

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT WOODFUEL WORKSHOP KESWICK ~ CUMBRIA

Technical Development (Forest Management Division) recently organised a workshop to promote the use of woodfuel in Northwest England on the 13th and 14th October 2005. The event was part of a series organised by Technical Development aimed at woodland owners, managers, local authority staff and planners in collaboration with Forestry Commission England and local woodfuel organisations.



Discussing roundwood drying and storage prior to processing

The event included discussion seminars and practical demonstrations allowing participants to engage with Forestry Commission and private sector woodfuel specialists. Speakers attended from the National School of Forestry, Forestry Commission, local authorities, woodfuel consultants and the National Trust as well as woodfuel equipment and boiler suppliers.



Demonstration of small-scale firewood production

The event was organised with the help of the National Trust who provided the location for the outdoor demonstrations in Borrowdale, allowing participants to see and discuss issues relating to woodfuel chip and log production and see a variety of boiler demonstrations.

The attendees came from a broad range of public and private sector companies, individuals and businesses, with varied interests in the production and use of wood for fuel.



Woodchip boiler demonstration

Technical Development will be co-ordinating with FC staff to organise similar events during the latter part of 2005 and through 2006. Further details of these events will be posted on the FC website.