



## North West & West Midlands Area Newsletter

### EWGS Claims

**There is still £3.8m to be claimed in this financial year.**

**As soon as your work is complete, please submit your EWGS claim for payment, we need your claim in by 31 March 2013 to guarantee you payment.**

We will accept early 13/14 claims for payment as this helps us maximise the grant resource we have available.

There is limited funding available in 13/14 or beyond to allow us to agree rescheduling of existing agreements where work has not been undertaken.

### The end of the current RDPE round and what it means to you

Grant funding offered through the English Woodland Grant Scheme comes from the EU Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). The current programme finishes on the 31 December 2013.

DEFRA are currently negotiating on the details of the next programme which is due to run from 2014 through to 2020. To help ensure a smooth handover to the next RDPE programme there is a transitional period between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2015.

Depending on when you make a claim (before, during, or after this period) there may be an impact on your scheme.

Some important points to bear in mind:

#### Current Applications:

- If you wish to apply for a grant in this RDPE round the agreement must be approved by 31 December 2013.
- Woodland Management Grant 2014 – we will be accepting applications up until 31 October 2013 for payment in 2014.

For more information please see the [National Email Alerts](#)

### North West & West Midlands Area Team

Joyce Smith and Debbie Rushton have now left the FC after a combined 25 years of service. All grant and felling licence application processing has been transferred to Worcester.

Please send all claims, grant, felling licence or map requests to either Ludlow or Worcester for processing. Please **do not** send any claims, grant, felling licence or map requests to the Penrith Area office as this may result in a delay in your application being processed.

### Useful Contact Details

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### You Tube Tutorials!

Have a look at '10 easy steps to apply for a Woodfuel WIG' on the [Ngage YouTube Channel](#). The videos explain everything you need to know about Woodfuel WIG, with helpful information on the eligibility criteria, filling out an application form, getting planning permission, and claiming the grant.

