

# Anglia Woodfuels Newsletter

## March 2010



### Renewable Heat Incentive – Gary Battell

There has never been a better time to install a woodfuel boiler. The Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) is being introduced in 2011 and anyone installing a woodfuel boiler between now and then will be eligible for the RHI. The RHI is currently out for consultation and the draft prices of between 6-9p per kWh for most boilers look very attractive indeed; with full payback times likely to be under 10 years for a boiler that will probably serve 20 years. Not only will the RHI cover the costs of your boiler and fuel, Woodfuels East are also able to offer grants for woodfuel harvesting equipment, woodfuel storage and woodland advisory visits.

There are an excellent range of woodchip and log boilers available on the market from local suppliers such as Energy Innovations, Riley Reka and Econergy. Many of these boilers have de-ashing systems, are fully automated and run with the same performance you would expect from a modern oil boiler. Anglia Woodfuels offer a quality chipping service and impartial boiler advice and so installing and running has never been easier or cheaper.



### Staff Profile – Kevin Ross

In 2009 I joined Anglia Woodfuels as the lorry mounted wood chipper operator. As well as visiting members' properties to chip woodfuel, I also attend various shows with the wood chipper and carry out demonstrations of its capabilities. With the vast experience I have in mechanics and forestry, I set up my own firewood business which I continue to run. I started my working life as an apprentice gunsmith. After getting my qualification I worked as a self-employed gunsmith for 7 years. This was combined with harvesting and autumn drilling on a

local farm, as I am a typical country boy at heart. Away from work I am interested in grass track and speedway. This interest developed into full time employment in 1980 when I moved to Canada and worked as a motor cycle fitter. During this time I learned to ski and try to take at least one skiing holiday each year.

### Price Changes

Please note; the full membership price has now decreased to £75 per annum with no joining fee. The associate membership price is still £25 per annum.

### New Website

Please visit our new website at [www.angliawoodfuels.co.uk](http://www.angliawoodfuels.co.uk) and if you have any suggestions for change, or would like to advertise on our website please contact Lucy Allen on 01603 881 805 or [lucy.allen@angliafarmers.co.uk](mailto:lucy.allen@angliafarmers.co.uk)

### Renewable Energy Events

The first event will be at our office in Honingham Thorpe, Colton, Norwich, Norfolk, NR9 5BZ on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30am. Invitations will be sent out in due course.

### Events January to June 2010 \*Chipper will be attending

Date	Event	Location
<b>Spring 2010</b>	<b>Royal Forestry Society*</b>	<b>Bayfield Farms, Bayfield Hall, Norfolk *</b>
14 May	Renewable Energy Event*	Honingham Thorpe Office, Norwich
<b>2 and 3 June</b>	<b>Suffolk Show*</b>	<b>Trinity Park, Suffolk Showground, Ipswich</b>
9 and 10 June	Cereals	Cambridgeshire
<b>18 – 20 June</b>	<b>East Of England Show</b>	<b>Peterborough Showground</b>
30 June - 1 July	Royal Norfolk Show	Costessey Showground, Norwich

### **Woodfuel East's Subsidised Advisory Service**

Woodfuel East is offering a subsidised advisory service to woodland owners and occupiers of woodland. Five advisory providers were successful in tendering to offer their services. Two are FWAG and UPM Tillhill and the other three are detailed below;

#### **Lockhart Garratt**

As a selected Woodfuel East contractor, Lockhart Garratt Ltd (LGL) is offering a day of professional time from £100.00 + VAT. This includes a site visit (up to half day) by a professional forester to assess your woodland's potential and discuss management options, high quality, written report summarising your woodland's characteristics, available grant support and its economic potential e.g. timber production and woodfuel opportunities, all travel and other expenses.

The benefits of our service are affordable, bespoke professional advice on your woodland, minimal paperwork - just your signature on the report and data consent form, a summary report which will help you to understand your woodland resource and opportunities, and to formulate a woodland management strategy and objectives, the report template has been specifically designed by Woodfuel East to capture much of the information required when applying for Forestry Commission English Woodland Grant Scheme or other relevant funding mechanisms, potential for further grant assistance under this project to help implement your objectives.

Please contact Karen Russell on 01536 408840 or [karen.russell@lockhart-garratt.co.uk](mailto:karen.russell@lockhart-garratt.co.uk)  
More information is available on [www.lockhart-garratt.co.uk](http://www.lockhart-garratt.co.uk)

#### **Silvicultural Systems Ltd**

Silvicultural Systems Ltd is a forestry contracting and consultancy business covering East Anglia, the East Midlands and the South East. Our consultants have several decades of experience in the management of local woodlands and remain at all times up to date with the available grant schemes, health and safety legislation, habitat regulations, market conditions, and all the other factors affecting best-practice management of a woodland. Our advice is of highly practical nature and will clearly identify the options available for the future management of your woodland and provide the realistic budget forecasts essential for informed decision-making. Our price is £83 a day. To discuss this exciting initiative in more detail please talk directly to one of our consultants:

John Fulcher on 07787 536728

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Richard Sochacki on 07778 028493

Or visit our website at [www.silvicultural-systems.co.uk](http://www.silvicultural-systems.co.uk)

#### **Smiths Gore – Woodland East Advisors**

Smiths Gore's Forest, Woodland and Arboriculture Department has recently been successful in becoming one of the nominated advisors for Woodland East. As such, Smiths Gore are able to offer subsidised advisory visits to woodland owners resulting in a detailed report providing an accurate picture of their woodland and the potential timber income and grants available to help meet their woodland management objectives. The Forestry, Woodland and Arboriculture Department was set up by Smiths Gore five years ago to service the woodland management needs of our existing clients. The firm is actively involved in the management of over 4000 hectares of mixed woodlands in the Midlands, North East and South East of England. The cost of each days visit would be £400+VAT with £320 (80% subsidy) being met by Woodfuel East giving a net cost to the woodland owner of £80+VAT. Please note that two or three days may be required when dealing with larger woodland areas and day rates will be charged on pro-rata basis.

Please contact Marc Liebrecht, Smiths Gore on 01543 261999 for more information.

