



News from the East



Forest Live Success

It's been a busy summer in the East England Forest District starting with a great program of concerts at High Lodge in Thetford Forest and Bedgebury Pinetum in Kent.

- 4 Sell Outs
- Biggest concerts ever delivered by the FC – 9750
- Over 40,000 tickets sold
- Over 15,000 cars parked

Subscribe to the [Forest Live](#) newsletter and be the first to hear about who's playing next year



Keep up to date with Harvesting Operations

Timber harvesting on the Public Forest Estate is vital to the sustainable management of the forest for people and wildlife. Harvesting sites have restricted access for everyone's safety. To help visitors plan ahead and avoid work areas we are trialling a [Forest Operations in East District](#) web page. Contact victoria.tustian@forestry.gsi.gov.uk to let us know what you think.

Bedgebury Pinetum Seed Collecting Expedition

A team from the Forestry Commission's National Pinetum at Bedgebury in Kent are currently on an epic seed-collecting expedition along the Pacific Northwest coast of America as part of their ongoing tree conservation efforts.

Keep up to date with their amazing work on the [Friends of Bedgebury Pinetum Facebook](#) page

Birchden Wood aiming for a sustainable future

[Birchden Wood](#) in Kent has undergone over £100k of improvements to sustain its onsite facilities in response to input from stakeholders and the local community. Carpark and campsite fees go toward sustainably maintaining the site's facilities along with the launch of a new Birchden Wood [Discovery Pass](#).

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Get Involved

For ways to get involved with the management of the Public Forest Estate go to the [Forestry Commission Get Involved](#) webpage



Aston Hill Volunteers rise to the challenge

Aston Hill Bike Park is a fantastic and challenging Bike Park in the south-east which is now being run by the Aston Hill Bike Park Volunteers and the Forestry Commission. The management set up of the bike park changed in February and without the enthusiastic and knowledgeable team of volunteers many of the great achievements seen over the last 7 months wouldn't have been possible. You can find out more information about the site and the trails at:

<http://www.worldbikeparks.com/aston-hill-bike-park>

Fire Risk

This summer saw a large fire in Warren Wood, Thetford Forest with evidence to suggest the fire was started by a camp fire. Unauthorised fires and BBQ's are not permitted in the forest. Help prevent forest fires by following and promoting the [Forestry Commission's 4 simple rules](#).

Breaking New Ground

The Heritage Lottery Landscape Partnership initiative, Breaking New Ground, is in full swing across the Brecks. Check out the fantastic [programme of projects](#) which include "The People's History of Thetford Forest", "Revealing the Landscape (LiDAR)" and "Wings Over the Brecks".



A Forest for the Future

A great deal of work goes into the Public Forest Estate (PFE) to sustainably manage it for People, Wildlife and Timber. Find out more about East England's work on the East District [Have Your Say](#) and [Forest Plans](#) web pages.

Do you have something to share?

Issue no. 2 will be emailed out in early January. If you have something you'd like to share, or know of someone who would like to be added to the distribution list, please contact Vicky Tustian, victoria.tustian@forestry.gsi.gov.uk