

Crofters and Small Landholders Skills for the 21st Century

Forestry courses – a selection of courses that can be offered

Planting Forest Trees. A one day course in Planting Forest Trees for employees, contractors and volunteers inexperienced in the handling and planting of forest trees. The course covers:

- Current Planting Objectives
- Safety on site
- Types of damage to plants
- Planting equipment
- Types of cultivation
- Methods of disposal of different types of contaminated waste

Coppicing. This **2 day course** on Coppicing will relay traditional skills in a hands-on field environment, with supervision from an experienced craftsman/professional tutor. Course Content:

- Care and maintenance of coppicing tools
- Safety procedures
- Restoration of derelict coppice back into management
- Cutting material already in management
- Use of coppiced materials and market

Chainsaws – Maintenance and cross-cutting. A **two-day course** for a maximum of four trainees, covering:

- Workshop safety awareness
- Guide bar, saw chain and power unit maintenance
- Re-assembly
- Health and safety features
- Lubrication and fuelling
- Personal protective equipment
- Starting and pre-cutting checks
- Site safety awareness
- Cross-cutting and stacking timber.

Woodchipper. One day training course covering:

- Risk Assessment
- Legislation
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Pre-use checks
- Safety Features
- Routine checks and maintenance
- Cutter and anvil checks
- Start machine and carry out safety checks
- Preparation of site, machine and materials
- Operation of woodchipper
- Unblocking woodchipper
- End uses of woodchip
- Cleaning, transport and storage

Other courses on offer may include:

Basic deer management

Structural support for trees
Selection of trees (thinning)
Brushing and pruning
Removal of small trees (using hand tools)
Ground preparation (by hand)
Protection of newly planted trees
Firewood
Green wood working