

Sussex and Surrey Coppice Group Contract for Working Coppice

Contract for cutting coppice woodland between.....(hereinafter referred to as the landowner) and.....(hereinafter referred to as the coppice worker).

1/ The coppice woodland to be cut is called.....and the boundaries of the agreed area to be cut are outlined in red on the enclosed map (scale 1:2500).

2/ It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure that the woodland has either a felling licence or is under a woodland grant scheme contract unless the coppice is less than 15cm in diameter 1.3 metres from the ground. Copies of any forestry authority contract affecting the woodland should be given to the coppice worker.

3/ The period of this contract for cutting coppice commences on.....until.....

4/ The period for this contract for adding value in the woodland to the cut coppices commences..... until..... If adding value is taking place in the woodland, the coppice worker should list the type of adding value work to be undertaken

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5/ The routes for extraction of product from the woodland should be marked on the enclosed map in blue. The period of this contract for extraction of produce commences.....until.....

6/ The period of this contract for the coppice worker to reside on the land while cutting and or adding value under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 as a seasonal forestry worker commences.....until.....

7/ Deer and rabbit control, delete as necessary

a/ The landowner will take full responsibility for deer and rabbit control in the woodland after coppicing.

b/ The coppice worker will construct brush hedges around the cut coppice of.....in height andin width, all other responsibility for deer and rabbit control is that of the landowner.

c/ A deer fence of.....height and a rabbit fence of.....height, dug into the ground.....inches will be constructed by.....all other responsibility for deer and rabbit control is that of the landowner.

d/ Other suggestions

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8/ The coppice worker shall have a maximum of.....burning sites per acre/hectare.

9/ At the termination of this contract, the coppice worker agrees to leave the woodland tidy of piles of brash unless otherwise specified by the landowner and clean of rubbish. Providing this is done to the satisfaction of the landowner, the landowner agrees to offer the coppice worker **first** refusal on the next cut.

10/ Is the woodland certified under the Forest Stewardship council scheme? Yes/No.

11/ The landowner will advise the coppice worker prior to commencement of work of any hazards or constraints associated with the woodland. The coppice worker shall comply with statutory health and safety regulations, and shall have insurance cover as required by the landowner against any liability appropriate for the woodland.

12/ Woodland rides should be left in good and useable condition at the end of the contract period. Details of how the rides should be left should be laid out in 13/.

13/ The landowner and coppice worker agree to the following extra tasks to be undertaken within the woodland by the coppice worker during the agreed period of this contract.....

14/ The financial agreement between the landowner and the coppice worker is as follows.....

To be paid (delete as appropriate) in installments of..... in full by..... other arrangement.....

15/ Failure as a result of an act of God, flood, fires, war shall not be regarded as a breach of contract. If disagreement occurs the parties will seek from the committee of the Sussex and Surrey Coppice Group the services of an arbitrator *to determine the matter*.

Signed.....(landowner) date.....

Signed.....(coppice worker) date.....