

# Non Forestry Activity: Business Leases on the Public Forest Estate



The management of the public forest estate includes activities that are not directly related to growing trees. For example, recreational and leisure activities, the extraction of minerals and keeping better quality land integrated into the forest to be let for agricultural use. In addition some built property has become surplus and is let out on the open market to rural businesses.



The table below demonstrates the number of non forestry businesses on the estate providing wealth, development and employment in rural communities. These activities do not reduce the overall size of the estate and are worth in the region of £7 million per year. This helps to offset the costs of running the estate.

## Summary of business leases on the Public Forest Estate (PFE)

Development Type	Total leases on the PFE	Location					
		North England	Yorkshire	Central England	West England	East England	South England
Agricultural Holding	11	5	2		2		2
Cabin Sites	5		1	1	2		1
Café / Bike Hire / Other	56	12	3	13	10	11	7
Camping Sites	18	1	1	2	3	1	10
Green Burials	2			1		1	
High Wire Courses	15	2	1	4	3	3	2
Mineral Working	16	2	1	1	10		2



Summary of business leases on the Public Forest Estate (PFE) continued

Development Type	Total leases on the PFE	Location					
		North England	Yorkshire	Central England	West England	East England	South England
Non Residential Building Let	4				1	1	2
Other	5				3	1	1
Residential Building Let	23	13	1	2	6	1	
Telecommunications	118	26	9	12	29	21	21
Waste Management	2				1		1
Wind Farm (access only)	1	1					

