Managing Hedges for Woodfuel

Practical Workshop

Thursday 27th March 2014, 10am – 4pm

Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall, Newbury, RG20 0HR

This is a practical day looking at all aspects of managing hedgerows for woodfuel aimed at farmers, landowners, woodland workers and advisors.

Over the course of the day we will cover; appropriate machinery and methods; assessing the woodfuel volumes in different hedgerows; hedge management options and considerations; fuel quality and combustion options. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion throughout the day.

Draft programme:

1. Coffee, welcome and introduction to the day.
2. Guided walk around Elm Farm looking at hedgerow management including an explanation of the hedge management cycle, resource assessment methods and harvesting considerations.

   Lunch
3. Harvesting and processing methods – presentation of options followed by discussion and (conditions allowing) a field session with a machinery demonstration.
4. Processing options - examination of chip/ fuel quality and discussion of boilers/ burners.
5. Feedback and discussion followed by tea and cake.

To reserve your place please complete the attached booking form and return it to: gillian.w@organicresearchcentre.com or Gillian Woodward, The Organic Research Centre, Elm Farm, Hamstead Marshall, RG20 OHR **by Monday 17 March** or register and book online. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

We are asking for £12 (inc. VAT) to cover administration costs and lunch/ refreshments

We will also be holding a guided walk for members of the public at Elm Farm on Saturday 5th April, looking at a range of hedgerows and management methods – for further details see our website.

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