

**South West Regional Woodland and Forestry Framework -
Towards an Implementation Plan for 2009-12
Stakeholder Workshop Thursday 12th March 2009
The Riverside Centre, Exeter**

**Chair: Justin Milward, Regional Policy Officer, Woodland Trust and
Chair of RWFF Delivery Group**

- 9.30 - 10.00 **Registration, refreshments**
- 10.00 **Welcome and Introduction: context and challenge**
Justin Milward, Chair RWFF Delivery Group
**What's up and coming? New opportunities and challenges
for the region**
Matthew Woodcock, Acting Regional Director, Forestry
Commission
- Achievements of the first RWFF Implementation Plan-
introduction to case studies** Justin Milward
The Natural Environment and Ancient Woodland
Roger Griffin, Wiltshire Team leader, Natural England
The SW Woodland Directory and other initiatives
Chris Roberts, ConFor
Woodland cycling in the SW
Paul Hawkins, Forestry Commission
- Introduction to working groups**
Mike Edwards
- 11.30 **Refreshments and Comfort break**
- 11.50 **Workshop Session 1** - all attend 1 of 4 theme working groups
- 12.45 **LUNCH**
- 13.30 **The Coordinated Woodfuel Initiative**
Dave Dixon, South West Protected Landscapes Forum
Climate change and woodland in the SW
Simon Bates, Senior Specialist, Natural England
- 14.00 **Workshop Session 2** – all attend second theme group
- 14.50 **What next?** Justin Milward
- 15.00 **Depart**

WORKSHOP THEMES

Business and Markets
Quality of Life

Climate Change
Natural Environment

Notes on workshops:

1. Participants will attend the theme groups according to their preferences, as far as possible. Each participant can thus attend two of the four groups.
2. Workshops will cover both content and process. Information from the completed questionnaires will be available for all to view. Each theme group will be asked to consider:
 - their priorities for action over next 3 years; where representing a group, participants should relate these to their own organisation's or sector's priority objectives within the workshop theme;
 - what the group considers the top 5 actions to achieve objectives, who will carry them out, and how;
 - how progress will be measured – by outcomes rather than outputs;
 - how progress will be reported to the RWFF Delivery Group, and by whom;
 - communication – what is needed that isn't already happening, eg to spread good practice, inform, engage other groups or woodland owners;
 - what, if anything, has been missed in the above?
3. Each group will have a facilitator and a scribe.
4. Afternoon workshop will produce additional or different priority actions.
5. The results from this and the second event in April will be available to view on the RWFF pages of the Forestry Commission website. The identified priority actions, and the workshop discussions, will inform the RWFF Implementation Plan for 2009-12. There will be an opportunity for further input and comment.

Background information:

The Regional Woodland and Forestry Framework and 2006-9 Implementation Plan can be viewed at www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infid-7bcj3x.

The England Trees, Woods and Forests Delivery Plan, published December 2008, can be viewed at www.forestry.gov.uk/etwf. A summary is available at

[http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/eng-etwf-delivery-plan-summary.pdf/\\$FILE/eng-etwf-delivery-plan-summary.pdf](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/eng-etwf-delivery-plan-summary.pdf/$FILE/eng-etwf-delivery-plan-summary.pdf). Copies of all these documents will be available at the workshop.

