

Fund	Timber	Roads
Description of work supported	Collection of accurate woodland inventory data, the marketing of timber, and management and supervision of processing and harvesting operations in neglected woodlands	Provision of vehicular access to areas of inaccessible timber and upgrading of poor quality access for the purpose of extracting timber and wood products economically and sustainably
Contribution rate	60% contribution to standard costs	60% contribution towards the receipted invoices for work agreed, up to a maximum value as set out on the contract following competitive tender

Eligibility

General criteria

- Land must be registered on the Rural Land Register.
- Any proposals must not be detrimental to the environmental value of the woodland.
- An approved, up to date management plan must be in place.
- The total value of grant support must be proportionate to the volume of timber (and associated carbon value) harvested. As a guide we are using £50.00/tonne of timber as the maximum.
- Any permissions that may be needed from other authorities or agencies should already be in place.
- The work support must be completed by February 2013.

Timber fund criteria

- An eligible woodland area must have missed two or more conventional thinning interventions.

Roads fund criteria

- A lack of vehicular access which, is key to the economic management of the woodland.
- Minimum of 3 quotes.
- Based on receipted invoices.
- Harvesting work must be as per the management plan.

Management Planning

The applicant will demonstrate the need for investment by submitting a current and approved woodland management plan that;

- identifies undermanaged or inaccessible forest and woodland areas;
- provides basic woodland inventory data;
- provides analysis of the suitability of, or need for access infrastructure for timber extraction.

Timber Fund

Woodfuel WIG - Timber will support the gathering of woodland inventory data, the preparation of sales and marketing information, and the contract management and supervision costs needed to bring under-managed or neglected woodlands into productive management.

- Woodland inventory data collection - basal area and volume assessments
- compartment record keeping
- tree marking in sample plots
- drawing up sales contracts or tender documents
- preparing the sales contract, and initial site induction for the contractor
- management and supervision of timber harvesting and processing to ensure adherence to UKFS
- bringing appropriate harvesting and processing machinery to the woodland
- monitoring of site conditions with regard to wider environmental and social benefits e.g. ecology, cultural heritage

Road Fund

Woodfuel WIG - Roads will support road infrastructure where it is shown that lack of vehicle access is a key constraint to the economic management of woodland. This may include:

- stump clearance along agreed access routes or line of the forest roads
- creating and profiling forest roads for haulage lorries
- creating forest road entrances adjoining the public highway
- creating timber transfer points and stacking areas
- creating forest access routes for mechanised timber harvesting and extraction
- installing culverts and other roadside drainage
- obtaining appropriate stone products for the formation of the agreed infrastructure
- security for new entrance points and access infrastructure

Actual costs

Infrastructure Fund is based on actual rather than standard costs. Grant will only be offered based on a minimum of 3 quotes, and grant payment will be subject to receipted invoices.

The FC will pay 60% towards the approved grant or the total of the receipted invoices, whichever is the lower.

Woodland Regeneration Grant

WRG has been revised to:

- help simplify the system
- to ensure it reflects the recently published 'Ancient and native woodland practice guide'

Restock species	Ancient Woodland Site	Non-ancient woodland site	Supplement for <i>Phytophthora</i> infected sites
Native	1750	1000	1500
Non-native	0	500	1500