

Wood heating event for local authorities

Date: Friday Feb 24th 2006

Location: Sustainability Centre,
East Meon, Hampshire
Map – <http://www.earthworks-trust.com/Where/map.html>

Time: 3 options available:

Option 1	12:00
Option 2	13:30
Option 3	14:30

Duration: 2 hours, coffee provided

Attendees: local authority members or officers

Cost: No cost

Interested?

Please note numbers are limited so contact Bruce Norgrove on 01273 440943 or b.norgrove@naturallight.org.uk

With rising gas and oil prices wood is now the cheapest heating fuel in the UK.

- Does your organisation have buildings with large heat loads?
- Are you concerned about the rising cost of traditional heating fuels such as oil?
- Would you like to know more about the advantages offered by modern wood heating systems to your local community?

If you answer yes to any of these questions then come to the wood heating event and talk to the experts about wood as a fuel and other renewable energy technologies.

The event is free and will cover:

- Details of BioMAP
- An overview of modern biomass heating systems
- Economics of using wood heating, from capital costs and available grants to running costs compared with conventional heating fuels
- Advantages to local communities of using wood as a fuel
- A site visit to the biomass heating system and chipping operation



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about BioMAP
<http://www.naturallight.org.uk/biomap.html>

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About BioMAP

There is a huge underused wood resource in Hampshire and West Sussex which could easily be used for local wood heating.

BioMAP is a project which is funded by the South Downs Sustainability Fund and is being undertaken by Natural Light Partnership (NLP), in association with its partners, the Environment Centre (tEC) and Renewable Heat and Power (RHPL). A major aim of the project is to develop a proactive plan to increase the deployment of wood heating in Hampshire & West Sussex by March 2006.

The main objectives are to:

- Identify potential heat loads for both woodchip & pellet across Hampshire & West Sussex
- Increase knowledge about wood heating and its potential
- Develop financial models for wood chip and pellet installations
- Develop feasible wood heating projects

Key activities include:

- Desktop study to find opportunities for wood heating in the identified market segments
- Identifying current networks to aid access to these market segments
- Distribution of information packs including case studies to a newly created contacts database
- Workshops, seminars and meetings for stakeholders and potential projects
- Free technical advice for potential projects

Project Sponsors:

Hampshire County Council, West Sussex County Council, East Hampshire District Council, Chichester District Council, Forestry Commission, GOSE, SEWF, SEEDA, Wood4Heat, Basingstoke and Dean Borough Council, New Forest District Council, Test Valley Borough Council and Winchester City Council