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Summary of woodfuel services and grant support – West Midlands Sept 08

Available now – Heartwoods AONB ‘Wood for Heat’ project.

Contact Andy at Heartwoods.

For farms and rural properties within the Shropshire Hills and Malvern Hills AONB areas.

- Advice on woodfuel heating
- 75% funded feasibility studies for selected sites
- Guidance on grant applications and obtaining quotations for installations.

Available now – Wyre Forest Woodfuel pathfinder.

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For all sites in and around the Wyre Forest.

- Advice on woodfuel heating systems
- Free site visits to assess potential for wood fuel sourcing, supply and use.
- Free feasibility studies for boiler installations.
- Guidance on grant applications and obtaining quotations for installations.
- Free Website listings for wood fuel suppliers.

1. Heartwoods Woodfuel support services (*commencing late 08/ early 09*)

- 2 day Woodfuel training courses run throughout the region. (funded to ~70%)
- Funding for trainees to carry out ‘woodfuel opportunity assessments’ (~70%)
- Installation feasibility studies (funded 70%)
- Subsidised woodland management planning and advisory services. (~80% funded up to 1500 euro per site) (delivered by private forest management partners)
- Specialist business support and advisory services. (with business link at 50%)
- Other training/ awareness raising/ networking events delivered as need identified.

2. AWM Rural enterprise grant - REG - (*launched Wednesday 1st October – Grants available Jan 09*)

- Details on the **AWM website** from 1st October – Expressions of Interest accepted from this date.
- Capital grant aid for supply chain equipment/ buildings/ installations and more up to £62k.

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- Projects over £62k have to complete an AWM 'Full Application'.

3. Defra Bio-energy Capital Grants scheme.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/crops/industrial/energy/capital-grants.htm>

- Grant support of up to 40% of the cost difference between woodfuel and fossil fuel installations up to £100k.
- For commercial, industrial and community installations, individuals not eligible.
- Includes associated works.
- Has approx 6 week application 'rounds', next due in Autumn 08.

4. Defra Bio-energy Infrastructure scheme.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/crops/industrial/energy/infrastructure.htm>

- Grant support for supply chain companies and producer groups. (SMEs)
- Varying grant rates for different costs (higher for revenue, lower for capital and receding grant rates over the term of multi year projects) up to a maximum of £200k.
- Have to demonstrate a market for biomass fuel.
- Has approx 6 week application 'rounds', next due in Winter 08.

5. Low carbon buildings Programme.

- Grants for a wide range of renewable technologies for domestic, commercial, public, private and third sector organisations, under 2 streams;

Phase I of LCBP provides grants to householders of up to £2,500 per property towards the cost of installing a certified product by a certified installer. From April 1st new applications are being invited until June 2010 or until there are no more funds available whichever is the sooner, with the scheme to close in March 2011. Information on the household phase of the LCBP is available from the website at <http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk>, or from the helpline on 0800 915 0990.

Phase II of LCBP provides grants for the installation of microgeneration technologies to public sector buildings (including schools, hospitals, housing associations and local authorities) and charitable bodies. From April 1st grant caps will be increased to 50% across all technologies, bringing them in line with the funding available for solar PV funding. Grants of up to £1m are available per eligible site. Information on phase II of the LCBP is available from the website at <http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk>, or from the helpline on 08704 23 23 13