

**Programme Wood pasture management
training day Friday 20-4-2007 @ Geltsdale**

10.30 arrival coffee/tea (please bring flasks), introduction & outline of training day.

11.00 - 11.45. Walk around the wood pasture site, identifying important features & discussing protection / enhancement & levels of grazing.

11.45 - 12.00 Describe tasks & create rotating teams of persons – there will be around 5 of us guiding the tasks, so there will be 5 teams.

12.00 - 12.30 All 5 teams spend half an hour distributing material for dead-hedging - includes bundles of thorn, willow withies, hardwood stakes (hedgerow cut).

12.30 - 1.00pm Lunch - bring own picnic (but we might be able to organise some soup!!)
Update on Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Hunt

1.00 to 1.45....

Team 1 = hand pruning of epicormic growth on tree buttresses – grown rampantly since cattle numbers reduced, now too woody to be browsed.

Team 2 = notch planting of local provenance hardwoods – particularly crab apple, rowan, hawthorn, ash...

Team 3 = raking off bracken in area for dead-hedge enclosure.

Team 4 = with archaeological surveyor, assisting in recording cultural features.

Team 5 = building an enclosure.

1.45 to 2.30.

Team 5 join the archaeological surveyor

Team 1, 2, 3 & 4 all work on an enclosure (4 separate ones) – at the least getting the uprights in & some withies woven – we will be demonstrating various designs and methods that have been used in the past and now represent a sustainable 'Local Agenda 21' solution to creation of 'patch regeneration' whilst maintaining wood pasture grazing.

2.30 to 3.00

Team 4 & 5 do some final epicormic pruning

Team 1, 2 & 3 join archaeological surveyor for discussion of technique - can't do much hands-on

3.00 to 3.30 - tea / coffee, final round-up & discussion/ feedback

3.30 departure.

This is a long & tough day but will be fun!! Might be able to save a bit of time in morning session but we think the above is quite close to the mark, working on about 25 - 30 people attending.

The cost for the day is £20 per person, and rest assured that all proceeds will go towards the wood pasture project at Geltsdale.

We're pleased to say that we have received many expressions of interests, so please confirm your attendance by e-mail to irisg@eccp.org.uk as soon as you can – it may have to come down to first come first served!

To facilitate car sharing I'd like to circulate names and e-mail addresses to all people attending, so please also let me know if that doesn't suit you.

Look forward to seeing you on the day!

All the best,

Martin & Iris

Some admin details:

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