



# How grants can help your forestry business

Free, specialist support is now available to forestry businesses from the Forestry Commission England to help them access Rural Development Programme (RDPE) funding.



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WOODLANDS  
WORK**

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# Do you want to expand your forestry business?

Forestry businesses can apply for funding via a number of different RDPE grant schemes – Growth Programme, LEADER, Countryside Productivity and Countryside Stewardship. Some of these grants can cover up to 40% of the total costs for a project that enhances the potential of woodland or adds value to a forestry product. Money is available for a variety of activities including woodland harvesting, extraction and small-scale processing kit, as well as for creating alternative products and developing new forest technologies.

## Access free, specialist advice

The Forestry Commission is running a series of local events – including application masterclasses and ‘pie and pint’ evenings – for forestry contractors, producers and related businesses to provide a detailed overview of the grants available and practical advice on how to apply. For further information, including a full list of these events, see: [www.forestry.gov.uk/other-rdpe](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/other-rdpe)

## Free events in Cheshire and Warrington

### Breakfast briefing

**Thursday 12th November**, The Windmill Inn, Chester Road, Tabley, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0HW, 7.30-9.30am.

### Application masterclass

**Tuesday 1st December**, The Mersey Forest Offices, Risley Moss, Ordnance Avenue, Birchwood, Warrington, WA3 6QX, 1-4pm.

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To register your place email, [nwmm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:nwmm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) or phone Graham on 0300 067 4190. There is limited capacity at each event and so it is **essential you register** as soon as possible to guarantee your place.

The “Breakfast briefing” is an informal networking opportunity including some short presentations, your chance to ask questions and discuss proposals, with a drink of your choice and some breakfast food.

The “Application masterclass” workshop will go through Countryside Productivity and LEADER grant applications in detail, with opportunities to ask questions and discuss proposals, with tea, coffee and biscuits.

Forestry Commission England works to enable the forestry sector, land owners and land managers to protect, improve and expand England’s woodlands.

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