



English Woodland Grant Scheme

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We are currently entering a transition phase from the England Rural Development Programme (ERDP) 2000-2006 to the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) 2007-2013. Due to delays in RDPE approval at European level, the new programme won't be in place from the 1st January 2007 and this may affect EWGS applicants. We have developed plans to manage this, the objectives being to:

- minimise disruption to the grant scheme
- ensure continuity of support for grant customers and the forestry industry
- ensure grant customers are not exposed to unsecured financial liabilities
- keep everyone informed with regular updates on developments

A page has been set up on the FC website and it includes an information note explaining the background to the plan and how people may be affected. In addition, we will be writing individually to people with applications in progress and also advising any new applicants.

The webpage for further information is:

www.forestry.gov.uk/rdpe

If you have any further queries, you should contact your local conservancy office.
