

# **‘Who is Who in Forestry – England’**

for  
**LEADER LAG programme managers**

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*Please note that the information below is by no means complete and is only meant to be a starting point for getting in contact with the forestry sector. There are many more organisations and individuals that could provide support and ideas. You are welcome to add other contacts from the forestry sector if you found them useful. Please e-mail James Elliott at the RDPE Network – [james.elliott@ruralcommunities.gov.uk](mailto:james.elliott@ruralcommunities.gov.uk) or Gesa Reiss at EFIP – [Gesa.reiss@confor.org.uk](mailto:Gesa.reiss@confor.org.uk)*

## **National Organisations / initiatives**

### **Woodland Initiatives Register**

A comprehensive online resource for finding out about local/ regional woodland initiatives is the Woodland Initiatives Register at [www.smallwoods.org.uk/initiatives](http://www.smallwoods.org.uk/initiatives). Angela Pollard the ‘Keeper’ of this database will also be able to provide information on Community Forests in the regions.

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& Secretariat England's Community Forests  
Tel: 01743 891142  
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### **Trade Associations**

Trade Associations are able to provide information on local forestry businesses and other key stakeholders.

For example:

CLA (Country Land & Business Association):  
Mike Seville, Forestry and Woodland Advisor, [mike.seville@cla.org.uk](mailto:mike.seville@cla.org.uk), Tel:  
02074607978

Confor (Confederation of Forest Industries):  
Caroline Harrison, England Manager, [caroline.harrison@confor.org.uk](mailto:caroline.harrison@confor.org.uk), Tel: 01626  
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UKFPA (UK Forest Products Association):  
David Sulman, Director, [dsulman@ukfpa.co.uk](mailto:dsulman@ukfpa.co.uk), Tel: 01786 449029

## England Forest Industries Partnership

A Partnership of key public and private sector organisations with the aim to facilitate the development of a growing, self-driven, competitive, innovative, sustainable and connected forest industries sector in England.

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## Regional

Below is a selection of Woodland Initiatives and other key people that might be able to help with project ideas or contacts relevant to forestry.

### Region: North East

Northwoods	<a href="mailto:enquiries@northwoods.org.uk">enquiries@northwoods.org.uk</a> 01670 513292	Northwoods exists to support the tree and timber businesses in NE. Expertise in biomass, wildfire management, training provision, renewable energy feasibility studies or policy and research work.  <a href="http://www.northwoods.org.uk/">http://www.northwoods.org.uk/</a>
Forestry Commission Woodfuel Officer	Richard Pow 01669 621591 <a href="mailto:richard.pow@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">richard.pow@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	
Regional Forestry Framework manager	Richard Pow 01669 621591 <a href="mailto:richard.pow@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">richard.pow@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	Regional Forestry Frameworks are produced and delivered by partnerships which might provide contacts and project ideas.
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer	Neil Dixon most of Northumberland <a href="mailto:neil.dixon@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">neil.dixon@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>  Mike Riley part of Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and part of County Durham <a href="mailto:mike.riley@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">mike.riley@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>  Rachel Sparks part of County Durham, the North Pennines AONB area and the Wear Valley <a href="mailto:rachel.sparks@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">rachel.sparks@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	Woodland Officers might be able to help with project ideas and business contacts in their designated area.

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**Region: North West**

Cumbria Woodlands	Ed Mills / Neville Elstone 01539 822140 <a href="mailto:info@cumbriawoodlands.co.uk">info@cumbriawoodlands.co.uk</a>	Working with farmers and businesses on how woodlands and forests can contribute to a vibrant rural economy.
Forestry Commission Woodfuel Officer	Peter Fox 01768 776616 Peter.Fox@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer	Jim O'Neill East Cumbria  Peter Fox West Cumbria  James Bickley North Lancashire & South Cumbria  Paul Vickers Cheshire, Greater Manchester & East Lancashire  Danielle Lea-Smith, Merseyside & West Lancashire  The team can be contacted on 017687 76616 <a href="mailto:Northwest.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">Northwest.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	Woodland Officers might be able to help with project ideas and business contacts in their designated area.
Lancashire Woodlands Project	Paul Bullimore 01772 533917 <a href="mailto:lwp@lancashire.gov.uk">lwp@lancashire.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.lancashirewoodlands.co.uk">www.lancashirewoodlands.co.uk</a>	Aims of the Project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage the sustainable management of Lancashire woodlands</li> <li>• Support the development of local timber use and manufacture of timber products</li> <li>• Develop a woodland outreach programme to engage all sectors of the community</li> <li>• Promote co-operation between all sectors of the</li> </ul>

