



Accessing Grant Aid for Forestry Businesses through the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)

RDPE aims to protect and improve rural forestry environments, develop the competitiveness of the agricultural sector and encourage strong sustainable rural business within thriving rural communities.

One of the main aims of the new Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) is to make agriculture and forestry more competitive and fit for the future. Worth £3.9bn until 2013 and funded by the European Union and Defra, the fund is managed in North East England by One North East, Natural England and the Forestry Commission.

We will be holding a series of FREE events to promote the RDPE in the North East of England, for foresters, contractors, managers, agents and landowners

For more information and to book, please contact Pam Baker on 01670 513292 or pam.baker@ruraldevelopment.org.uk

EVENING EVENTS (5pm - 8pm)

for forestry contractors, businesses and woodland workers.

These events will cover Woodfuel Supply Chain grants (BioNErgy), Forestry and Woodland Training Grants (LandSkills), and the Microenterprise Fund with representatives of the Forestry Commission, Business Link and Rural Development Initiatives.

**19th May - Lee Moor Farm Business Park, Alnwick
21st May - Tynedale Function Suite, Hexham
26th May - The Phoenix Inn, Cramlington
28th May - Durham Leadership Centre, Spennymoor**

A buffet and refreshments will be provided at all events

DAYTIME EVENTS (11am - 4pm)

for land owners, agents and forestry managers

These events will concentrate predominantly on the English Woodlands Grant Scheme (EWGS), as well as providing information on the other funding schemes available, with representatives of the Forestry Commission, Natural England and Rural Development Initiatives.

**26th May - The Clock Room, Blagdon Estate, Cramlington
28th May - Durham Leadership Centre, Spennymoor**

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Come along to see how you can access grant aid and support for your woodland and forestry business

