

Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programmes "Logs for Labour", an exchange between volunteers and woodland managers in UK

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- **Actor/s:** Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment, local volunteers, local woodland owners
- **State of the activity:** started in 2012, ongoing
- **Keywords.** production and sustainable use of woodfuel, woodfuel standard, volunteers



Summary

The Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme aims to promote the production and sustainable use of woodfuel in Oxfordshire.

Description of activities

Background. Key activities to date have been the development of an Oxfordshire woodfuel standard for small-scale providers, training sessions, promotion of biomass boilers, and the (by now well-known) "Logs for Labour" programme.

Activities. The key current activity is the "Logs for Labour" programme which matches up volunteers who are happy to help manage woodlands with woodland managers who could use the help and are happy to provide logs in return. Logs for Labour is a win-win-win: woodland management, free renewable fuel and good exercise.

Outlook

Challenges. Continued funding! To date, the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment has funded the programme coordinator. We are looking at ways of getting funding from the volunteers and woodland owners who profit from the programme.

Next steps. Last year we started to run 'Introduction to Logs for Labour' courses. The participants were so enthusiastic about these courses that we will run them again in the future, but are also considering more advanced courses, for instance on woodland management and use of tools.

Source and contact

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