		woodland industry in the county
Regional Forestry Framework manager	Steve Connor Steve@creativeconcern.com	Regional Forestry Frameworks are produced and delivered by partnerships which might provide contacts and project ideas.
The Mersey Forest	Paul Nolan 01925 816217 <a href="mailto:paul.nolan@merseyforest.org.uk">paul.nolan@merseyforest.org.uk</a> <a href="http://www.morefromtrees.com">www.morefromtrees.com</a>	The aim of The Forest Partnership is to create 8,000 acres of new community woodlands and a wide range of associated environmental, economic and social benefits through sustainable landscape improvements to The Mersey Forest area over the 30-year period of the development of The Forest.
Pennine Edge Forest	Emily Barker/Fran Comyn 01706 924234 <a href="mailto:Pef@rochdale.gov.uk">Pef@rochdale.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.pennineedgeforest.org.uk/">www.pennineedgeforest.org.uk/</a>	The Pennine Edge Forest is working to deliver environmental regeneration through vibrant wooded landscapes. The Pennine Edge Forest is a partnership between the metropolitan boroughs of Oldham, Rochdale, Stockport and Tameside, United Utilities and Forestry Commission.
Red Rose Forest	Mike Savage 0161 872 1660 <a href="mailto:team@redroseforest.co.uk">team@redroseforest.co.uk</a> <a href="http://www.redroseforest.co.uk">www.redroseforest.co.uk</a>	Red Rose Forest is helping to transform a large part of Greater Manchester into a greener, healthier and more satisfying place to live, work and invest. Red Rose Forest offers a free support and advisory service to woodland owners.

### Region: Yorkshire & Humber

Yorwoods	Will Richardson 01765 609355 <a href="mailto:info@yorwoods.org.uk">info@yorwoods.org.uk</a>	Offer a structured programme of advice, mentoring, training and signposting to forest and forest product based
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		businesses.
Forestry Commission Woodfuel Officer	Rudie Humphrey 01904 448778 rudie.humphrey@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	
Regional Forestry Framework manager	Vince Carter vince.carter@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	Regional Forestry Frameworks are produced and delivered by partnerships which might provide contacts and project ideas.
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer	Nigel Rylance 01904 448778 North Yorkshire (Scarborough, Ryedale, Hambleton, North York Moors National Park)  Jeremy Dick 01904 448778 North Yorkshire (Richmondshire, Craven, Harrogate, Yorkshire Dales National Park)  Sam Cooper 01904 448778 North Yorkshire (York, Selby), West Yorkshire (Bradford, Leeds, Calderdale, Wakefield, Kirklees)  Chris Grice 01904 448778 South Yorkshire (Barnsley, Doncaster, Sheffield, Rotherham), East Riding of Yorkshire including Hull, North & North East Lincolnshire	Woodland Officers might be able to help with project ideas and business contacts in their designated area.

### Region: West Midlands

Forestry Commission Woodfuel Officer	Simon West 01905 532212 simon.west@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	
Regional Forestry Framework manager	Sara Roberts s.roberts@wmra.gov.uk	Regional Forestry Frameworks are produced and delivered by partnerships which might provide contacts

		and project ideas.
Small Woods Association	<a href="http://www.smallwoods.org.uk/">http://www.smallwoods.org.uk/</a> Tel: 01952 432769	UK wide charity which aims to stimulate best practice in woodland management by organising conferences and events, by networking and promoting initiatives. Based in Coalbrookdale, Telford.
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer	Paul Webster 01905 532208 <a href="mailto:paul.webster@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">paul.webster@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Warwickshire, West Midlands Metropolitan and Forest of Mercia Community Forest  Wayne Barnes 01905 532200 <a href="mailto:wayne.barnes@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">wayne.barnes@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Worcestershire and east Herefordshire  Nick Smith 01584 877544 <a href="mailto:nick.smith@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">nick.smith@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> West Herefordshire and south Shropshire  John Winterbourne 01584 877544 <a href="mailto:john.winterbourne@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">john.winterbourne@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Staffordshire and north Shropshire  Tristan Galletley 01629 816641 / 07765 220394 <a href="mailto:tristan.galletly@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">tristan.galletly@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> National Forest (Staffs) and Peak National Park (Staffs)	Woodland Officers might be able to help with project ideas and business contacts in their designated area.

## Region: East Midlands

Forestry Commission Woodfuel Officer	Andy Hall 01623 822447 andy.hall@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	
Regional Forestry Framework manager	David Bole david.bole@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	Regional Forestry Frameworks are produced and delivered by partnerships which might provide contacts and project ideas.
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer	Tristan Galletly 01629 816641 / 07765 220394 Derbyshire, Peak District and the National Forest, Nottinghamshire  David White 01673 843461/ 07796 938803 Lincolnshire except NE Lincs  Peter Edge 01780 444934 / 07710 968382 Leicestershire, Northamptonshire, Rutland and the National Forest  Chris Grice 01904 448778 North & North East Lincolnshire (Yorkshire & the Humber Region)	Woodland Officers might be able to help with project ideas and business contacts in their designated area.

