



English Woodland Grant Scheme

Email Alert March 2007

2006/2007 Grant Claims - 31st March deadline

Remember that you must complete all work and submit your claim for 2006/2007 grants by the 31st March 2007. If you do not claim by this date, the grant offer will be lost and the FC will not pay the grant.

If you are not going to complete the work in time or wish to carry out the work later on, the FC may be able to reschedule the grant to a future claim year. You will need to submit a request to reschedule via an amendment form, letter or email by the 31st March 2007. Please note that the FC will consider rescheduling requests in line with [Operations Note 7: FC England Grant Management Policy](#) (PDF 40kb)

Farm Woodland Scheme (FWS) and Farm Woodland Premium Scheme (FWPS)

The administration of FWS and FWPS will be transferred from Natural England to the Forestry Commission on 26 March 2007. The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is authorising the FC to perform these functions in an agreement made under Part 8 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

Further details can be found in the [Farm Woodlands](#) pages.

Agricultural Waste Regulations

This recent regulation seeks to ensure agricultural waste is dealt with appropriately. The burning or chipping of woodland arisings on farms is one of the activities which the regulations cover. You can however, apply for an exemption to continue carrying out burning / chipping. It is envisaged that the landowner will normally apply for the exemption but others can do it on their behalf.

In order to comply with the regulations, you should apply for an exemption with the Environment Agency by the 15th May 2007. Further details are available from the [Environment Agency website](#). A pack with the forms and guidance on how to apply for an exemption can be ordered via their helpline 0845 603 3113.

Operations Note 15: Deadwood

[Operations Note 15: Deadwood](#) (PDF 35kb) has recently been updated to reflect the changes in deadwood requirements under the revised UK Woodland Assurance Standard. The change is from "3 standing, 3 fallen" to "moving towards/maintaining 15-20 cubic metres/ha".
