

What has been purchased with support from the SEWTF?

- " Log Splitters
- " Kindling Machine
- " Firewood Processors
- " Tractors
- " Crane Trailers
- " Woodfuel Chippers
- " Fork Lift Truck
- " Mobile Sawmill
- " Sawbench Equipment
- " Marketing Strategy
- " Development of regional web-based directory



Where can I find out more?

For information on ALL these funding streams please go to:

www.forestry.gov.uk/segrants
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South East Woodland and Timber Fund

Forestry Framework Officer
Forestry Commission - **01420 23337**

Other funding for forestry businesses

Rural Development Program for England (RDPE) Direct to SEEDA

Funding for woodland owners, foresters and contractors to invest in their woodlands and businesses through purchase of capital equipment for woodland management, timber processing and adding value. Managed by the SEEDA and available until 2013.

RDPE LEADER

Supports the same types of projects as RDPE Direct, only smaller scale (up to £50,000 grant) within specific local LEADER designated areas. Available until 2013.

LandSkills South East

Subsidised training with selected training providers in woodland management, forestry skills, business development, health and safety. Managed by LANTRA. Available until 2013.

English Woodland Grant Scheme

Supports the creation, improvement and management of woodlands which deliver public benefits. Managed by the Forestry Commission.

Funding Opportunities for Forestry South East Woodland & Timber Fund

This programme received funding from the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)

Up to 50% grants available to help you

- add value to woodland products
- expand your forestry business
- develop your sawmill enterprise
- provide training for you and your employees



What are the aims of the South East Woodland & Timber Fund?



Rough terrain Fork Lift to reduce manual handling and increase efficiency and improve product presentation and organisation.

- " to add value to timber products
- " to improve linkages in the supply chain
- " to build the market for local wood products
- " to increase the skills of workers in the industry through training
- " to improve the economic viability of forestry businesses
- " to encourage collaborative working

What kind of activities and projects will the SEWTF fund?



Large and efficient timber forwarder. Larger volumes of fuel wood extracted giving added value to low grade timber. Safeguarded full-time forestry jobs.

The assessment panel will be looking for projects that contribute towards the aims of the fund.

The following are examples of the types of projects that could be supported by the fund:

- " Investment in timber processing and handling equipment, e.g. firewood processor, tractor, crane trailer, mobile sawbench, forklift
- " More than 6 hours of training in the workplace
- " Market research to widen the use of timber in the region

Who can apply for funding?

- " Applicants must have their business based in South East England
- " The Applicant's business must be primarily concerned with using or promoting forestry and woodland products from the region

Note: If the Applicant and the project are eligible for funding under RDPE, they may be directed to RDPE Direct or RDPE Leader as the SEWTF was designed for those projects that are ineligible under RDPE Leader.

How do I apply for funding?

- " Download the Application Form and Guide from www.forestry.gov.uk/sewtf. Please see the Guide for fuller information on projects and eligibility.
- " Complete the Application Form
- " Submit your application to the email address, or to the Forestry Commission office, given on the Application Form

NB: All applications are competitive. Collaborative projects are encouraged, i.e. those that involve at least two forestry businesses working together will have an advantage over others.

The SEWTF is available for the 09/10 financial year. There are two rounds of applications with closing dates in April and October; please see the SEWTF web page above for the actual dates. An assessment panel will subsequently meet to determine which projects will be awarded funding.

If you do not have access to a computer, would like to discuss your idea or have help with completing your application form, please see the Forestry Framework Officer contact details on the back of the leaflet.