## Region: East England

Forestry Commission Woodfuel Officer	Edwin van Ek 01223 773075 Edwin.vanEk@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	
Regional Forestry Framework manager	Mike Render <a href="mailto:mike.render@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">mike.render@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	Regional Forestry Frameworks are produced and delivered by partnerships which might provide contacts and project ideas.
Woodfuel East	Edwin van Ek Manager of Woodfuel East Office: 01223 773075 Mobile: 07826 914878 Email:	Woodfuel East aims to use locally sourced wood from existing undermanaged woodland to provide heat in small to medium sized boilers

	<a href="mailto:edwin.vanek@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">edwin.vanek@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer	<p>Emma Emma Brearley 01223 773064 <a href="mailto:emma.brearley@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">emma.brearley@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire</p> <p>David Rowe 01223 773064 <a href="mailto:david.rowe@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">david.rowe@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Cambridgeshire, Forest Heath and Uttlesford</p> <p>Lindsey Allen 01394 450214 <a href="mailto:Lindsey.Allen@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">Lindsey.Allen@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Essex (except Uttlesford) and Babergh</p> <p>Neil Jarvis 01223 773063 <a href="mailto:Neil.Jarvis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">Neil.Jarvis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Norfolk (except South Norfolk)</p> <p>Trevor Wright 01394 450214 <a href="mailto:Trevor.wright@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">Trevor.wright@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Suffolk (except Babergh &amp; Forest Heath) and South Norfolk</p>	Woodland Officers might be able to help with project ideas and business contacts in their designated area.
Anglian Woodland Project	Gerry Barnes <a href="mailto:Gerry.barnes@norfolk.gov.uk">Gerry.barnes@norfolk.gov.uk</a>	The project is a partnership between the County Councils of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. It can provide advice to landowners on woodlands in the region.

### Region: South West

Forestry Commission Woodfuel Officer	Mark Prior 01626 890666 <a href="mailto:Mark.Prior@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">Mark.Prior@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	
Silvanus Trust	Sarah Vaughan	The Trust is interested in

	Tel: 01752 846 400 sarah.vaughan@silvanus.org.uk	working directly with LAGs or in partnership with local groups.
Regional Forestry Framework manager	Mark Durk mark.durk@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	Regional Forestry Frameworks are produced and delivered by partnerships which might provide contacts and project ideas.
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer	Richard Paton 01626 890666 Cornwall, Plymouth, Torridge and West Devon (West and North of Dartmoor NP)  Neil Mackenzie 01626 890666 Dartmoor National Park, Teignbridge, Torbay and South Hams  Richard Preston 01626 890666 Dorset and East Devon  Roger Ford 01626 890666 North Devon (West of Exmoor NP), Mid Devon, Exeter, West Somerset (East of Exmoor NP), Taunton Deane, Sedgemoor and North Somerset  Graeme McVittie 01626 890666 Exmoor National Park  Dick Gossling 01626 890666 South Somerset, Mendip and Bath and North East Somerset  Rob Spence 01594 810983 The Forest of Dean, Gloucester City, Cheltenham Borough, Tewkesbury	Woodland Officers might be able to help with project ideas and business contacts in their designated area.

	<p>James Fry 01594 810983 Bristol, Cotswolds, S Gloucestershire, N Somerset, Stroud</p> <p>Ian Briscoe 01672 511767 Wiltshire, Great Western Community Forest</p>	

### Region: South East

Forestry Commission Woodfuel Officer	Dr Gillian Alker 01420 23337 Gillian.Alker@forestry.gsi.gov.uk	
Chiltern Woodlands Project	John Morris Manager 01844 355503 woodlands@chilternsaonb.org	Aims to promote and encourage the sensitive and sustainable management of Chiltern woods in order to protect the landscape of the Chilterns and maintain and enhance the biodiversity of the Chiltern Hills.
Regional Forestry Framework manager	Melanie Wallis 01420 23337 <a href="mailto:melanie.wallis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">melanie.wallis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	Regional Forestry Frameworks are produced and delivered by partnerships which might provide contacts and project ideas.
Forestry Commission Rural Development Officer	Jane Hull 01296 696543 <a href="mailto:jane.hull@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">jane.hull@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a>	Key contact for LAGs
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer	Richard Pearce 01296 696543 <a href="mailto:richard.pearce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk">richard.pearce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk</a> Berkshire, South Buckinghamshire and South Oxfordshire	Woodland Officers might be able to help with project ideas and business contacts in their designated area.
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'Local Timber Champion'	Tom Compton English Woodlands Timber Ltd Tel: 01730 816941	A sawmilling business that has accessed RDPE funding successfully