

An Invitation

North Wessex Downs Woodland Forum

Wednesday 6th
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Starting 9.30am at Hungerford Town Hall,
Hungerford, Berkshire RG17 0NJ

The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty invites you to attend the inaugural event of the North Wessex Downs Woodland Forum.

We know that a viable forestry sector helps to deliver a wide range of economic, environmental and public benefits. To this end the North Wessex Downs have engaged Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust to run a series of events to promote sustainable woodland management. Following a series of successful woodland management workshops on various topics we are now looking to bring together many of the ideas that have been raised and to look at how, together, we can better support woodland management within the area. You can help to contribute to this activity, by joining the discussion through the North Wessex Downs Woodland Forum.

Who should attend?

Anyone who has a professional or personal interest in the woodlands of the North Wessex Downs.

This could include:

- Woodland owners/managers
- Private Forestry contractors and employees
- Land Agents
- Game Managers
- Community groups currently managing woodlands
- Conservation Professionals

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Following a series of woodland management workshops held in the North Wessex Downs this year, participants have identified a number of topics that if addressed could help to encourage sustainable management of woodlands within the North Wessex Downs. This forum seeks to investigate these topics further and begin to look at ways of addressing them.

Topics will include:

- Market opportunities
- Communication and opportunities for collaboration
- Community-supported forestry
- Management of Semi-Natural Ancient Woodland

This is your chance to influence support for woodland management in the AONB going forward. You do not need to have attended any of the previous workshops.

AGENDA

09.30	Coffee and registration
09.45	Welcome and introduction to the day
10.00 – 13.00	MORNING SESSION The morning session will be a chance to hear about successful woodland projects and look at the priorities for sustainable woodland management in the North Wessex Downs AONB. There will be opportunities to share experiences with other participants. Experts from the Forestry Commission will also be on hand to give updates on current issues including climate change and infections such as Chalara fraxinea.
13.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	AFTERNOON SESSION The focus of the afternoon will be in helping to shape a programme of activity that addresses the priorities identified and benefits from examples given in the morning presentations. A series of facilitated discussion groups will be held to enable participants to contribute ideas regarding the nature and scope of activities, resources required, fundraising and management.
16.00	Close

Reply Form

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I would like to attend the workshop

Name

Position

Organisation

Address

Telephone

Email

I enclose a cheque for £8 per person per workshop made payable to:

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Please tell us of any special dietary requirements

please tick here if you do not wish to receive further information from the North Wessex Downs AONB

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