	373
Initial Proposal	40
Final Proposal	5
Draft For Approval	7
Draft Contract	32
Approved	865
With Applicant	3
Closed	85
Rejected	8
Withdrawn Before Approval	8

We will now publish this information in each bulletin to give an indication of BWW cases progressing through the system and potential pressure points.