



Woodland owner? Forestry contractor?
Become a wood fuel supplier

Be part of the West of England's sustainable biomass energy initiative

If you're a woodland owner or forestry contractor then we'd like to introduce you to the benefits of the Westwoods project

Westwoods is an independent, not-for-profit wood fuel producer group set up with government funding and Forestry Commission support to help expand the use of sustainable wood fuel for biomass energy boilers in the West of England.

We are working with local wood producers who are interested in supplying one or more of the projects that Westwoods will be tendering to prospective wood fuel suppliers. These projects include schools and elderly peoples' homes in Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset. In total, around 8,000 tonnes of locally sourced woodfuel will be required over the next 18 months – and that's just the start!



What we can offer you

We are now seeking supplier members of Westwoods to meet the anticipated demand for wood fuel in Avon and Somerset.

Membership is FREE. As a member you will receive the following benefits:

- Information and guidance on starting a woodfuel supply business, provided through open days and training.
- Access to woodfuel supply tenders coming on-stream from local authorities and other end users.
- Hand-holding assistance in contract preparation.
- Access to quality control procedures e.g. testing wood chip for moisture content and particle size etc.
- Rental of woodfuel supply machinery.

How does it work?

We act as broker connecting wood fuel producers with (biomass energy) consumers such as schools and local authorities.

Where needed we draw up a technical specification for the customer's wood fuel requirements.

Westwoods' members are then invited to submit a tender to meet the supply contract.

Tenders are passed directly to the consumer for evaluation. (Westwoods can provide technical assistance to help customers evaluate tenders if required).

A contract is drawn up between the wood fuel producer and the consumer.

For the benefit of both producers and consumers Westwoods provides a quality control service with support, advice and information to ensure that fuels meet the minimum technical specification.

What does it cost?

Membership is free.

Westwoods is a not-for-profit group. To cover the cost of providing support and quality control procedures we take a 2% brokering fee (chargeable to the wood fuel consumer). For a 150 tonne contract this would be in the order of £270/year.



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